

## ST. CASIMIR'S PARISH

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**December 17, 2023**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**Gaudete Sunday**

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

For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Krystyna Brejnak

Zofia Moroz

Fr. Jan Szkodzinski OMI

*Eternal rest grant them, Lord*

### THE PASTOR'S REFLECTION

We are not many days away from Christmas. The Advent weeks of joyful waiting pass quickly. The last few days bring the most emotions. We are familiar with these holidays. "Taming" took years. They have been a part of our lives since our early childhood. They have become such a part of our lives that it is difficult to imagine life without them. Advent is a special time of seeking and finding God's closeness. It is a time of getting used to God. It can also be said that man's Advent lasts almost from the beginning of his existence. Man has always sought God and known Him to the best of his abilities. He found God because God allowed himself to be found. All these preparations and ceremonies are only the setting for the greatest and unique event in the history of humankind; God became man. He became man so that we could come as close to Him as possible. Man has the opportunity to become so familiar with the closeness of God that while waiting for Him and meeting Him, we can learn the "price of happiness."

### ADVENT RETREAT

Today we begin the Advent retreat. We warmly welcome the missionary from Ukraine, Father Krzysztof Machelski, OMI. Let us plan our time so that we can take part in retreat meetings. On these days we can also receive the sacrament of penance and reconciliation. However, let us not postpone confession until the last days of Advent. On Tuesday, we especially invite the elderly and the sick to Holy Mass at 10:30, during which the faithful will receive the Sacrament of the Sick. On Wednesday, at the end of the retreat, a collection will be collected for the needs of missionaries working in Ukraine. Envelopes are located at the back of the church.

### 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.

### CHRISTMAS CONFESSION

Today, Christmas confession takes place from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the upper parish hall. During this time, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the church, where we can prepare for confession, adore Jesus or quietly say penance and pray. We invite you.

### DECORATION OF THE CHURCH

On Thursday, December 21, we will decorate the church for Christmas, we need to put up Christmas trees and prepare a manger. We would like to ask you for help from 9:00 a.m. We would like to thank Piotr and Lucyna Dolowicz for sponsoring this year's beautiful Christmas trees for the church.

### PARCELS FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

Once again, we would like to thank everyone who donated parcels for children in orphanages in Poland. We collected more funds for this purpose and we could send them to more facilities, including the Catholic Educational Center in Głogów, the Children's Home in Mochnaczka Niżna near Tylicz, the Special Educational Center of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Jozef for girls and boys in Polanica Zdrój and to the Catholic Center for Children and Youth in Braniewo. Thank you for your generosity.

### 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 Mrs. Henryka Chrapek for buying two new altar tablecloths for our church. Great God bless you.

### 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

For + Malgorzata Faltyn – Maria & Zbigniew Posluszny  
For + Malgorzata Faltyn – Danuta & Stanislaw Kukulka & Zofia Napora

For God's blessing & care of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Irena Glica on her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday – Szydowski family



### MASS INTENSIONS AND DEVOTIONS

#### 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

#### MONDAY, December 18

8:00 For health & God's blessing for Anna & Zdzislaw Siwon – own

10:00 Rosary

10:30 For + husband Ludwik & parents Anna & Pawel Mika – Stefania Piersiak

18:15 Rosary

19:00 For health, God's blessing & gifts of the Holy Spirit for Jola & Magda with families & grandchildren – grandparents

#### TUESDAY, December 19

8:00 For + Deny Shuper & deceased from Siwon & Kosztowniak families – Anna & Zdzislaw Siwon

10:00 Rosary

10:30 For + Jan, Helena & Edward Mika – Stefania Piersiak

18:15 Rosary

19:00 For + Anthony & Katherine Presz – son John Anthony

#### WEDNESDAY, December 20

8:00 For health & God's blessing for Kamil Bilinski – own

10:00 Rosary

10:30 For + Zbigniew Bielenda – sister

18:30 Rosary

19:00 For successful operation for Maria Sciuk – Joanna

#### THURSDAY, December 21

8:00 Apologizing for the sin of abortion, asking for a complete end to abortion in the world

19:00 For + Henryk Wesolowski – sister with family

#### FRIDAY, December 22

8:00 For + Antonina Karbowniczek – son with family

19:00 For + Irena Grodecka – daughter Malgorzata with family

#### SATURDAY, December 23

8:00 For + Stella Korwin-Kuczynski – Chris & Mark Korwin-Kuczynski

19:00 In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing & care of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the Sepczynski family – Grazyna

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

#### Sunday, December 24

8:00 For + Walenty & Anna Koltas – daughter with family

9:30 For + Bruno Majewski – wife with family

11:00 For parishioners

13:00 For God's blessing & care of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Bogdan Hirniak – wife & son

22:00 For parishioners

24:00 For parishioners