

# MINISTRY OF PRAISE

St. Casimir Parish  
October, 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 the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the church.***  
(Papal September intention)
- That during this *Respect for Life* month, we will not shrink from the obligations to assert the values and principles essential to the common good, especially the right to life of every human being.
- That our parish will be renewed in faith, hope, and love through a deeper devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and the holy rosary.
- That our parish community will live for God, grow in his love, and reach out in compassion to others.
- That lawmakers will have the wisdom and courage to uphold conscience rights and to protect all people from being forced to violate their moral and religious convictions.
- 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 stand by those facing difficult decisions and enlighten their minds and hearts.
- That those charged with responsibility in the business world will work for the spread of solidarity and the elimination of the scourge of poverty.
- That those who pray be validated in their belief of its power.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING

## AT ST. CASIMIR PARISH

- Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> **First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 8:00 - 9:00am in Church**  
Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> **Second Wednesday Holy Hour, 6:00-7:00pm in Church**  
Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> **Annual Clambake and Autumn Raffle, beginning after 5:30pm Mass**

### SAINT FOR OCTOBER

### SAINT HEDWIG

Religious

(1174?-1243)

October 16<sup>th</sup>



***Just as her devotion made her always seek after God, so her generous piety turned her toward her neighbor and she bountifully bestowed alms on the needy. She gave aid to widows and orphans, to the weak and feeble, to lepers and those bound in chains or imprisoned, to travelers and needy women nursing infants. She allowed no one who came to her for help to go away uncomforted.***

(a contemporary of St. Hedwig)

Hedwig was born in Bavaria. She was married at the age of 12 to Duke Henry of Silesia who was eighteen. During the 1200's this was the usual age for marriage. Henry and Hedwig had seven children.

These were troubled time of power struggles. Henry depended on Hedwig to help him with the administration of the country. He valued her fortitude, prudence, and insight. Although Hedwig was a force in establishing peace in the surrounding areas, she was unable to prevent a pitched battle between the forces of two of her sons, one of whom was dissatisfied with the partition of estates that Henry had made between them.

After Henry's death Hedwig retired to a monastery that she had built for women. She did not formally join the community, but she observed religious practices and spiritual exercises. Hedwig continued the administration of her property and goods in order to assist the poor. She founded a hospital for lepers, and welcomed travelers, the homeless, the sick, and the dying. Hedwig invited Franciscans, Dominicans, and a convent of Cistercian nuns to build monasteries in the kingdom. Hedwig died in 1243 and was buried in Trebnitz.

Sources: SAINT OF THE DAY, Leonard Foley, O.F.M., Editor; IN HIS LIKENESS,  
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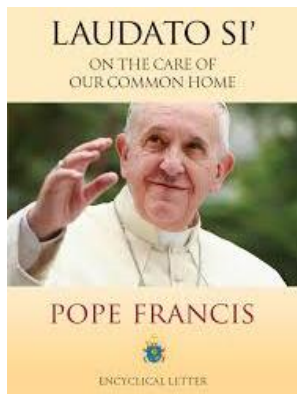
## THOUGHTS FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

### Respect for Bodily Integrity

**#2297** *Kidnapping and hostage taking* bring on a reign of terror; by means of threats they subject their victims to intolerable pressures. They are morally wrong. Terrorism which threatens, wounds, and kills indiscriminately is gravely against justice and charity. Torture which uses physical or moral violence to extract confessions, punish the guilty, frighten opponents, or satisfy hatred is contrary to respect for the person and for human dignity. Except when performed for strictly therapeutic medical reasons, directly intended *amputations, mutilations, and sterilizations* performed on innocent persons are against the moral law.



## REFLECTION



### A PEOPLE WHO PRODUCE FRUIT

Pope Francis

The current global situation engenders a feeling of instability and uncertainty, which in turn becomes “a seedbed for collective selfishness.” When people become self-centered and self-enclosed, their greed increases. The emptier a person’s heart is, the more he or she needs things to buy, own, and consume. It becomes almost impossible to accept the limits imposed by reality. In this horizon, a genuine sense of the common good also disappears. As these attitudes become more widespread, social norms are respected only to the extent that they do not clash with personal needs. So our concern cannot be limited merely to the threat of extreme weather events, but must also extend to the catastrophic consequences of social unrest. Obsession with a consumerist lifestyle, above all when few people are capable of maintaining it, can only lead to violence and mutual destruction.

Yet all is not lost. Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start, despite their mental and social conditioning. We are able to take an honest look at ourselves, to acknowledge our deep dissatisfaction, and to embark on new paths to authentic freedom. No system can completely suppress our openness to what is good, true, and beautiful, or our God-given ability to respond to his grace at work deep in our hearts. I appeal to everyone throughout the world not to forget this dignity which is ours. No one has the right to take it from us.