

MINISTRY OF PRAISE

St. Casimir Parish
October, 2016

Almighty God,
grant that with the help of St. Casimir's intercession
we may serve you in holiness and justice.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS

- ***That journalists, in carrying out their work, may always be motivated by respect for truth and a strong sense of ethics.*** (October Papal intention)
- That our parish will be renewed in faith and joy through a deeper devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and the rosary.
- That God's summons to the priesthood will be heard by those called to labor in the vineyard of the church.
- That those in public office will be graced with a spirit of integrity, love, and self-control to carry out on earth the justice of heaven.
- That God bless Father Bacevice and the Pastoral and Finance Councils in their efforts to secure the future of St. Casimir Parish.
- That all parishioners recognize their responsibility to St. Casimir Parish's future through financial support, commitment to parish activities, sharing ideas, and most importantly prayer.
- That God's mercy will be close to the poor, the sick, the elderly, the grieving, the lonely, the homeless, the hungry, and the unemployed .
- That all people will revere and protect the gift of human life from conception until natural death.
- That our Ministers of Praise be validated in their belief in the power of prayer.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

AT ST. CASIMIR PARISH?

- Oct. 7th **First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 8:00 – 9:00am in Church**
- Oct. 12th **Evening Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 6:00 – 9:00pm in Church**
- Oct. 22nd **Parish Clambake and Autumn Raffle, 7:00pm**

SAINT FOR OCTOBER

BLESSED MARIE-ROSE DUROCHER

Virgin
(1811-1849)

October 6th



“Give me the spirit you want the children to have.”

A prayer Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher urged the sisters in her community to say.

Mother Marie-Rose was born Eulalie Durocher in a little village near Montreal, Canada. She was the tenth and youngest child in her family. She was well educated, and as a young woman she taught children in her parish. She hoped there would someday be a community of teaching sisters in every parish, never thinking she would found one.

When Bishop Ignace Bourget became bishop of Montreal he faced a shortage of priests and sisters and a rural population that had been largely deprived of education. In 1843 he encouraged Eulalie in the founding of The Sisters of the Holy Name of Jesus and Mary, a community dedicated to Christian education. At first she resisted because she was in poor health and felt that her father and brother needed her. However, she relented and took the name Marie-Rose. She was 38 and only lived six more years. Her community struggled through poverty and misunderstandings, but they were unrelenting in their concern for the poor and the needy. Today the Holy Name Sisters teach and work throughout the world.

Interestingly, the Holy Name Sisters were influential in the existence of private schools in America. In 1925, the U.S. Supreme Court heard a case entitled *Pierce vs. the Society of Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary*. The justices declared unconstitutional a state law in Oregon mandating public school education. With the Supreme Court decision, the freedom of parents to choose their children’s education was guaranteed throughout the United States.

Sources: *IN HIS LIKENESS*, by Rev. Charles E. Yost, SCJ, STL; *SAINT OF THE DAY*, Leonard Foley, O.F.M., Editor; *365 SAINTS* by Woodeene Loenig-Bricker



THOUGHTS FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mary and Prayer

#2679 Mary is the perfect Orans (pray-er), a figure of the Church. When we pray to her, we are adhering with her to the plan of the Father, who sends his Son to save all men. Like the beloved disciple we welcome Jesus’ mother into our homes, for she has become the mother of all the living. We can pray with and to her. The prayer of the Church is sustained by the prayer of Mary and united with it in hope.

#2682 Because of Mary’s singular cooperation with the action of the Holy Spirit, the Church loves to pray in communion with the Virgin Mary, to magnify with her the great things the Lord has done for her, and to entrust supplications and praises to her.



“YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD”

With our whole heart, our whole soul, our whole mind,
with our whole strength and fortitude,
with our whole understanding,
with all our powers, with every effort,
every affection, every feeling,
every desire and wish
let us all love the Lord God
Who has given and gives to each one of us
our whole body, our whole soul
and our whole life,
Who has created, redeemed and will save us by his mercy alone,
Who did and does everything good for us,
miserable and wretched, rotten and foul, ungrateful and evil ones.

Therefore,
let us desire nothing else, let us want nothing else,
let nothing else please us and cause us delight
except our Creator, Redeemer, and Savior, the only true God,
Who is the fullness of good,
all good, every good, the true and supreme good,
Who alone is good,
merciful, gentle, delightful, and sweet,
Who alone is holy, just, true, and upright,
Who alone is kind, innocent, clean,
from Whom, through Whom and in Whom
is all pardon, all grace, all glory
of all penitents and just ones,
of all the blessed rejoicing together in heaven.



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