

MINISTRY OF PRAISE

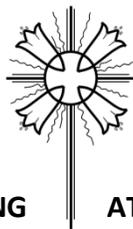
St. Casimir Parish
August, 2018

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 any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.*** (August Papal intention)
- That through the intercession of Mary (whom God assumed into heaven), we may realize that our belief in the resurrection will sustain us through the losses and misfortunes of life.
- That leaders in government will be faithful in fulfilling their duties and aware of the needs of the voiceless and powerless in society.
- That we may be open to the continuing marvels that God does in our time and grow in our ability to echo Mary's "yes" in every aspect of our lives.
- That as teachers and administrators prepare for the coming school year, they may seek to nurture and encourage each student to use his/her gifts to the fullest.
- 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 our beloved dead may rise with Christ to rejoice forever with Our Lady and the saints.
- That God will bless and strengthen those who serve our country in the armed forces and keep them out of harm's way.
- That those who pray be validated in their belief of its power.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. CASIMIR PARISH?

August 3rd **First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**, 8:00 – 9:00am in Church

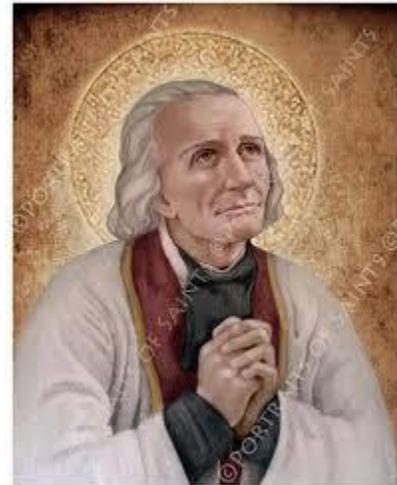
August 8th **Eucharistic Adoration**, 6:00-7:00pm in Church

SAINT FOR AUGUST

SAINT JOHN VIANNEY

Priest
(1786-1859)

August 4th



“Private prayer is like straw scattered here and there: If you set it on fire it makes a lot of little flames. But gather these straws into a bundle and light them, and you get a mighty fire, rising like a column into the sky; public prayer is like that.” (Saint John Vianney)

Born in 1786 in Lyons, France, John was ordained a priest in 1815 after much difficulty in studies. In 1805 he began studies at the seminary. After several months he had to leave because his previous schooling had not prepared him to attend lectures in Latin. He went to live with a friend who was a priest and who tutored him. This priest finally persuaded the bishop to ordain John, not for his learning but for his holiness.

After a few years Father Vianney was assigned to Ars, a small village in rural France that contained about fifty families. The people were careless about practicing their faith. John set himself the task of eliminating religious indifference, immorality and frivolity. Gradually people began to come to celebrate the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and to listen to his homilies. Word of his goodness and his gift of insight into the minds and souls of people led to many seeking him for confession and spiritual direction. He spent many hours a day in the confessional. The French government built a special railroad line to Ars just to take care of all the pilgrims.

John Vianney saw all of us as pilgrims. He said, “Our home is Heaven. On earth we are like travelers staying at a hotel. When one is away, one is always thinking of home.” John Vianney was a man on a journey with his goal before him at all times. He was canonized in 1925 and is the patron saint of priests.

Source: *IN HIS LIKENESS*, Rev. Charles E. Yost; *SAINTS AND FEAST DAYS*, Loyola University Press;
SAINT OF THE DAY, Rev. Leonard Foley, O.F.M., Editor; *365 SAINTS*, Woodeene Koenig-Bricker



THOUGHTS FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH Heaven

#1024 This perfect life with the Most Holy Trinity – this communion of life and love with the Trinity, with the Virgin Mary, the angels and all the blessed – is called “heaven.” Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfillment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness.

#1025 To live in heaven is to be with Christ.” The elect live “in Christ,” but they retain, or rather find, their true identity, their own name.

For life is to be with Christ; where Christ is, there is life, there is the kingdom. (St. Ambrose)



Pope John Paul XXIII

THY WILL BE DONE

Jesus has come and he has consoled me; I was able to stay with him a long time, to tell him all I wished. There was only one thing I did not do, or hardly at all: I did not thank him properly.

The giving of thanks means the certainty of receiving new graces. I have been thinking too much about myself and my needs, and this is most unmannerly. But I will endeavor to show him my gratitude, in a life that shall be after his own heart, and in the imitation of those virtues of which he has given us such eloquent testimony.

But it is just in this that I feel the need of asking him for more help, even while I thank him. If I think of my desires and my resolutions, to be sure I am already a saint! How ugly and misshapen I am. I have not yet succeeded in maintaining with Jesus that uninterrupted flow of holy desires and recollected thought which to me ought to be like the air I breathe. I must go on trying to go forward, a little at a time, and never get worried, as I do when I see I am not achieving anything.

Pope John XXIII (Saint)