

## ST. CASIMIR'S PARISH

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**December 10, 2023**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.**

For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Maria BUKACZEWSKA

Jenny OFIARA

*Eternal rest grant them, Lord*

### THE PASTOR'S REFLECTION

The words of St. John the Baptist from today's Gospel are shocking and unheard of. John continues to cry out in the wilderness and no one will hear him. "Prepare the ways of the Lord... make straight his paths. I have heard these words many times, even in today's Gospel... and what? It went in one ear and out the other. There have been so many Advents in my life and so many opportunities given to me by God to change my life, to convert and what? John's call is still a cry in the wilderness of today's world. No one takes his words and admonitions seriously. Nobody wants to acknowledge that we have something to straighten out in our lives, to fix, to change, to cleanse... John calls out, and the world looks at him like as a freak, a recluse and a catastrophist.

### COFFEE & DONUTS

Today, the members of the Holy Rosary Group invite you to the parish hall for coffee and donuts.

### YOUTH ACTION

Today, there is a Christmas fair organized by our youth. You will be able to buy dumplings for the holidays, candles for the Christmas Eve table, eggs from Mennonites, blessed wafers, calendars, and pick up sets of envelopes for next year. We would like to ask you to do your Christmas shopping with our youth, in this way we support their activities in our parish.

### RORATE MASSES

During Advent, we invite you to the Holy Masses called Rorate, on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 8:00 a.m. Rorate - Advent Mass celebrated in the morning, emphasize the uniqueness of this period. The name "rorate" comes from the entrance song, starting with the words "Rorate caeli" - "Drop the dew heavens". The Rorate Mass is a votive Mass for the Blessed Virgin Mary during Advent. This Mass is one of the signs of

Mary's special presence during Advent, because she was waiting for the Messiah in a special way.

### ADVENT RETREAT

Next Sunday, we will start an Advent retreat, and a missionary from Ukraine, Father Krzysztof Machelski OMI, will preach it. Currently he works as the parish priest of St. Michael the Archangel in Tyrow. Let us plan our time so that we can take part in the Advent retreat.

### CHRISTMAS CONFESSION

Christmas confession will take place on Sunday, December 17 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the parish halls, and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the church during this time.

### DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA

On Wednesday, December 13, we invite you to the Fatima service at 6:00 pm. We bring battery-powered lanterns. Fatima services are Marian services held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of the month. This day is not accidental, because Our Lady appeared to three shepherd children, St. Jacinta, St. Francis and St. Lucia, for 6 months from May 13, 1917 to October 13, 1917; our Lady revealed three secrets to the children (commonly called the Secrets of Fatima). She also addressed the children with a request and message: "Pray the rosary every day." "I want you to continue to pray the rosary every day in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary, to ask for peace in the world and for an end to the war, because only she can obtain these graces."

### PARCELS FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

We would like to thank everyone who donated money for packages for children in orphanages in Poland. The contribution for this purpose was \$3,520. We sent money for gifts for children for Christmas to: the Catholic Educational Center in Głos Piastowe, the Children's Home in Mochnaczka Niżna near Tylicz and the Special Educational Center of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph for girls and boys in Polanica Zdrój. God bless!

### FLOWERS TO THE NATIVITY SCENE

Parishioners who would like to bring flowers to the manger of Lord Jesus, please deliver them to the office or, preferably, to the parish hall on Sunday. Please bring only the red Stars of Bethlehem, i.e. poinsettia. Thank you.

### SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2024

Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2024 may be picked up in the parish hall; they are arranged in alphabetical order. The parishioners, who until now have numbers above number **487**, receive the new number. Parishioners using envelopes for their donations are eligible to receive a tax receipt at the end of the year. The tax receipt will be sent in February 2024.

### CHRISTMAS DINNER "OPLATEK"

The Parish Council invites you to the "Oplatek" Christmas dinner on Sunday, January 7 at 2:30 pm. Tickets are \$25 and

can be purchased at the parish office. Children under 12 receive a free ticket. A dinner prepared by our ladies will be served. Stefania Baran is responsible for the event. It will also be a time to sing carols together.

### YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

St. Casimir's youth group invites you to join them in their vibrant and welcoming youth group. They believe in the importance of a strong community for young people. Through the group, you will have opportunities for Spiritual growth, meaningful friendships, and the chance to engage in fun, meaningful & life changing experiences. The younger youth (grades 8-12) will be meeting on Thursdays at 8:00pm and the young adults will be meeting on Fridays at 8:00pm at Knights of Columbus hall. Agata Bembenek is responsible for the youth group.

### THANKS AND GRATITUDE...

We would like to thank the members of the Parish Committee for preparing this year's nativity scene outside the church. It is a symbol of our living faith and tradition in the very liberal world around us.

### RENOVATION FUND

Thank you for your donations to the Renovation Fund. The second contribution for this purpose on the last Sunday in November was \$3,855. Mr. Henry Dlugosz was added to the golden list of donors.

### MASS INTENSIONS

**We inform you about possibility of ordering Mass intentions at the Oblate Missions** in the parish office.

**We thank you for ordering the Gregorian Masses.** Anyone who wants to order Gregorian Mass please contact the parish office.

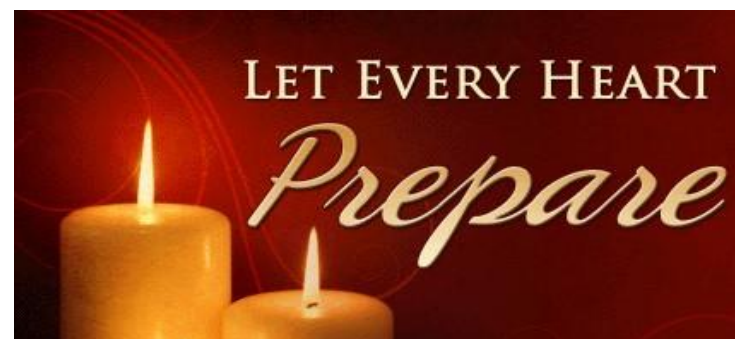
### MASS INTENTIONS AT THE OBLATE MISSIONS

In the God's known intension x3

In Kevin's intention

In Gabriela's intention

In thanksgiving asking for further graces & God's blessing for Nick Grabovac on his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday - Ania & Ela with family



### MASS INTENSIONS AND DEVOTIONS

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

##### Sunday, December 10

8:00 For the members of the Holy Name of Jesus Society

9:30 For + Eugeniusz Ofiara - family

11:00 For parishioners

13:00 For + Wladyslaw Zubyk - daughter Alicja

19:00 For + Genowefa Grela - son with family

#### MONDAY, December 11

8:00 For health & God's blessing for children, grandchildren & great grandchildren - mother & grandmother Regina

19:00 For deceased from the Gal & Zdybal families - Zdybal family

#### TUESDAY, December 12

8:00 For + Grazyna Duchnowska & deceased from family

19:00 For + Stefan Adam, Maria & Mariusz Kaczor - family

#### WEDNESDAY, December 13 - St. Lucy, virgin & martyr

8:00 For + Franciszek & Daniela Konopka - family

18:00 Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima

19:00 For + Edward & Czeslawa Montowski - daughter

#### THURSDAY, December 14 - St. John of the Cross, priest & Doctor of the Church

8:00 For + Stella Zwierzynska - Anastazja Solanko

19:00 For + Maria, Marian, Henryk, Krzysztof Zawol, Janina Czerniawska, Zofia & Jan Adamczyk - family

#### FRIDAY, December 15

8:00 For health & God's blessing for children Kinga & Bazyl & granddaughter Leonarda - Anna & Zdzislaw Siwon

18:30 Devotion to the Divine Mercy

19:00 For + Marianna & Andrzej Niedbala & Anna & Michal Kaczor - family

#### SATURDAY, December 16

8:00 For + Stanislaw & Stanislaw Siwon & Jan Kosztowniak - children

19:00 For health, God's blessing & gifts of the Holy Spirit for Janina Checko, children, grandchildren & great grandchildren - own

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

##### Sunday, December 17

8:00 For the members of the Divine Mercy Society

9:30 For + Mateusz Zdybal - Zdybal family

11:00 For parishioners

13:00 For + Stanislaw Ligas - wife, children & grandchildren

19:00 For deceased from the Albinowski family - family