

MINISTRY OF PRAISE

St. Casimir Parish
December, 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 people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time***

(December Papal intention)

- That we welcome the presence of Jesus that comes to us through the Motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- That this sacred season of Advent will bring with it an end to the culture of death and the strengthening of the culture of life.
- That God who has begun the good work of drawing our parish community together in faith will continue to perfect it this Advent.
- That those who hold public office will work selflessly for righteousness, freedom, and peace.
- 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 love within families will increase ever more the knowledge of what is truly good and valuable.

- That our personal experience of suffering may be an occasion to better understand the situation of unease and pain, which is the lot of many people who are alone, sick, or aged, and stir us all to give them generous help.
- That those who pray be validated in their belief of its power.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. CASIMIR PARISH

- December 7th First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 8:00 – 9:00am in Church
- December 8th The Immaculate Conception of Mary
- December 12th Eucharistic Adoration, 6:00-7:00pm in Church

SAINT FOR DECEMBER

SAINT AMBROSE

Bishop, Doctor
(340? - 397)

December 7th



“Now, man is not wrong when he regards himself as superior to bodily concerns, and as more than a speck of nature or a nameless constituent of the city of man. For by his interior qualities he outstrips the whole sum of mere things....Steeped in wisdom, man passes through visible realities to those which are unseen.

(Ambrose, THE CHURCH IN THE MODERN WORLD, 14-15)

Ambrose was born in Trier Germany, where his father was Prefect of Gaul. When his father died Ambrose was taken to Rome and educated in law. He took a position in government as governor of Milan about 370. Although he

was still studying the faith, he was chosen to be bishop when he intervened to keep peace among conflicting factions at the election of a bishop. Baptized on December 7, he was consecrated bishop a week later.

As bishop, Ambrose turned his attention from political government to church government. He was a pastor to his people and took a firm stand in controversial matters of Church and state. Afraid of no one, he even took on the emperor. St. Ambrose is recognized as a doctor of the church for his teaching. He was a strong defender of Catholic truth and was well versed in sacred scripture. He had a talent for using ideas of the great philosophers, such as Cicero, to support Christian truth. He had an interest in liturgy for which he composed hymns. Ambrose is remembered for his influence on St. Augustine who heard his sermons and whom Ambrose baptized at Easter in 385.

St. Ambrose was the outstanding bishop in Italy in his time. Even the bishops of Rome looked to him for leadership and guidance. From his contemporaries we learn that he was appreciated for his sensitive, human gentleness and deep desire to teach the faith.

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



THOUGHTS FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Incarnation

#479 At the time appointed by God, the only Son of the Father, the eternal Word, that is, the Word and substantial Image of the Father, became incarnate; without losing his divine nature he has assumed human nature.

#483 The Incarnation is therefore the mystery of the wonderful union of the divine and human natures in the one person of the Word.



**LEARN FROM ME,
FOR I AM MEEK AND HUMBLE OF HEART**

(Matthew 11:29)

Throughout the years, it was abundantly clear that Mother Teresa had a tender devotion to the Mother of Our Lord, Mary most holy. Even in the constitution of the Missionaries of Charity, she wrote that her entire religious order is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Our Lady, during her life on earth, had to do the ordinary things of everyday life, like washing, cooking and cleaning. She did many of the same things that we do each day. So why is she “most holy” and “full of grace,” while many of us are not so holy and not so grace-filled? The secret is not in what she did but in how she did things. She did everything with love for Jesus. If we would open our hearts to our heavenly Mother and allow ourselves to be imbued with the spirit of Mary, which is nothing less than the Holy Spirit, then we would be holy too. As Mother Teresa said, let us “be humble like Mary, so as to be holy like Jesus.”