Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 25th, 2026

St Mary of Czestochowa
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Growing together in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit, leading others to Him; striving to become saints.

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Welcome! If interested in becoming a member or becoming a Catholic, contact Fr. Kubista.

Baptism: Contact Fr. Kubista at least 3 months before the birth to attend a class and set a date.

Faith Formation for grades K-Confirmation Wednesday evenings from September-April

First Confession & Holy Eucharist: Register for 2nd grade Faith Formation classes.

Confirmation: Register for 9th & 10th grade Faith Formation classes.

Marriage: Contact Fr. Kubista at least six months before the planned wedding date.

Pastoral Care of the Sick: If you move to a nursing home or care facility and would like a priest to visit, or if unable to attend mass and would like communion at home, contact Fr. Kubista.

Anointing of the Sick: Contact Fr. Kubista when seriously ill or near death.

Funerals: Contact Fr. Kubista

Eucharistic Adoration - First Friday of every month 9-10am (including Confessions, Benediction) and Wednesdays 9am-6pm.

First Saturday devotions start 35 minutes prior to 4pm Mass.

Mass Intention Requests may be placed in the collection plate. Please enclose them in an envelope along with instructions (i.e., desired dates, number of masses, etc). Or contact Sue Roskowiak at 612-414-4705.

Bulletin Items by Thurs noon: kmotzko@stmarydelano.org

Hall Rental: Contact Mary Kay Swartzer.

Safe Environment Coordinator: Kathleen Motzko kmotzko@stmarydelano.org

Cemetery questions: Don Gabrelcik at 952-955-2563

MASS SCHEDULE / Intentions		
Sat 24th	**4pm**	**Bev Leuthner+**
Sun 25th	**8:30am**	**St Mary's Living & Deceased**
Tues 27th	**6:30pm**	**Larry Knoblach+_**
Wed 28th	**8:30am**	**Michael Leuthner+**
Thur 29th	**8:30am**	**Dick Joos+**
Fri 30th	**8:30am**	**NO MASS**
Sat 31st	**4pm**	**St Mary's Living & Deceased**
Sun 1st	**8:30am**	**Walter Swartzer+**

Reconciliation Times: One-half hour before each Mass or by appointment.
Rosary Times: starts 16 min before each weekday Mass and 20 min before Sat & Sun Masses
Divine Mercy Chaplet and Liturgy of the Hours after each weekday Mass (the iBreviary app may be used for the LOH)

Lector and Sacristan Schedule	
Oct 24th	Huns V (L), Sue R (S), Don G & volunteer (U)
Oct 25th	Theisens (L/S), Jim Otto & Dave L (U)
Oct 31st	George & Sue (L/S), Jim & George (U)
Nov 1st	Deb D (L/S), Jim O' & Gene G (U)

The Sept/Oct issue of *The Catholic Servant* is now available on the back tables.

A Message from Fr. Kubista:

One of the honors and responsibilities that we have is to vote in the upcoming election. Even though some consider voting to be a political act it is a moral act. The reason it is a moral act is that the people we vote into office will enact many laws which deal with moral issues, issues of varying degrees of importance. Therefore, when we vote for candidates, we really need to understand how they stand on moral issues, especially those of a more serious nature.

Morality has a lot to do with politics. Our politicians enact laws and these laws are to be morally good and right. Certain laws are prudential decisions and either option chosen can be morally acceptable. There are laws which definitely are morally wrong like legalized abortion. We know that there are some things that are more offensive to God like the killing of innocent life. Therefore, from a justice and goodness perspective, a candidate who supports the most vulnerable in our society, will most likely support and look out for all members of our society at whatever level they are at or condition that they find themselves.

As voters, then we really need to look at the candidates. How do they stand on the more critical moral issues, those of a non prudential nature, like those which do not protect human life at all stages? Killing innocent human life is always wrong and its morality doesn't depend on how the law is written. How a candidate stands on laws which fundamentally go against the laws of God says a lot about their respect for the other laws of God and for their sense of justice and what is right. If their sense of justice and right is off on more substantial laws, those which are gravely wrong, it most likely will be off on a number of other issues.

We can't be utilitarian in our voting. Utilitarianism says that, if the good that results from a number of prudential issues outweighs the good of even a single gravely morally wrong issue, we can choose the prudential issues so that the greater amount of good results. In morality, we can't be utilitarian. If there is a moral issue which is gravely immoral, we can never do it because of a perceived greater good that may result from doing the other prudential issues. Applying this to voting, we can't vote for the person who we perceive is going to do more prudential good but supports even a single issue that is gravely immoral.

We do have a responsibility to vote. Sometimes voting might seem difficult and we can make it more complicated than it is. We are to look at how the candidate stands on the more serious moral issues. We are to make sure we are getting an accurate picture of their stance and that our references and sources of information are reliable because there is a lot of misinformation out there. We are to look to the fundamental laws of God and make sure the candidate's position on moral issues is in line with them. If the candidate is not, we should not be voting for them. A candidate who supports laws which are immoral should not be voted into office unless their stance on serious moral issues is better than the other candidate running for that office. Some might think a non-vote is good but the problem with a non-vote is that a person's vote is lost. In not voting, the person could have voted and contributed to electing the better of the two candidates.

We pray that God would help our country in this election time. We ask that God help us to elect candidates who are most in line with God so that they can govern us and allow the hand of God to help and guide them to choose the common good. God bless you.

LRYC Update - We are over 100% of our $220,000 goal! Thank you for the generosity of those who have pledged. If you have not turned in pledge card, please turn it into Fr. Kubista. There are extra pledge cards available in the church entry next to the LRYC thermometer if you would like to give. Any pledged (donated) funds between 100% and 150% of the goal are distributed at 80% to the Parish and 20% to the Archdiocese. Any funds given to the LRYC Campaign we not be assessed (taxed) at 10% by the Archdiocese. Thank you.

Congratulations to Michael and Samantha on the baptism of the daughter Eleanor Ruth Lindquist who was baptized on Sunday October 11th. We welcome her to the Church family.

Congratulations to Austin and Paige Harwood who were married at St. Mary's on Saturday October 10th. May God bless them with many joyous years to come!

Message From Archbishop Hebda: I ask all people of good will to join me in praying for Pope Leo and Bishop Kenney, along with all who are living with difficult diagnoses, their loved ones, and their care teams. Through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes. may our loving God grant them healing and comfort.

Our Sacrificial Giving

We offer unto you, O Lord, our sacrificial giving. Thank you.

Budgeted weekly collection income	$3,315.00
10/18/26: Weekly Envelopes/Autobanking	$2,660.00
Weekly Plate collection	$604.00
Building Fund	$120.00
Stole Fee	$100.00
Masses	$30.00
Utilities Env	$445.00
Funeral	$250.00
Weekly Collection Total for 10/18/26:	**$4,209.00**
Cemetery plots*	$1800.00
YTD Budgeted Weekly Collection Income**	$53,040.00
YTD Actual Weekly Collection (10/18/26)	$55,824.61

* Not included in Collection Total

** Does not include income from festival

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov 3rd

Let us pray for a free and fair election and for the election of candidates at all levels of government who support and defend life and follow God's ways.

Almighty God, we pray for all those who are seeking leadership and for those who currently hold positions of authority. Instill in them a deep reverence for You and a commitment to serve with integrity, justice, and compassion. May they be guided by Your principles and seek to uphold the dignity of every human person. Protect them from corruption and self-interest and grant them the strength to make difficult decisions for the welfare of all.

Septic system update. We had a blockage in the septic system so that the pipe going to the septic tank from the church was plugged which caused a backup to the church. We have fixed the problem, replaced the part of the pipe that was plugged and put proper drop to it. Thank you to all those who helped out. We are considering replacing the rest of the pipe to the church. The concern is that we might have a problem later if we don't replace the pipe and it is easier to do it now. Let me know if you have any feedback. Thank you. Fr. Kubista

Save the Date for Nov. 21st Parish Fun Night. We are in need of donations for Bingo prizes so please think about how you can help.

Parish Events

- **Oct 27th at 7:15pm – Bible Study on Daniel**
- **Oct 28th at 6:30pm – Faith Formation**
- **Nov 1st – Donut Sunday after Mass**
- **Nov 1st at 10am – Confirmation Retreat**
- **Nov 4th at 6:30pm – Faith Formation**
- **Nov 6th – First Friday Mass, Adoration, Confessions, Benediction**
- **Nov 7th – First Saturday Devotions at 3:25pm**
- **Nov 10th at 7:15pm – Cemetery Meeting**
- **Nov 21st – Bingo Fun Night after Mass**

Condolences to the family of Greg Theisen whose funeral Mass was celebrated on October 16th at St Mary. May God grant him eternal rest.

Thank you to the parish - The Greg Theisen family would like to thank the parish of St. Mary's for all the kindnesses and hospitality shown to us recently. We especially appreciate Fr. Kubista, the luncheon helpers, cemetery helpers, sacristan, and all who attended and prayed for Greg. We appreciate it very much!

Prayer request – Please keep our Confirmation class in your prayers for our upcoming retreat for them on Nov. 1st. May the Holy Spirit fill their hearts with His love and consolation!

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, Nov. 1st. Remember to turn your clocks back 1 hour.

Keep In Your Prayers

Col. Andy Swartzer (Military), Elizabeth Roszkowiak, Sandy Hendrickson, Kolby Mills, Karen Otto, Tom & Pam Bruzek, Kent Stassen, Jo Jackson, Annalisa Klein, Bob & Mary Lynn Swartzer, Charlene Brady, Leon Kaczmarek, Karla Powell, Jim Kittock, Bruce Hendrickson, Jessinya Reyes, Brandon Matter, Jim Fasching, Jennifer & Shaun Smith, Becky Groskreutz, Mary Motzko Gustafson, Tracy Anderson, Andrew Glavan, Irene Calis, Marian Krumm, Jackie Wally, Jackie Singer, Mark Salonek, Mary Walters, Bishop Kevin Kenney, Dave Shelley, Tom Triplett, Joe Neaton (Jr)

Lord, look upon them with eyes of mercy, may your healing hand rest upon them, may your lifegiving powers flow into every cell of their bodies and into the depths of their souls, cleansing, purifying, restoring them to wholeness and strength for service in your Kingdom. Amen.

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