

MINISTRY OF PRAISE

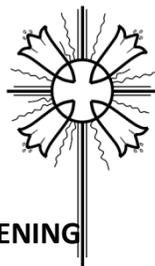
St. Casimir Parish
July, 2017

**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 through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.***
(July Papal intention)
- That as we celebrate Independence Day God will bless our country and keep us always thankful for the gift of freedom.
- That the Church may act as mediator in finding solutions to problems affecting peace, social harmony, and civil rights.
- That Christian husbands and wives will be blessed so that the love of God will be made visible to the world.
- That those who risk their lives in order to protect the lives of others will be strengthened, shielded, and aided.
- 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 guide us in right paths and give us courage to face the challenges of life.
- That our Ministers of Praise be validated in their belief in the power of prayer.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

AT ST. CASIMIR PARISH?

- July 7th **First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**, 8:00 – 9:00am in Church
- July 12th **Evening Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**, 6:00 –9:00pm in Church
- July 26th **Annual Holy Name Society Picnic**, 5:00-8:00pm, behind the convent.
ALL parishioners are welcome to attend.

SAINT FOR JULY

SAINT HENRY II

Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire
(972 - 1024)

July 13th



We are taught and advised to abandon temporal riches, to lay aside earthly goods, and to strive to reach the eternal and everlasting dwelling places in heaven. For present glory is fleeting and meaningless, while it is possessed, unless in it we can glimpse something of heaven's eternity. (St. Henry)

By the time he was 34 years old, Henry was emperor of Germany. As a ruler, he cared about the good of his people. He built monasteries, helped the poor, fought against unjust seizure of power, and relieved all kinds of oppression. In 1014 he was crowned emperor of the Holy Roman Empire. That title made him ruler of Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Belgium, Holland, and northern Italy, as we know these countries today.

Henry was known as a man of strength of character, a capable military leader and an intelligent statesman. He was also pious and energetic in his work for Church reform, especially in liturgical worship, and in promoting missionary activity. Some today might think he was too quick to do battle and too ready to use power to accomplish reforms, but he was a man of his times. He followed the 11th century custom of appointing men loyal to him to leadership positions in the Church. At the same time he tried to avoid the pitfalls of this practice and encouraged Church leaders to reform ecclesiastical and monastic life.

Pope John XXIII told us in his encyclical *Pacem in Terris* that we all have a duty to take an "active part in public life and to contribute toward the attainment of the common good of the entire human family." "Every believer in this world of ours must be a spark of light, a center of love, a vivifying leaven amidst his fellow men." Henry tried his best to be a responsible political leader.

Sources: *IN HIS LIKENESS*, by Rev. Charles E. Yost, SCJ, STL; *SAINT OF THE DAY*, Leonard Foley, O.F.M., Editor; *SAINTS AND FEAST DAYS*, Loyola University Press.



THOUGHTS FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Participation in Christ's kingly office

#912 The faithful should "distinguish carefully between the rights and the duties which they have as belonging to the Church and those which fall to them as members of the human society. They will strive to unite the two harmoniously, remembering that in every temporal affair they are to be guided by a Christian conscience, since no human activity, even of the temporal order, can be withdrawn from God's dominion."

#913 "Thus, every person, through these gifts given to him, is at once the witness and the living instrument of the mission of the Church itself 'according to the measure of Christ's dominion.'"



Archbishop John Carroll (d. 1815)

**He was a priest for the Society of Jesus
and the first bishop of the United States.**

AN INDEPENDENCE DAY PRAYER

by Archbishop John Carroll

We pray you, O God of might, wisdom, and justice, through whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment decreed, assist with your Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude the President of these United States, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness, and be eminently useful to your people, over whom he presides; by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion; by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy; and by restraining vice and immorality.

Let the light of your divine wisdom direct the deliberations of Congress, and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed for our rule and government, so that they may tend to the preservation of peace, the promotion of national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety, and useful knowledge; and may perpetuate to us the blessing of equal liberty.

We pray for the governor of this state, for the members of the assembly, for all judges, magistrates, and other officers who are appointed to guard our political welfare, that they may be enabled, by your powerful protection, to discharge the duties of their respective stations with honesty and ability.

We recommend likewise, to your unbounded mercy, all fellow citizens throughout the United States, that we may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the observance of your most holy law; that we may be preserved in union, and in that peace which the world cannot give; and after enjoying the blessings of this life, be admitted to those which are eternal. Grant this, we beseech you, O Lord of mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

(Source: MAGNIFICAT, July 2016, pp. 61- 62)