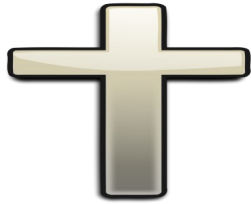


THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF ST. CASIMIR & ST. DOMINIC

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STEWARDSHIP

A Way of Life

St. Casimir

COLLECTION December 30 & 31, 2023

Adult Envelopes Holy Day:	\$ 2,236.00
Building Fund:	\$ 1,532.00
Online Giving:	\$ 594.00
Loose:	\$ 671.00

Total : \$ 5,033.00

St. Dominic

COLLECTION December 31, 2023

Adult Envelopes/Holy Day:	\$ 2,302.00
Loose:	\$ 573.00

Total : \$ 2,875.00

ST. CASIMIR MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Wednesday	January 10
9:00 AM	Paulette Stempky (Verna Bruski)
Friday	January 12
9:00 AM	Irene Soik (Mary Jane Woloszyk)
Saturday	January 13
4:00 PM	All the Living & Deceased Members of Our Parishes and Wilbur Konwinski (Family)
Sunday	January 14
10:00 AM	Virginia Wozniak & Smigelski Family (Family)

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

ST. DOMINIC MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Tuesday	January 9
5:30 PM	For the Deceased Members of the Kaszubowski Family (Ted & Julie)
Sunday	January 14
8:30 AM	All the Living & Deceased Members of the Chojnacki & Gorlewski Families (Dolores Bruski)

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.
Will resume January 8, 2024

CSA Contributions

If you have given your CSA donation thru your monthly contribution envelopes please note that you have been given credit here at the Parish and if you have any questions please call the Parish Office.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

1st Wednesday of the month
1PM

To request prayers
call or text 989-354-5976
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 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 Jan. 14, 2024

Sanctuary: Matthew Lewandowski (Mom & Dad)

Marian: Peace & Harmony for 2024

Sacred Heart: Barb & Del Jachcik & Herb & Shirley Brege
(Dave & Sue Brege)

St. Joseph Calasanz

The Most Important Saint You've Never Heard of
When most people think of saints associated with Catholic education, they immediately call to mind one of the greats, like St. Elizabeth Ann Seton or St. Thomas Aquinas. But there is an unsung hero in their midst, one whose contributions to learning and formation are truly second to none. St. Joseph Calasanz was born more than 450 years ago in Spain, the son of a noble family. He was educated in the classical tradition and, when his local school became unable to keep pace with his intellect, he was sent on to study at some of his country's finest institutions. He began to pursue a vocation in the priesthood and, largely due to his intellect, he was sought after by many prominent bishops for some of the most important and complex ministries of his time. After making his mark in the Church, however, St. Joseph made an unusual decision for his time. He resigned from all his positions, gave away his inheritance and moved to Rome. While there, he would develop an idea that was centuries ahead of its time. Across Italy, St. Joseph observed masses of poor, uneducated children who were growing into poor, uneducated adults. He used his Church connections to develop, for the first time in modern European history, a free school that was open to everyone. No child had to pay tuition or fret over other costs; St. Joseph and his fellow leaders saw to it that high-quality learning opportunities were available to any youngster who wanted them. Poor children across Rome seized the chance to learn and grow in St. Joseph's free school. More than 1,000 students enrolled, and similar programs were established in other regions of Italy. Eventually, the pope approved the first order of priests dedicated to primary school education, known as the Piarists. But there were important challenges ahead. St. Joseph's work to educate the poor was viewed with fear and suspicion among the upper classes, who dreaded possible social and economic disruption. Worse still, St. Joseph was a close friend of Galileo Galilei, whose theories about the earth and sun were still extremely controversial among Church leaders. Coupled with several other controversies surrounding the Piarists, these factors spelled doom for St. Joseph. Just a few years before the end of his life, he was arrested and publicly shamed as part of the Inquisition, he was removed as head of his order and the Piarists were ultimately suppressed. When St. Joseph died, his life's work was gone. It had evaporated into smoke during the darkest days of the 1600s, but it was not dead. In the following decades, the Piarists returned to work and began laying important foundations for the future. Their work spread across Europe and ultimately educated such people as Mozart, Schubert and Goya. Ultimately, the Piarists provided the model for free public education that is still in widespread use today.

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: 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 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 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.

Jan 7: The Epiphany of the Lord

For some, the hustle and bustle of Christmas ends on Dec. 26. However, the true end of the Christmas season is marked by the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. The word "epiphany" means manifestation or revelation from God. Thus, this moment is honored as the moment in time when Christ the child was revealed as the Messiah. At the time of Jesus' birth, it was believed that a new star would appear when a new ruler was born. When the three Magi, astrologers from Eastern Europe saw this new star, they stopped everything to follow the star—bringing Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The Solemnity of the Epiphany is a great historical event within our faith, an event we are all invited to celebrate. Today, God wants to manifest Himself to you!

Jan 8: The Baptism of the Lord

Each year, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord represents the liturgical shift from the Christmas season to Ordinary Time. John the Baptist took water from the Jordan River while Jesus bowed his sacred head, uniting Himself and His divinity to all who had already chosen to repent. The baptism of Jesus marks the beginning of His public ministry and shows his complete willingness to fully embrace humanity in order to redeem us. In His baptism, we see Him anointed by the Holy Spirit, we hear the Father proclaim His identity and we witness Jesus' mission of humility. As we enter into Ordinary Time, reflect on your mission—to witness Him every day as joyful members of His community.