

MINISTRY OF PRAISE

St. Casimir Parish
November, 2019

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 a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.***
(Papal November intention)
- That as we remember our beloved dead in a special way during this month of November, the Lord will bring them to the joy of eternal life.
- That in gratitude for God's kindness we open our hearts with concern for our fellow men and women, so that we may share God's gifts in loving service.
- That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.
- That civic leaders will be people of genuine righteousness devoted to the good.
- 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 the Lord will always be close to police officers, firefighters, and all those who risk their lives to protect us and reward them for their service.
- That our parish family will grow in holiness, especially through greater outreach to the poor and needy.
- That those who pray be validated in their belief of its power.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

AT ST. CASIMIR PARISH

- Nov. 1st **All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation);
First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 8:00 - 9:00am in Church**
- Nov. 13th **Second Wednesday Holy Hour, 6:00-7:00pm in Church**
- Nov. 16th **Voting begins for Pastoral Council**

SAINT FOR OCTOBER

SAINT ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE

Religious

(1769 - 1852)

November 18th



We cultivate a very small field for Christ, but we love it, knowing that God does not require great achievements but a heart that holds back nothing for self.... The truest crosses are those we do not choose ourselves... He who has Jesus has everything. (St. Rose Philippine Duchesne)

St. Rose Philippine Duchesne is an example of the power of persistence. For much of her life she wanted to be a missionary, most specifically a missionary working with Native Americans. Not until she was forty-nine was she able to leave her native France for America, and not until she was seventy-two was she allowed to establish a school for Native American girls in Kansas.

Born in Grenoble, France, she heard as a child, stories about Indians from a Jesuit missionary. From that point on the desire to work among them was kindled. At age 17 she sought to enter the Visitation Convent, but the outbreak of the French Revolution and the expulsion of many Religious from France prevented it. Only at age 33 did she realize her desire to become a nun and enter the Religious of the Sacred Heart, founded by St. Madelaine Sophie Barat.

It was not until 1818 that she was able to lead a group of Sisters to St. Louis, Missouri in the United States. She and her sisters settled there and established a convent, a

school and an orphanage for girls. She was instrumental in the founding of six other convents along the Mississippi River between St. Louis and New Orleans.

At age 71 she finally had the opportunity to work among the Indians in Sugar Creek, Kansas. She had difficulty learning the Potawatomi language, so she could not teach. However, she is described as speaking the international language of kindness and love, and she prayed many hours for the success of their work. The Indians named her "Woman Who Always Prays."

On November 18, 1852 at age 83 she died at St. Charles, Missouri. She was beatified in 1940, and she was canonized on July 3, 1988 by Pope John Paul II.

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



THOUGHTS FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH In the Eucharist we share with those in need.

#1351 From the very beginning Christians have brought, along with the bread and wine for the Eucharist, gifts to share with those in need. This custom of the *collection*, ever appropriate, is inspired by the example of Christ who became poor to make us rich:

Those who are well off, and who are also willing, give as each chooses. What is gathered is given to him who presides to assist orphans and widows, those whom illness or any other cause has deprived of resources, prisoners, immigrants and, in a word, all who are in need.

(St. Justin, *Apol.*1, 67)



REFLECTION



THANKSGIVING



Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and

favor; and—whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me “to recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.”

Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks for his kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation; for the signal and manifold mercies and the favorable interpositions of this providence in the course and conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty which we have since enjoyed; for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted; for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and, in general, for all the great and various favors which he has been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations, and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions; to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually; to render our national government a blessing to all the people by constantly being a government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shown kindness to us), and to bless them with good governments, peace, and concord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us; and, generally, to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best.

(George Washington)

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(From: “Washington Thanksgiving Proclamation,” Oct. 3, 1789, [2015, The Heritage Foundation. www.heritage.org])