

CHURCH  
OF

# *Saint Casimir*

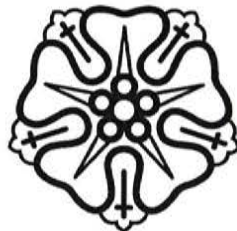
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Kazimierza*

*"The Polish Heart  
of Poznan"*



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Established in 1891  
Present Church Dedicated 1918  
Cleveland Solidarity Center 1985  
City of Cleveland Historical Landmark 1985



**MASS INTENTIONS**

February 5th - + Zygmunt & Malgorzata Nozderko  
+ Jean & Joseph Bienia  
February 12th - + Jozef & Irene Lecznar  
February 19th - + Edward & Marie Dobbins  
February 22nd - + (7PM) Raymond Zukowski  
February 26th - + Leo & Helen Lewandowski

**SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS**  
**Week of February 5, 2023**

This Sunday, the red Sanctuary Lamps are being lit for (1) the repose of the soul of VALENTINE & MARY STEVENS, requested by Patricia Stevens; and (2) and for the Special Intention of our ST. CASIMIR PARISH FAMILY, requested by Fr. Eric. *To reserve your intentions, please fill-out the envelopes at the church entrances and submit your request by dropping it into the collection basket located in the church. They can also be mailed-in.*

**St. Casimir's is on**  
**FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM,**  
**& YouTube**

You can keep sending information in to KIM at and access our information in the following ways:  
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**FACEBOOK:** <https://www.facebook.com/CasimirCleveland/>

**INSTAGRAM:** [St\\_Casimir\\_Cleveland\\_OH](https://www.instagram.com/St_Casimir_Cleveland_OH)

**YouTube:** <http://bit.ly/stcasimircleveland>

**BULLETIN ONLINE:** *Go to the Alumni Website at [www.stcasimir.com](http://www.stcasimir.com) and click-on the Parish Bulletin tab to access the bi-lingual postings.*

**UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

**February 5th** - FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.

Mass at 11:30AM observing the customs of Candlemas Day where Jesus, the Light of the World is presented in the temple and candles for use in Church and home are blessed. Our decorations stay up 'til today!!!

**February 12th** - SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. Mass at 11:30AM.

**February 19th** - SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. Mass at 11:30AM.

**February 22nd** - ASH WEDNESDAY. Mass at 7PM.

**Readings for the Week of February 5, 2023**

**Sunday:** Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 2:1-5/  
Mt 5:13-16  
**Monday:** Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c/  
Mk 6:53-56  
**Tuesday:** Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 7:1-13  
**Wednesday:** Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30/  
Mk 7:14-23  
**Thursday:** Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 7:24-30  
**Friday:** Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 7:31-37  
**Saturday:** Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/  
Mk 8:1-10  
**Next Sunday:** Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 (1b)/1  
Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or  
5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

**Church Business**

Please direct all mail and inquiries to:

***Saint Stanislaus Church***  
***3649 East 65th Street***  
***Cleveland, Ohio 44105***  
***(216) 341-9091***

Our schedule features one weekly, bi-lingual, English-Polish Mass on Sundays at 11:30 AM with Holy Day & Special Masses as announced. As a full parish, all of the spiritual needs of our parishioners and friends for Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, etc., can be arranged by contacting us at your convenience.

**CANDLEMAS DAY -**  
**MATKA BOSKA "GROMNICZNA"**

February 2nd marks the 40th day after Christmas when the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. This was part of the Jewish practice which also included the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is the last time in the Gospels where Jesus appears as an infant so became a kind-of "Little Christmas" and a way to unofficially extend the beautiful Christmas Season beyond its short, liturgically official, time.

The custom of blessing candles on this day developed to recognize Christ, the Light of the Word, Who was revealed as a "light to the gentiles", as Simeon noted.

The Polish custom includes Mary in it's connection to blessed candles. Our Lady is said to have appeared and warded-off wolves with a light. This is why the popular custom of keeping blessed candles in the home developed. They are traditionally lit in times of storms or distress and also when the priest visits the house with the Blessed Sacrament.

For this reason, blessed candles for home use are available in church to take home after Mass today.



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## **MASS IS ONLINE AT -**

**<http://bit.ly/stcasimircleveland>**

This above address is the one to access our Sunday Masses which are being broadcast on YouTube .

We are happy to say that the Mass will also be able to be accessed by anyone who visits our St. Casimir Facebook page.

SPECIAL THANKS to our volunteers who have answered the call to provide this important service to those unable to be with us.

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## **INCOME TAX TIME**

This time of year is also when many peoples' attentions turn to the necessity of preparing their annual income tax returns. As part of this, some may wish to receive a statement of their financial contributions to our Parish from this past year. As an approved tax-exempt entity, such contributions count as charitable deductions. Simply complete, detach, and return the form below to receive your statement. However, as the laws have kept changing and standard deduction rates have increased substantially, this statement is only useful for those who still ITEMIZE their deductions. While we are happy to oblige anyone's request, please check with your tax preparer before requesting something which may not be of use to you - but extra work for us! Thanks.

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE #:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Donation Request Slip*

## **Memorial Remembrances**

One of the important matters which everyone must consider at some time or another is the final disposition of their earthly possessions. Usually, this includes remembering those things most dear to us during our lifetime. Our parish of St. Casimir is such an entity. We are grateful to those families who requested in obituaries that donations be made in memory of their loved ones to our Church. We encourage others to consider doing the same and also to remember us in your estate planning and will. Your love, help, and concern can ensure the long lasting, vibrant future for St. Casimir's.

## **SOME SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS...**

**CALLING ALL HANDS...**as WINTER is upon us, our Parish still needs some TLC to maintain & keep things beautiful. Wednesdays remain the day where all are welcome to come between 10AM and 2PM to help-out. Come experience the joy and camaraderie of our volunteers and do something good for our Parish at the same time! ***See You There - and thanks ahead of time for helping!!!***

**The "Wall of Love"...**at our neighbor, Willson Elementary School, is always in need of additional donations to assist families in need. You can drop-off items such as toiletries, food, school supplies, socks, and winter items like coats, hats, gloves, & scarves in the church vestibule. We'll see that they get taken to the school and put to very good use!

**An Unexpected Devotional Development...**has been hoisted upon us with the substantial increase in the cost and shipping of the devotional "vigil" lights that we burn throughout the church. We were able to postpone this effect by tripling our order last time, but that supply has expired. While not intended to be a fund raiser, we cannot afford to lose money offering this important & meaningful devotional tool. Our Parish is left with no choice but to ***raise the price*** for each of the large, multi-day candles **from \$3 to \$4 effective JANUARY 1st.** The cost of the smaller candles and Sanctuary Lights remain the same for now. We ask your understanding in this matter noting how the current economic situation has gone so far as to even effect our devotional lives and practices,

**Looking Ahead...**to that sad time when we must take -down our Christmas decorations, we invite all those interested to please come and help on Tues. and/or Wed., Feb. 7th & 8th , from 10AM -2PM. Also, any able bodied gent is invited to assist us when necessary on those Winter Sundays when we have snow on the front steps in need of shoveling. All needed items and supplies are in the vestibule. Thanks-beforehand!

## **SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS**

Special envelopes are now available for "reservation intentions" for the two Sanctuary Lamps - the red ones which burn continuously on either side of the Tabernacle. Cost for each lamp is \$10 and the intentions will be printed in the Parish Bulletin, as well. Each week when the lamps will be lit a prayer will be offered for the intention requested. Submit your intention requests in the envelopes provided along with the regular offertory collection.