

# MINISTRY OF PRAISE

St. Casimir Parish  
November, 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 the countries which take in a great number of displaced persons and refugees may find support for their efforts which show solidarity.* (November Papal 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 our celebration of Thanksgiving will be an occasion of reunion, renewed love, and lasting grace.
- That as we celebrate Veterans Day this month, the Lord may bless and reward those whose sacrifice has preserved our nation in freedom.
- That there be an end to all intolerance and prejudice in our country so that we may truly become one nation under God.
- 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 Church might truly reflect the presence of Christ and draw all those searching for truth.
- That our Ministers of Praise be validated in their belief in the power of prayer.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

AT ST. CASIMIR PARISH?

- Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> **First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**, 8:00 – 9:00am in Church
- Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> **Evening Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**, 6:00 – 9:00pm in Church
- Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> **Advent begins**

SAINT FOR NOVEMBER

## SAINT ALBERT THE GREAT

Bishop, Doctor  
(1206- 1280)

November 15<sup>th</sup>



***"His Heart overflowed with love and joy at being completely one with us and filling our hearts with joy and jubilation."***

(St. Albert's description of the Heart of Jesus in *Heart of the Savior*, his treatise on the Eucharist.)

Born in Swabia, Germany Albert was the eldest son of a powerful and wealthy German lord of military rank. He was educated in the liberal arts. Despite his family's opposition, he became a Dominican. He continued his studies and went on to become a famous and gifted teacher. One of his most famous pupils was St. Thomas Aquinas.

Albert was named the provincial superior of the Dominican Order in 1254. Three years later he resigned his post so that he could devote more time to study. In 1260 he was appointed bishop of Regensburg. After two years he was able to go back to writing and teaching until his death in 1280.

St. Albert was a leading scientist of his day. He saw the whole created world before him, waiting to be discovered, recorded, and taught. For Albert, life was filled with wonders to discover—whether it was the life cycle of a spider or developing the theory that the world was round. To him, if creation is so wonderful, how much more wonderful is the Creator. He is the patron saint of scientists, philosophers, and students.

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 A Cloud of Witnesses

**#2683** The witnesses who have preceded us in the kingdom, especially those whom the Church recognizes as saints, share in the living tradition of prayer by the example of their lives, the transmission of their writings, and their prayer today. They contemplate God, praise him and constantly care for those whom they have left on earth. When they entered into the joy of their Master, they were “put in charge of many things.” Their intercession is their most exalted service to God’s plan. We can and should ask them to intercede for us and for the whole world.



## REFLECTION



## INFORMATION

An information glut faces us Christians today in all branches of learning. One needs only to read current Catholic periodicals to experience the varied reactions to the findings of the social sciences, for example, in regard to Christian institutions, Christian life-styles and Christian theology. Ultimately, in canonizing Albert the Great, the Church seems to point to his openness to truth, wherever it may be found, as his claim to holiness. His characteristic curiosity prompted Albert to mine deeply for wisdom with a philosophy his Church warmed to with great difficulty.

## KNOWLEDGE

There are some who desire knowledge merely for its own sake; and that is shameful curiosity. And there are others who desire to know, in order that they may themselves be known; and that is vanity, disgraceful too. Others again, desire knowledge in order to acquire money or preferment by it; that too is a discreditable quest. But there are also some who desire knowledge, that they may build up the souls of others with it; and that is charity. Others, again, desire it that they may themselves be built up thereby; and that is prudence. Of all these types, only the last two put knowledge to the right use"

**(St. Bernard, Sermon on the *Canticle of Canticles*)**