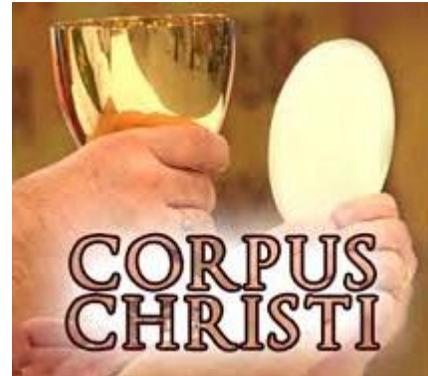


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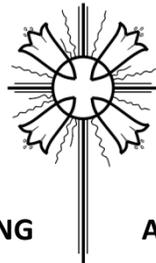
St. Casimir Parish
June, 2017

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 national leaders may firmly commit themselves to ending the arms trade, which victimizes so many innocent people.*** (June Papal intention)
- That the Holy Spirit, that makes present the mystery of Christ, will reconcile all people and bring them into communion with God and his Church.
- That we receive the grace to adore the presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament and in the face of every person we meet.
- That during these summer months every family will grow in love for each other, in service to the poor, and in prayer to God.
- That blessing comes to all fathers on Father's Day.
- 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 consolation may be given to widows and widowers, and to all who grieve the loss of a loved one.
- That our Ministers of Praise be validated in their belief in the power of prayer.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

AT ST. CASIMIR PARISH?

- June 5th **First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**, 8:00 – 9:00am in Church
- June 11th **Baltic Commemoration**, 2:00pm in Church
- June 14th **Evening Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**, 6:00 –9:00pm in Church

SAINT FOR JUNE

SAINT NORBERT

Bishop
(1080? - 1134)

June 6th



O Priest! You are not of yourself because you are the servant and minister of Christ. You are not your own because you are the spouse of the Church. You are not yourself because you are the mediator between God and man. What then are you? Nothing and everything. Take care lest what was said to Christ on the cross be said to you: "He saved others, himself he cannot save!" (St. Norbert)

Norbert was born in Germany, a cousin to the emperor, so he had nearly everything he wanted in life. But he was not happy. One day while he was horseback riding, a thunderstorm broke out. A bolt of lightning frightened his horse and Norbert fell off. When he regained consciousness, he considered this experience a message from God to change his way of living. He decided to sell all his property and to prepare for the priesthood.

When Norbert became a priest he zealously preached spiritual renewal. It was a time of quarrels between the pope and emperor. His preaching brought him persecution and rejection, but he persevered and won over many of those who at first opposed him, both secular and religious.

Over the years Norbert started several monasteries, usually in out-of-the-way places, where people did not hear the word of God very often. Near each monastery, Norbert tried to open a hospice. Here sick people, travelers, and pilgrims could find rest and help.

When he died he was the Archbishop of Magdeburg in southern Germany, a territory half pagan and half Christian. He had worked to stop heresies and to encourage loyalty to the pope. He preached successfully to the rich and the poor, to the wise and the uneducated, to believers and unbelievers. He valued simplicity of life and a spirit of penance. In political matters he became an agent of peace.

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 Safeguarding Peace

#2305 Earthly peace is the image and fruit of the *peace of Christ*, the messianic "Prince of Peace." By the blood of his Cross, "in his own person he killed the hostility," he reconciled men with God and made his Church the sacrament of the unity of the human race and of its union with God. "He is our peace." He has declared: "Blessed are the peacemakers."

#2317 Injustice, excessive economic or social inequalities, envy, distrust, and pride raging among men and nations constantly threaten peace and cause wars. Everything done to overcome these disorders contributes to building up peace and avoiding war.



PENTECOST

Pentecost is the feast of union, comprehension, and human communion. We can all see that in our world, although we are increasingly close to one another with the development of the means of communication, and geographical distances seem to be disappearing, understanding and communion between people is both superficial and problematic.

Imbalances endure that frequently lead to conflict; dialogue between the generations is heavy-going and at times antagonism prevails; we witness daily events in which it seems people are becoming more aggressive and more belligerent; understanding each other seems too demanding so they prefer to remain closed in on themselves, in their own interests. Can we truly find and live in this situation the unity we need?

Jesus explains to us what the Church is and how she should live in order to be herself, to be the place of unity and communion in Truth; he tells us that behaving as Christians means no longer being shut into our own “I” but rather being open to all things: thus the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of unity and of truth, may continue to resonate in our human hearts and minds and spur people to meet and to welcome each other.

Precisely because the Spirit acts in this way, he ushers us into the whole truth, which is Jesus, and guides us to look at it more deeply and to understand it. We do not grow in knowledge by locking ourselves into our own ego, but only in an attitude of profound inner humility do we become capable of listening and sharing in the “we” of the Church.

by Pope Benedict XVI