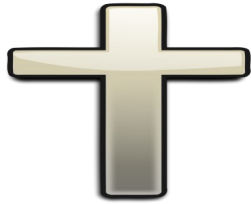


# THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF ST. CASIMIR & ST. DOMINIC

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## Rev. Charles Donajkowski, *Pastor*

Lisa Dietlin- Secretary/Bookkeeper  
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Mary Hentkowski - Religious Ed Director  
Pam Swope - St. Casimir Music Ministry  
Gerri Mulka - St. Dominic Organist



## Second Sunday in Advent



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## STEWARDSHIP *A Way of Life*

### St. Casimir

#### COLLECTION December 2 & 3, 2023

Adult Envelopes Holy Day:	\$ 2,827.50
Building Fund:	\$ 914.50
Online Giving:	\$ 574.00
Loose:	\$ 356.65

**Total : \$ 4,672.65**

### St. Dominic

#### COLLECTION December 3, 2023

Adult Envelopes/Holy Day:	\$ 1,415.00
Loose:	\$ 161.00

**Total : \$ 1,576.00**

### ST. CASIMIR MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 13</b>
9:00 AM	Sylvester Krajniak (Will & Paula Orban)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 15</b>
9:00 AM	Paulette Stempky (Tony Przybyla)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 16</b>
4:00 PM	Daniel Mulka (Anniv.) (Family)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 17</b>
10:00 AM	Mark & Eleanor Misiak & Mark Gajsiewicz (Family)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** Saturday @ 3:30 PM or by appt.  
**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** First Friday - 9:30 AM @ St. Casimir

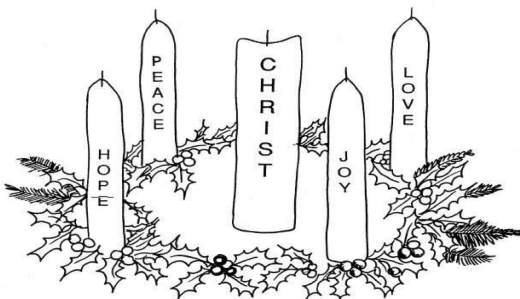
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<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 12</b>
5:30 PM	Alphonse Bruski (Anniv.) (Family)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 17</b>
8:30 AM	All the Living & Deceased Members of Our Parishes & Paul Chojnacki (Family)

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** Tues: Noon - 5:30 PM @ St. Dominic

### Religious Education

Religious Education will be every Monday  
from 6:15 PM—7:30 PM unless noted.



### Divine Mercy Prayer Group

1st Wednesday of the month  
1PM

To request prayers  
call or text 989 -766-2781  
All prayers are confidential  
All are welcome

### Online Giving

St. Casimir offers a convenient option  
of on line giving to parishioners. For  
more information or to sign up go to  
[www.stcasimir-stdominic.org](http://www.stcasimir-stdominic.org) and  
click on **DONATE**.

St. Casimir Church is open Monday thru Friday 8:30 am to 2:00 pm,  
unless the Parish Office is closed.

**St. Casimir Perpetual Lights for the week of Dec.10,2023**  
**Sanctuary:** Health  
**Marian:** Blessed Advent Season  
**Sacred Heart:** Larry Kuznicki (Nancy Horn)

**Stewardship Reflections**

“Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.” Matthew 3:10  
 Do you bear good fruit for Christ? Or do you spend your time, talent and treasure constantly acquiring more toys, clutter and junk. Our time, our talent and our treasure are gifts that God has given us. What we do with them is our gift back to God. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

**A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar**

Like John the Baptist, every parent “prepares the way of the Lord” in the hearts of their children.  
 Advent is a good time to ask; “Do I help or hinder my children to know Jesus?”

**St. Finnian  
 (470-549)**

**Feast Day: December 12**

Considered one of the fathers of Irish monasticism, St. Finnian founded Clonard Abbey in Ireland in 520. His vast knowledge of Scripture and skills as a teacher, coupled with his unwavering dedication to live simply, inspired the vocations of missionaries who established monasteries in Europe. These institutions went on to become some of the most influential centers of Christian thought in the Middle Ages.  
 Finnian was born in 470 in County Carlow and studied with St. Fortchern of Trim, a disciple of St. Patrick, before traveling to Wales and France to study. Participating in the austere lifestyle of the monks at Tours strongly influenced his vision for religious life. Finnian went back to Wales for several years to study Scripture before returning to Ireland. While there, he copied the Vulgate Bible written by St. Jerome and several other classics. Upon his return to Ireland, he founded two monasteries there before teaching at St. Brigid’s monastery in Kildare. According to tradition, an angel led him to an uninhabited area at Clonard where he built a small dwelling of clay and wattle to study, pray and live simply. Word of Finnian’s knowledge and holiness attracted laypeople, clerics, abbots and even bishops. He established Clonard Abbey in 520, modeled on the traditions of early Christian hermits and focused on the study of Scripture. It is said that as many as 3,000 monks studied there at one time, and over the centuries thousands of monks and theologians were drawn to St. Finnian’s monastery to study the works of the Church Fathers and the Scriptures. Finnian’s work also influenced the practice of personal penance. The Penitential of Finnian focuses on developing virtue to overcome sinful behavior, and is considered one of the oldest surviving texts of its kind.  
 Finnian died from the plague in 549.

**Meetings**

**D of I Circle 974:** Meet the first Tuesday of the month @ the K of C Hall in Posen. Social Hour 6 PM meeting @7 PM.

**4th Degree K of C #1711:** All meetings will be every 4th Tuesday of the month in Posen at 7 pm.

**VFW Breakfast: 8 AM to Noon:** Dec 17, Jan 28, Feb 25, Mar 4 24, Apr 28, May 26, Jun 23, Jul 28, Aug 25, Sep 8 (festival), Sep 22, Oct 27, Nov 24, Dec 15

**VFW Meetings: Ladies Aux.** 1 pm Dec 11, Jan 8, Feb 12, Mar 11. 6:30 pm Apr 9, May 14, Jun 11, Jul 9, Aug 13, Sep 10& Oct 8. 1 pm Nov 11 & Dec 9  
**Men** 7 PM Dec 11, Jan 8, Feb 12, Mar 11, Apr 8, May 13, Jun 10, Jul 8, Aug 12, Sep 9

**K of C Council #6657 :** Meet the second Wed. of every month @ 7 PM Posen K of C Hall.

**2nd Sunday of Advent: Dec. 10**

On the 2nd Sunday of Advent, we light the second candle on our Advent wreaths, asking God to for the strength to be like John the Baptist, preparing the way of the Lord. As we continue to prepare for the coming of Christ, reflect on the words of Pope Francis: “For the believer, the Word of God is not simply a text to read. The Word of God is a living presence, it is a work of the Holy Spirit that comforts, instructs, gives light, strength, relief, and a zest for life. To read the Bible, to read a piece, one or two passages of the Bible, is like a short telegram from God that immediately goes to the heart.” (December 21, 2022).

**Vocation Views**

Isaiah says: “The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the Lord.” Who taught you knowledge of the Lord, and whom are you teaching today?

**Stewardship by the Book**

We must be good stewards of God’s gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care lest we be the ones about John the Baptist speaks today: “Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”

**CSA Update 2023/2024**

<b>St. Casimir</b>	<b>St. Dominic</b>
<b>Target \$ 32,397.00</b>	<b>Target \$ 12,459.00</b>
Paid \$ 21,554.00	Paid \$ 6,515.00
Pledge Balance \$10,843.00	Pledge Balance \$5,944.00