

# CHURCH OF ST. CASIMIR

PARAFIA SW.  
KAZIMIERZA

*February 4, 2024*

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

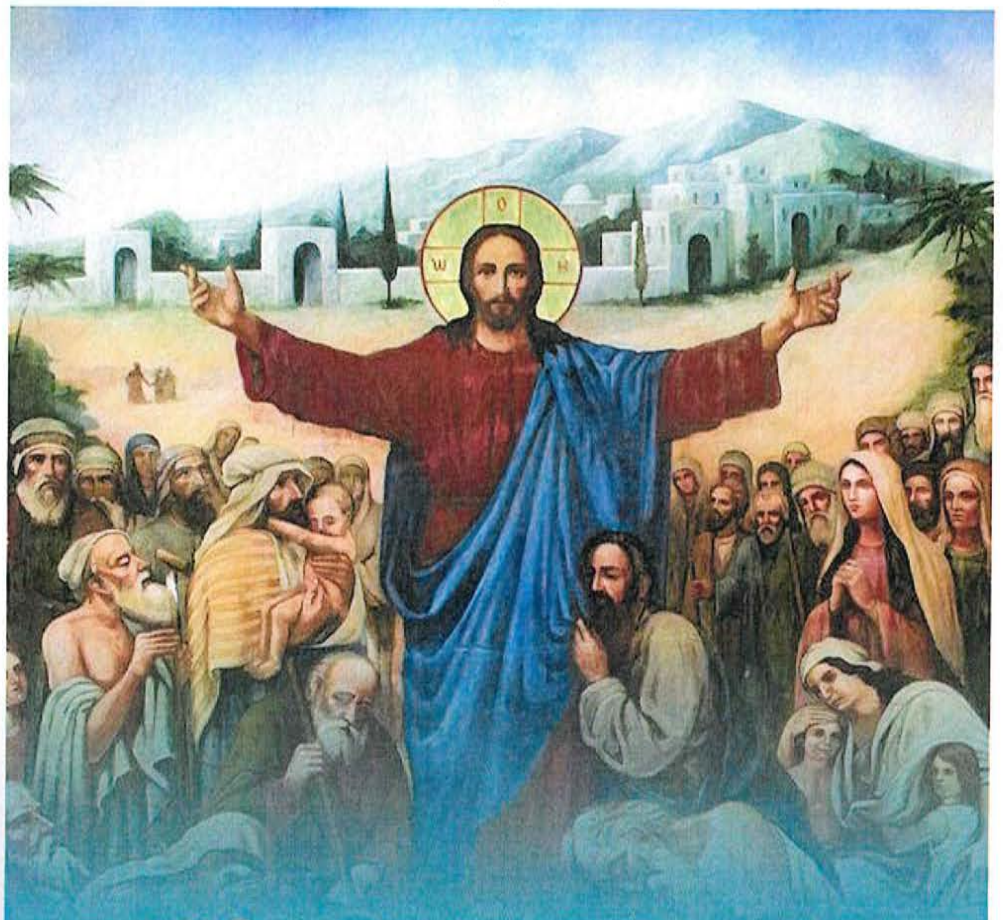
Diocesan policy requires arrangements  
be made at least six months in advance  
of an intended date allowing for  
appropriate Pre-Marital instructions.

## PASTOR

*Rev. Fr. Eric S. Orzech*

## DIRECTORS OF MUSIC

*Jan Bis  
Yuhang Wang*



# 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He told them, “Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may  
preach there also. For this purpose have I come.” - Mk 1:38

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Feb. 4th - + Florence Bocian  
 Feb. 11th - + Jean Muza  
 Feb. 14th - + William Denihan, + Lillian Lutes,  
 + Michelle Cefaldi (7PM)  
 Feb. 18th - + William Denihan, + Lillian Lutes, &  
 + Michelle Cefaldi

**SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS****Week of February 4, 2024**

This Sunday, the red Sanctuary Lamps are being lit for (1) the repose of the soul of our organist's father, MR. BIS, who passed away earlier this month; and (2) for the special intention of KRYSTINA KOPCHIAN. Both are from our Parish Family. *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](http://www.stcasimir.com) and click-on the Parish Bulletin tab to access the bi-lingual postings.*

**UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

**February 4th** - 5TH SUNDAY, ORDINARY TIME.  
 Mass at 11:30AM.

**February 11th** - 6TH SUNDAY, ORDINARY TIME.  
 Mass at 11:30AM. Special St. Valentine's Day Luncheon afterward. ***Bring your sweetie!***

**February 14th** - ASH WEDNESDAY. Lent begins with day of fasting and abstinence. Mass with the blessing and distribution of Ashes at 7PM.

**February 18th** - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT. Mass at 11:30AM followed by Exposition, *Gozkie Zale*, and Benediction.

**Readings for the Week of February 4, 2024**

**Sunday:** Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see 3a)/  
 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39  
**Monday:** 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56  
**Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/  
 Mk 7:1-13  
**Wednesday:** 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23  
**Thursday:** 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/  
 Mk 7:24-30  
**Friday:** 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/  
 Mk 7:31-37  
**Saturday:** 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20,  
 21-22/Mk 8:1-10  
**Next Sunday:** Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/  
 1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

**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.



St. Hyacinth (1185-1257) was born in Silesia, Poland. He belonged to a noble family and was educated in Krakow, Prague, and Bologna. Hyacinth's faith and reverence for the Eucharist was evident from an early age. He dedicated himself to prayer and spent long hours in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, believing, wholeheartedly, in the real presence of Christ there. His faith fueled his desire to bring the message of Christ's love and the Eucharist to distant lands.

In the early 13th century, after witnessing a miraculous work done by Dominic de Guzmán (who would later become St. Dominic, founder of the Dominican order) in Rome, Hyacinth joined the Dominican Order. As one of the very first Dominican friars, he embarked on numerous missionary journeys, traveling extensively through Central and Eastern Europe. Hyacinth's apostolic efforts led him to establish Dominican communities in various cities, including Krakow, Prague, and Kiev.

One of the most legendary accounts of St. Hyacinth's life tells of a miraculous event during the Mongol invasion of Poland. With enemies rapidly approaching, he rescued the Blessed Sacrament from a church in Kiev as well as a statue of Mary and reportedly walked on water across the Dnieper River to ensure the Eucharist's safety. There are also accounts of him feeding starving populations with Polish pierogis during the invasion as well as stories of his prayers, along with the prayers of the townspeople, saving important food crops from destruction. It's said that the farmers made him pierogis as a thank you for leading them in prayer and believing their crops would be saved.

St. Hyacinth's missionary work still impacts people across Europe today both in the Dominican Order and the Catholic Church as a whole. St. Hyacinth, pray for us!

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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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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **"Walentynek"/St. Valentine's Luncheon-**

With Lent right around the corner, we'll "treat-our-sweets" to a festive St. Valentine's Day luncheon in the Social Hall and make that our Mardi Gras, too. Join us on Sunday, February 11th in the Social Hall right after the 11:30AM Mass. Don't forget to bring your sweetie !!!

### **Ash Wednesday**

We usher-in the Season of Lent with the day of prayer, fasting, and abstinence. Mass with the distribution of blessed Ashes at St. Casimir's will be at 7PM.

### **Sundays in Lent**

As is our custom, after each Sunday Mass during the Lenten Season, we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, sing *Gorzkie Zale* (Bitter Lamentations), and Benediction. Everyone is encouraged to experience this beautiful and moving prayer and follow-along in both English and Polish in the *Pan z Wami* Missalette.

### **Feast of Saint Casimir**

Our Patronal Feast Day - an oasis in Lent - will be observed this year on Sunday, March 3rd, and be followed by a festive luncheon in the Social Hall.

## **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...**

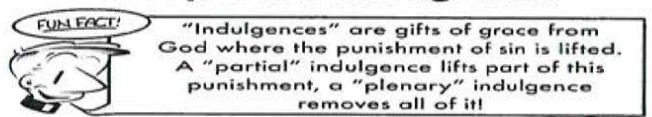
**CALLING ALL HANDS...** With Winter upon us, our Parish continues to need some TLC to maintain & keep things beautiful. Wednesday is the day where all are welcome to come between 10AM and 2PM to help-out. Experience the joy and camaraderie of our volunteers and do something good for our Parish at the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

"What is it called when a bishop eats half of a donut?"



"... A partial indulgence!"



"Indulgences" are gifts of grace from God where the punishment of sin is lifted. A "partial" indulgence lifts part of this punishment, a "plenary" indulgence removes all of it!

**Time To Get Ready...** *Tłusty Czwartek* is the sweetest day of the year. The holiday, which translates to Fat Thursday, is similar to another "fat" holiday people are familiar with, Fat Tuesday, or Mardi Gras. In fact, both of these days historically celebrate the same thing - the end of Carnival and the beginning of the Lenten season. Yet for Poles, it is Fat Thursday specifically that is the start of the end - the last chance to eat meat, dance, and sing before the period of Lent begins in preparation for Easter. This period is known as *zapusty*, roughly translating to "letting oneself go" or *ostatki* "the last bits". These last few days of Carnival were also traditionally the most common days to hold a *Kulig*, a sleigh ride party, where all the most delicious foods and alcohol would be consumed. Yet the *Tłusty Czwartek* tradition that remains the strongest and has lasted the longest in Poland is eating *paczki*, a type of yeasted and deep-fried pastry in the doughnut family, usually filled with jam. Let the tradition continue!

## **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.