

CHURCH
OF

Saint Casimir

*Parafia Sw.
Kazimierza*

*"The Polish Heart
of Poznan"*



8223 SOWINSKI AVENUE • CLEVELAND, OHIO 44103

Rev. Fr. Eric S. Orzech,
Pastor
Yuhang Wang / Jan Bis
Directors of Music



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

MASS INTENTIONS

Jan. 7th - + Dorothy Frisco
 Jan. 14th - + Stefan Sobon
 Jan. 21st - + Ted, Dorothy, Fred, & John Berila
 Jan. 28th - + Cheryl Horn
 Feb. 4th - + Florence Bocian

SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS
Week of January 7, 2024

This Sunday, the red Sanctuary Lamps are being lit for (1) the repose of the soul of the STANISLAW GOLAB, requested by his wife, Agata; and (2) for the special intention of the safety of JAMES M. ANDREWS III and all serving in our military, requested by Jim & Brigid 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:
kimberlykranel@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

January 7th - FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY. Festive Mass at 11:30AM. Home blessing kits will be available. Festive luncheon and Opera Circle Cleveland performance in the Social Hall and Church afterward.

January 14th - 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. Mass at 11:30AM. Festive Oplatek Dinner and Jaselka follow in the Social Hall.

January 21st - SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD. Mass at 11:30AM with reflective homily on the significance of Sacred Scripture in our lives.

Readings for the Week of January 7, 2024

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday: Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3)/Jn 5:1-9/
Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/
Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/
Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

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.



The song "We Three Kings" details the gifts of the Magi, but do you know what you're singing?

"Born a king on Bethlehem's plan, gold I bring to crown Him again." This one is the most straightforward - gold symbolizes the Kingship of Christ.

"Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom." Myrrh is an embalming spice. Already at Christ's birth, we have the symbolic reminder of his death.

"Frankincense to offer have I. Incense owns a deity nigh." In many religious traditions, incense symbolizes prayers rising to heaven. In some pagan traditions, it is thought to help "call down" the deity. The gift of frankincense symbolizes Jesus' role as the Great High Priest, sanctifying the world through his sacrifice.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE

Lord

1891—Celebrating 133 Years—2024

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.

+++++

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feast of the Epiphany/Opera Circle

Today, like the Wise Men, we journey to seek-out the new born King and offer the gift of our faithfulness lived-out. Festive Mass at 11:30AM. Blessed chalk and prayer cards will be available for those wishing to impart upon their homes the traditional Epiphany Blessing. Following Mass, Opera Circle Cleveland will join us for a Christmas performance in the Social Hall followed by one in the church. Lunch at 1PM. Performances begin at 2:30PM.

"Jaselka" and Oplatek Dinner

Our Oplatek Dinner and Jaselka, or Christmas Pageant, will be held Sun., Jan. 14th in the Social Hall following our 11:30AM Mass. Always a WONDERFUL meal and a joy-filled time, be sure to bring your family and friends as we keep the Christmas Spirit alive at St. Casimir's!

Sunday of the Word of God

Instituted by Pope Francis to be observed each year on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, our celebration on January 21st will feature a reflective homily on the significance of understanding and appreciating the role of Sacred Scripture in our lived-out discipleship and how better to implement it as an integral part of our spiritual lives.

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 upon us, 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!



BAPTISM OF THE LORD

The Official, Liturgical End... of the Christmas Season is tomorrow, Monday, January 8th, when the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. On Tuesday, the Season of Ordinary Time begins. Our ethnic traditions and customs - based on the immemorial calendar - made the Christmas Season like many others: 40 days long and, thus, extended to February 2nd when we celebrate the last time Jesus appears in the scriptures as an infant: the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord. So, we keep our decorations up until then and still pepper all of our celebration with the spirit of "Little Christmas" which this time of year represents. ***JOIN US IN KEEPING THE SPIRIT ALIVE!***

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.