

# MINISTRY OF PRAISE

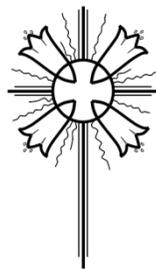
**St. Casimir Parish**  
**April, 2018**

**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 economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.*** (April Papal intention)
- That the power of Christ's Resurrection will destroy the culture of death.
- That the graces of this Easter season will bless our parish with new growth in holiness.
- That those who were baptized at Easter might grow ever stronger in their faith and be powerful witnesses of the Gospel to the world.
- That people learn to respect creation and care for it as a gift of 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 persecuted Christians feel the consoling presence of the Risen Lord and the solidarity of the Church.
- That those who live in confusion, ignorance, or skepticism know the truth and the light of the risen Christ.
- That those who pray be validated in their belief of its power.



## **WHAT'S HAPPENING**

## **AT ST. CASIMIR PARISH?**

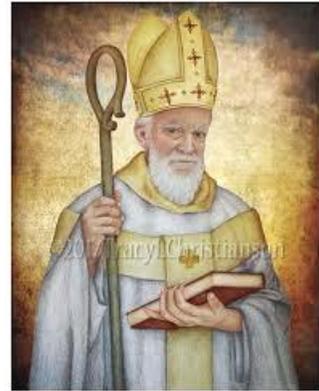
- April 6<sup>th</sup> **First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**, 8:00 – 9:00am in Church
- April 11<sup>th</sup> **Eucharistic Adoration**, 6:00-7:00pm in Church
- April 15<sup>th</sup> **Altar Society Flower Sale**, last day to turn in order forms

SAINT FOR APRIL

## SAINT ISIDORE OF SEVILLE

Bishop, Doctor  
(560? - 636)

April 4<sup>th</sup>



***“Reading the holy Scriptures confers two benefits. It trains the mind to understand them; it turns man’s attention from the follies of the world and leads him to the love of God.” (St. Isidore)***

St. Isidore was born in Spain. The 76 years of his life were a time of conflict and growth for the Church in Spain. The Visigoths had invaded the land a century and a half earlier. Shortly before Isidore’s birth they set up their own capital. They were Arians—Christians who said Christ was not God. Thus Spain was split in two: One people (Catholic Romans) struggled with another (Arian Goths). Isidore reunited Spain, making it a center of culture and learning, a teacher and guide for other European countries whose culture was also threatened by barbarian invaders.

Isidore was educated by his eldest brother, whom he succeeded as bishop of Seville. Isidore was a very learned man and was sometimes called “The Schoolmaster of the Middle Ages.” He required seminaries to be built in every diocese, wrote a rule for religious orders and founded schools that taught every branch of learning. Isidore wrote many books, including a dictionary, an encyclopedia that was used as a textbook for nine centuries, a history of the Goths, and a history of the world beginning with creation.

Politically, in 633 Isidore presided over the council of Toledo, which helped settle the differences between the reigning king and a usurper to the throne. This council also decreed that Jews be given the freedom to keep their religion rather than being forced to become Christian. He was also outstanding in helping the poor. During the last six months of his life, he increased his charities so much that his house was crowded from morning till night with the poor of the countryside.

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



### THOUGHTS FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH Social Communications Media

**# 2493** Within modern society the communications media play a major role in information, cultural promotion, and formation. This role is increasing, as a result of technological progress, the extent and diversity of the news transmitted, and the influence exercised on public opinion.

**# 2495** “It is necessary that all members of society meet the demands of justice and charity in this domain. They should help, through the means of social communication, in the formation and diffusion of sound public opinion.” Solidarity is a consequence of genuine and right communication and the free circulation of ideas that further knowledge and respect for others.





## POPE FRANCIS ADDRESSES FAKE NEWS



Pope Francis recently wrote the following about the topic of fake news and the dangers of spreading it: “Fake news grabs people’s attention by appealing to stereotypes and common social prejudices, and exploiting instantaneous emotions like anxiety, contempt, anger, and frustration.” He noted that it is the responsibility of each individual to discern what is real news and what is helpful to share on social media.

The Pope wrote the following prayer—based on St. Francis’ peace prayer—as a guide for both those who report the news and those who read or watch it.



### Pope Francis’ Prayer for Countering ‘Fake News’

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.  
Help us to recognize the evil latent in a communication  
that does not build communion.  
Help us to remove the venom from our judgments.  
Help us to speak about others as our brothers and sisters.  
You are faithful and trustworthy;  
may your words be seeds of goodness for the world:



Where there is shouting, let us practice listening;  
Where there is confusion, let us inspire harmony;  
Where there is ambiguity, let us bring clarity;  
Where there is exclusion, let us offer solidarity;  
Where there is sensationalism, let us use sobriety;  
Where there is superficiality, let us raise real questions;  
Where there is prejudice, let us awaken trust;  
Where there is hostility, let us bring respect;  
Where there is falsehood, let us bring truth.



Amen.

Source: “St. Anthony Messenger”, March 2018, Vol. 125/No. 10, p. 9.