

CHURCH OF
ST. CASIMIR
PARAFIA SW.
KAZIMIERZA

December 17, 2023

8223 SOWINSKI AVENUE
CLEVELAND, OHIO 44103

*“The Polish
Heart of
Poznan”*

CONFESSIONS

Before and after Mass
and by request

BAPTISMS

Regularly after Sunday Mass or
by special arrangement with the Pastor.
Pre-Baptismal instructions required.

MARRIAGES

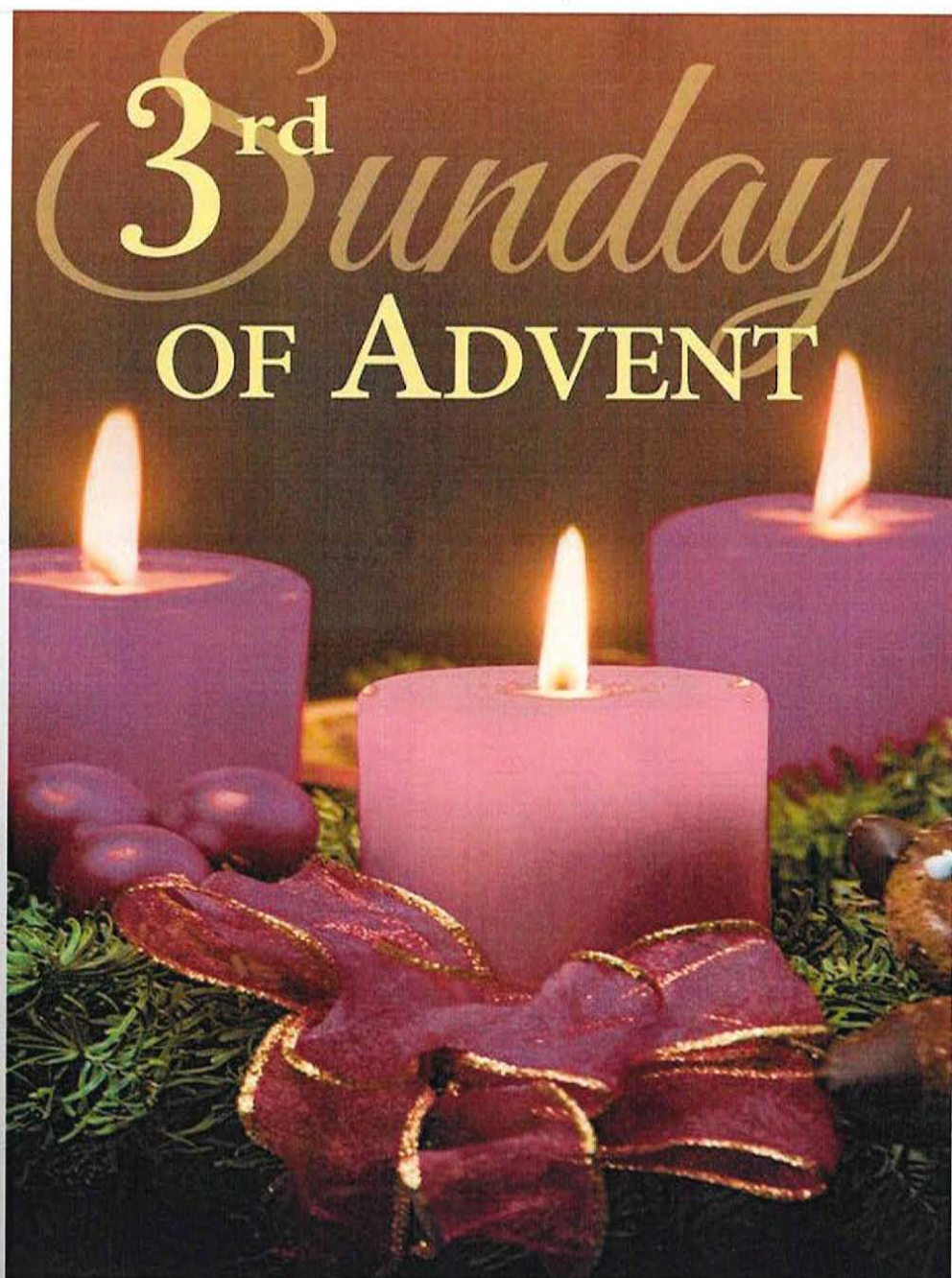
Diocesan policy requires arrangements
be made at least six months in advance
of an intended date allowing for
appropriate Pre-Marital instructions.

PASTOR

Rev. Fr. Eric S. Orzech

DIRECTORS OF MUSIC

*Jan Bis
Yuhang Wang*



**3rd Sunday
OF ADVENT**

MASS INTENTIONS

Dec. 17th - + Dr. Michal Klymiuk-Wieczerski
 Dec. 24th - + Leon & Leona Wysocki
 Dec. 24th - + Joseph Blajda (10PM)
 Dec. 25th - + John & Rose Brand
 Dec. 31st - + Konrad & Blandyna Chromik

SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS
Week of December 17, 2023

This Sunday, the red Sanctuary Lamps are being lit for (1) the repose of the souls of the deceased of the SOWUL and KENNY FAMILIES, requested by Jan Sternisha; and (2) for the spec. int. of JAMES M. ANDREWS III and all serving in the military, requested by Jim & Briged Andrews. *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:
kimberlykrane1@icloud.com

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 and click-on the Parish Bulletin tab to access the bi-lingual postings.*

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

December 17th - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT.
 Mass at 11:30AM. *English & Polish Confessions after Mass.* Luncheon in the Social Hall following.

December 24th - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT.
 Mass at 11:30AM fulfills the Sunday Obligation.

December 24th - CHRISTMAS EVE. "Pasterka"
 Shepherd's Mass at 10PM. Choir concert 9:30.

December 25th - CHRISTMAS DAY. Solemn Mass at 11:30AM. *Merry Christmas!*

Readings for the Week of December 17, 2023

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/
 1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Monday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25
Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/
 Lk 1:5-25
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/
 Lk 1:39-45
Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/
 Lk 1:46-56
Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/
 Lk 1:57-66
Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29
 (2a)/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

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.

A BUSY WEEK AHEAD...

Today, Sunday, December 17th

All able-bodied and willing parishioners are asked to stay after Mass for a bit to help bring our Christmas decorations into the Church. Many hands make for light work! Hope we can count on yours!

Monday & Tuesday, December 18th & 19th

These are the days for decorating our Church for Christmas. The time frame is from 10AM to 2PM each day - but can be less on Tuesday if things get wrapped-up (!) earlier. EVERYONE is welcome to come and help as you are able. Especially appreciated are hearty folk to help assemble the trees.

Thursday & Friday, December 21st & 22nd

Christmas food order pick-up in the Social Hall.
 11AM to 2PM both days.

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 Our Parish's Christmas mailing went out this past week containing our schedule of upcoming events and Christmas Food Order Form. Extra copies of our event schedule are at the entrances of the church so please do take some to share with your family and friends.

1891—Celebrating 132 Years—2023

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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Saint John of Kanty | December 23

Saint John, sometimes called John Cantius, was born in the Polish town of Kanty in 1390. Not much is recorded about his early life, however, he was a bright young man who did well in his studies at the university in Krakow. He earned his doctorate in philosophy and went on to be ordained and earn a doctorate in theology as well.

He began teaching at the university immediately following the conferring of his doctorate in philosophy. Unfortunately, his popularity worked against him, and he was dismissed from his post on false charges. Saint John was reassigned to a post as a parish priest in the town of Olkusz, Bohemia. His parishioners did not receive him with open arms, and he was unsettled in his new position. But

John did not give up, his honest care for the people of his parish eventually endeared him to them.

After a time, he was invited back to the university and he returned to teaching, filling leadership roles in the philosophy and theological areas until the end of his long life. Saint John deeply cared for the poor, giving everything but only what he needed to survive away. He lived an aesthetic life but was such an engaging man that he often dined with nobility.

Saint John of Kanty died on December 24, 1473. He was canonized in 1767, by Pope Clement XIII. In 1998, a new religious community chose the saint for their patron and the Canons Regular of Saint John Cantius, was formed in Chicago, Illinois.

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 a long lasting, vibrant future for St. Casimir's.

SOME SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS...

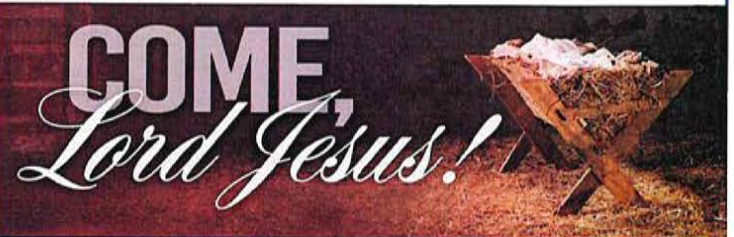
CALLING ALL HANDS... With Winter approaching, our Parish continues to need some TLC to maintain & keep things beautiful. Wednesday is the day where all are welcome to come between 10AM and 2PM to help-out. Experience the joy and camaraderie of our volunteers and do something good for our Parish at the 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!

Help Share Some Christmas Joy...by sending a card and/or gift to SR. CELESTE, the last surviving Sister who served here at St. Casimir's. By the way, her birthday will also be on December 18th! She can be reached c/o Our Lady of Victory Convent, 11400 Theresa Drive, Lemont, IL 60439.

Really Getting Ready for Christmas....means that we make a place in our hearts and lives for Jesus and remove the obstacles that may keep us from truly embracing His presence. English and Polish confessions will be heard after the 1130AM Mass today to allow us all to do just that!

There Will Be A Second Collection...TODAY, in support of the Retirement Fund for Religious which aids in the care of retired and infirmed priests, brothers, & sisters throughout the country - including in our area. Please be generous.



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.