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<i>March 2, 2025</i> Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m. For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Emilia Alejandra Dziedzic
PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED
Irena Gorska Zofia Rupik-Markowski Wiesława Naklicki <i>Eternal rest grant them, Lord</i>
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
Candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin their final stage of preparation by receiving a special cross at today at 9:30 a.m. Mass. We ask all parishioners to pray in their intention as well as for the children preparing for their First Holy Communion.
THE FEAST OF ST. CASIMIR
The solemn indulgence Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 4 at 11:00 am, earlier; from 10:00 am, we invite you to the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. What is adoration? Adoration is an extension of the Eucharistic celebration; it is a prayer of gratitude and adoration. Adoring the Blessed Sacrament, we look with faith and love at Jesus present under the form of bread and repeat after St. Thomas Aquinas: “Adoro Te devote, latens Deitas!” – “I draw near in my humility and lowliness; I adore Your majesty, hidden in this Host.” On this day, only one solemn indulgence Mass will be celebrated in our parish.
PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING
The Parish Committee meeting will be held today after the 1 pm Mass in the youth room. We are becoming an older parish and we lack people to get involved in the Parish Committee, collect the Sunday collection plate, help with preparations for the holidays in the church and Corpus Christi, etc. Interested persons are asked to contact Mr. Zbigniew Musial.
LENT

On Wednesday, we begin the holy and salutary time of Lent. The external sign of our entry onto the path of penance and

conversion will be the sprinkling of ashes on our heads and undertaking various forms of mortification. Ashes remind us that everything earthly was created from the dust of the earth and will return to dust again. Lent is a time of penance, fasting, sacrifice, prayer, and is to serve our conversion, to prepare our hearts for the fruitful experience of the joyful feast of the Lord's Resurrection. The Church commandment obliges us during the period of Lent penance to refrain from participating in games and to go to confession and the Easter Holy Communion. We encourage everyone to make an internal commitment to renunciation for the sake of Christ. It is not too late. What will you give up for Lent: maybe smoking cigarettes, drinking alcohol, wasting time on the Internet, or maybe you will decide to be better, kinder to your wife, husband or in-laws. Alternatively, maybe you will give up sweets, gossiping, excessive TV... Choose at least one thing to let you know that you are experiencing Lent. Do it for Christ crucified.

ASH WEDNESDAY
On Ash Wednesday, strict fasting is obligatory, which involves refraining from meat dishes, and abstinence, which involves limiting food intake. On this day, we can eat three meals, but only one of them to our satisfaction. Abstinence from meat dishes applies to everyone from the age of 14, with no upper age limit, while quantitative fasting applies to those from the age of 18 to 60. However, the Church encourages those who are not obliged to fast to also introduce the practice of fasting. Holy Masses in our church on Ash Wednesday in Polish will be celebrated at 8 am, 11 am and 7 pm.
LENTEN ALMS COLLECTION

On Ash Wednesday, the Lenten Alms collection will be collected at all Masses. The envelopes are in the annual sets. The Church knows different forms of almsgiving. The first is almsgiving as a financial or material donation; the second is spiritual almsgiving, i.e. a cordial conversation, giving advice, patiently listening to another person or simply prayer. In addition, selflessly performed work can be described as almsgiving.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS
Passion devotions are to help us experience the holy time of Lent more deeply and fruitfully. For example, the Stations of the Cross will be celebrated in our church on Fridays at 6:30 p.m. For participating in these devotions, one can gain full indulgence under the usual conditions.
LENTEN LAMENTATIONS
We invite you every Sunday at 6:15 pm to contemplate the Passion of the Lord – Lenten Lamentations.
DEVOTIONS

This week we invite you to a service for new vocations to the priesthood and religious life on Thursday. On Friday, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private adoration from 3:00 p.m.; confession from 6:00 p.m.

MARCH BREAK
The Polish School of St. Casimir informs that during the “March Break” there will be no Polish and religion classes from March 8 to March 15 inclusive. The next classes will start March 22.
PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY
From September 28 to October 9, a pilgrimage to Italy will take place on the announcement of the Holy Year 2025. During the 12-day pilgrimage, we will visit Rome, the Vatican, the Sistine Chapel, the church of Quo Vadis, the Catacombs, Monte Cassino, the place of residence of St. Father Pio San Giovanni Rotondo; the grotto of St. Michael the Archangel in Monte Santo’ Angelo, Lanciano, Manoppollo, the House of the Holy Family in Loreto, Venice, Padua, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, Florence, Assisi - the place of St. Francis, and St. Rota in Cascia. More information is provided by Polimex.
DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE
16 th Annual Dynamic Women of Faith Conference will take place on Saturday, March 22, 2025 9:00am-4pm at the Old Mill Tikets \$65 (includes light lunch) until Feb. 14. Speakers: Annie Karto: <i>Divine Mercy Flood My Soul</i> Lisa Canning: <i>Surrendering in Suffering: Discovering JOY</i> Fr. Marcin Serwin OMI: <i>Being a Priest - Being a Midwife</i> Dr. Stephanie Kafie: <i>Totus Tuus - 5 Ways to Live out “Totally Yours”</i> Dorothy Pilarski: <i>Your Life is Going to Change</i> Closing Mass celebrated by Most Reverend Robert Kasun CSB TO REGISTER GO TO dwf2025.eventbrite.ca
SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2025
Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2025 may be picked up at the back of the church. Parishioners using envelopes for their donations are eligible to receive a tax receipt at the end of the year. Unclaimed envelopes will be cancelled.
MASS INTENSIONS
We inform you about possibility of ordering Mass intentions at the Oblate Missions in the parish office. All mission intentions that were given in the parish office have already been fulfilled. We encourage you to give intentions that help missionaries in their work of evangelization.
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 thanksgiving sking for God’s blessing & care of the Blessed Virgin Mary for children, grandchildren & own – Stanisława Bomersbach
For + Irena Ciecziura x5 – cousin Jasia
For + Irena Gorska x5 – Friends of the Oblate Missions
For God’s blessing, care of the Blessed Virgin Mary & gifts of the Holy Spirit for daughter to resolve difficult cases - mother

MASS INTENSIONS AND DEVOTIONS
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, March 2 8:00 For members of the Holy Rosary Society 9:30 For + Maria & Karol Iglar, Antonina & Bronislaw Hyc, Danuta & Wladyslaw Majka - children 11:00 For parishioners 13:00 1. For + Karol Mysliwiec, Eugeniusz Iglar, Dominik Brzyzek, Malgoarzata & Jozef Pawlik – Anna 2. For alive & deceased members of the Parish Committee 19:00 For + Ryszard, Maria & Jozef - children MONDAY, March 3 8:00 For + parents Wladyslaw & Aniela, brother Wladyslaw, Helena, Jozef & aunts Bronislawa & Anna Murzydło – Maria & Tadeusz Maurzydło 19:00 For lectors & extraordinary ministers of the Holy Communion TUESDAY, March 4 – St. Casimir 11:00 1. For parishioners 2. For + Barbara & Henryk Michalak & deceased from the family – daughter with family 3. For+ Stefan & Maria Kaczor & Mariusz Kaczor – siblings with families WEDNESDAY, March 5 – Ash Wednesday 8:00 For + Helena & Marian Gieraltowski & deceased from the family – daughter Halina Bielicka 11:00 For + Zenona Chnielewska – sister Bogumila 19:00 For + Krystyna Idzik – husband & children THURSDAY, March 6 8:00 For + Sabina & Steven Kosalka – parents <u>18:30 Devotion of the first Thursday of the month</u> 19:00 For + Janina Wolosik - sister FRIDAY, March 7 8:00 For + Kunegunda & Maciej Podczerwinski – daughter Stefania <u>18:30 The Way of the Cross</u> 19:00 For + Zofia & Michal Magda – Helena with family SATURDAY, March 8 8:00 For health & God’s blessing for Elzbieta Tryczynska & her family 19:00 For + Eugeniusz Kozacz & deceased from the family – daughter with family First Sunday of Lent Sunday, March 9 8:00 For members of the Holy Name of Jesus Society 9:30 For + Jadwiga Zaleski - son 11:00 In thanksgiving asking for the God’s blessing for Salomea Swierczek on the 100 th birthday – daughters with families 13:00 For + Ryszard Szwed on the first anniversary of death – brother Jan with family <u>18:15 Lenten Lamentation</u> 19:00 For + Lucyna Wedzik - family