

SAINT HEDWIG'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Office hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. - noon, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.



Confessions: Confessions take place 15 minutes before Mass and at other scheduled times (see below) • **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Monday to Friday, from 12:00 noon • On Sundays, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. • **Recitation of the Rosary:** 30 minutes before each Mass, also on the radio at 88.5 FM (locally) • Attendance: 5 p.m.: 110; 8 a.m.: 149; 11 a.m.: 240; Total: 499

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [World Day of the Poor] November 19th 2023

Monday November 20	Ferial (<i>Roman Martyrology</i> : in England, St. Edmund, Martyr) [World Day of Youth]
	8:00 a.m. For the Soul of Renata Jaworska by Br. Grzegorz Loska, OMI
	4:30 p.m. Intentions of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College by SWC
Tuesday November 21	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial) 8:00 a.m. Raymond Mask by Henry Yarascavitch
Wednesday November 22	St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr (Memorial) 8:00 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Dan Hudder by the Family 12:00 noon For Sons David & Andrew Brotton by Peter & Clementine Brotton & Family
Thursday November 23	St. Columban, Abbot (Optional Memorial) 8:00 a.m. John & Agnes & Rumleskie Family by Raymond & Nancy
Friday November 24	St. Andrew Dũng-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs (Memorial) [parish day of prayer and reparation "for our sins, and the sins of the whole world"] 8:00 a.m. Michael J. & Rose Zelney & Grace by David & Ruth Lockhart [no confessions this Friday evening]
Saturday November 26	Our Lady's Saturday 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. Confessions 10:30 a.m. Special Intentions 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. Confessions

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE Nov. 26th 2023

Saturday	5:00 p.m. Gerard Coulas by Debbie Coulas
Sunday	8:00 a.m. Gerard & David Coulas by David & Mary Yantha
	11:00 a.m. Intentions of the People

Christ the King, (34th Sunday) (November 26th, 2023)	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Readers of the Word	Karen Yakabuski	Nicholas Rumleskie	Joseph Afelskie
Holy Communion	Deacon Robert Probert	Deacon Jean-Nil Chabot	Deacon Robert Probert
Ushers	Duncan Barber (crew captain) and ushers	Stanley Rumleskie (crew captain) and ushers	Daniel Shalla (crew captain) and ushers

Offerings: Sunday: \$4,090.70; Building Maintenance: \$995.00;
Carpet Fund: \$20.00; Reno Fund: \$60.00; Christmas: \$40.00; Various: \$20.00

Let us remember in prayer those who are sick, especially Jacob Fraser, Christine Oskirk, Anne Chabot, Albert Cybulski, Karen Barber, Gerard O'Malley, Brandon Hammer.

2024 St. Joseph Missals: Missals are available for \$5.00 each at the back of the church.

Euchre: The next Euchre games will be Sunday, November 19th & December 3rd at 7:00 p.m. Cost: \$5.00.

SACRED HEART CRAFT & BAKE SALE: The Sacred Heart League is holding a Craft & Bake Sale **this Sunday**, November 19th from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. in St. Hedwig's Parish hall. Baking, raffles, 50/50 draw & Craft Tables. Also available will be Chili & Tea Biscuits for \$6.00. Everyone Welcome! Donations of baking & raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated! Donations for raffle prizes can be dropped off to Rosie Kulas, **please call first!** (613-756-3247) Donations for baking can be dropped off at the parish hall on Saturday Nov. 18th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Christian Mothers Group: The Confraternity of Christian Mothers (and all women with motherly hearts) is meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. New members welcome. Coffee, tea and social afterwards. Date of the next meeting: November 21st. Michael O'Brien will be our guest speaker.

Sacred Heart League: The next meeting is Tuesday, November 28th at 6:30 p.m. in the church hall.

Cold and Flu Season: If you are coughing, sneezing, running a fever, or are otherwise unwell, please do not come to church at this time. Please wait until your symptoms get better, and then return to common worship.

First Friday Adoration: Please contact the parish office if you can cover one of the First Friday adoration hours once a month. We are especially in need for the night time hours, starting at midnight to Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. This could be for a committed hour each month or to be contacted as a fill-in person.

Weekday Adoration: To sign up for weekday adoration times please contact Virginia at 613-650-7674.

Sacred Heart Shop: Religious items are available from the Sacred Heart Shop. Please e-mail Katherine at sthedwigreligiousgoods@gmail.com or call the parish during office hours for an appointment to see the selection of scapulars, rosaries, and other religious goods for sale through the Sacred Heart League's store.

St. Hedwig's Angel Choir: A great way for your children to learn about music and train their voices! It meets every 3rd

Saturday (next time on November 18th). Location: in the parish hall at 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. (children can come down right after Mass if it ends earlier). If there is a funeral we will meet in the rectory basement - enter through the garage. Free – all welcome! There will be fun, games & music. For questions: Text or phone Miriam Westen at 613-602-3028.

St. Mary's Craft and Bake Sale: Saturday, November 25th, 9:30a.m. - 2:30 p.m., St. Mary's Parish Hall, Wilno. Craft booths, baked goods and canteen specials. Admission: \$1.

The Draw for St. Andrew's Parish Raffle: Will take place Sunday, November 26th, downstairs in St. Andrew's Church hall, following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. St. Andrew's Knights of Columbus will serve Bacon on a Bun plus coffee and tea. Free will donations only, all proceeds to Parish Heating Fund.

St. Nicholas Advent Fair: Join the Queen of Angels homeschool co-op for an evening of festive spirit, homemade gifts, crafts, cookies, hot chocolate, music, ballet, a Christmas play and snatch up some unique gifts to support our young people. A special guest appearance of St. Nicholas! It's going to be a great night-and everyone is welcome to be a part of it! Please see poster in the back of the church for more information.

Catholics and Euthanasia: Dear parishioners, due to the continued push to normalize and legitimize the practice of euthanasia in our society, I need to remind you of the Church's teaching on this subject. The practice of euthanasia is deeply immoral, and constitutes a grave sin against human life. To further explain this teaching, we will re-publish in the bulletin excerpts of Bishop Guy Desrochers' pastoral letter on this issue (Fr. Pawel): "Just as the alleviation of physical and emotional suffering is crucial at the time of caring for someone who is sick, so too is the spiritual responsibility of caring for the soul of a person. While our bodies will eventually die, the soul is the innermost part of the person, and is immortal. Authentic care for the soul is not arbitrary, but finds fullness in encountering the Truth as revealed to us by Christ. Pope Francis has taken this obligation seriously in seeking to ensure that all members of the Church are clearly aware that euthanasia is, in every circumstance, a grave evil. As your Chief Shepherd, together with the priests of the Church, we have promised with our lives to articulate what is inscribed on the human heart and taught by the Church. While many will seek to dismiss and discredit such teachings in light of the growing acceptance and even promotion of euthanasia/assisted suicide, the Word of God in recent Sundays has reminded all of us that we will all have to render a personal account before the Lord. Since the pastors of the Church are entrusted with the care of souls, we must endeavour not only to articulate the teaching but also the reasons why the teaching is consistent with the Good News of God's Law" (Bishop Guy Desrochers, C.S.S.R., January 10, 2021).

Pastoral Care of the Dying: The Church desires that Her faithful know consolation, comfort, and forgiveness through the Sacraments of Confession and Anointing of the Sick, also when a Catholic is preparing for death. Be sure to let your family know to honour your desires when it is time to call a priest. Being reconciled to God through Confession, anointed with Holy Oils, and receiving Viaticum, are all important aspects of preparing for death that is not "sudden and unprovided".

Considerations for Funeral Arrangements: Dear parishioners, I strongly encourage you to make clear to your family or the executors of your will that you wish: a) to have a Catholic funeral Mass upon your death; and b) to be buried in consecrated ground in a Catholic cemetery. Such directives could also be put into your last will and testament. The proper place for a Catholic after death is a Catholic cemetery, where the body or the ashes of the deceased person are not only reverently interred, but also situated in a spot which is conducive to prayer for the Faithful Departed (Fr. Pawel).

From the Encyclical On the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Life of the Pilgrim Church: When the Holy Family returns to Nazareth after Herod's death, there begins the long period of the hidden life. She "who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord" (Lk. 1:45) lives the reality of these words day by day. And daily at her side is the Son to whom "she gave the name Jesus"; therefore in contact with him she certainly uses this name, a fact which would have surprised no one, since the name had long been in use in Israel. Nevertheless, Mary knows that he who bears the name Jesus has been called by the angel "the Son of the Most High" (cf. Lk. 1:32). Mary knows she has conceived and given birth to him "without having a husband," by the power of the Holy Spirit, by the power of the Most High who overshadowed her (cf. Lk. 1:35), just as at the time of Moses and the Patriarchs the cloud covered the presence of God (cf. Ex. 24:16; 40:34-35; I Kings 8:10-12). Therefore Mary knows that the Son to whom she gave birth in a virginal manner is precisely that "Holy One," the Son of God, of whom the angel spoke to her. During the years of Jesus' hidden life in the house at Nazareth, Mary's life too is "hid with Christ in God" (cf. Col. 3:3) through faith. For faith is contact with the mystery of God. Every day Mary is in constant contact with the ineffable mystery of God made man, a mystery that surpasses everything revealed in the Old Covenant. From the moment of the Annunciation, the mind of the Virgin-Mother has been initiated into the radical "newness" of God's self-revelation and has been made aware of the mystery. She is the first of those "little ones" of whom Jesus will say one day: "Father, ...you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes" (Mt. 11:25). For "no one knows the Son except the Father" (Mt. 11:27). If this is the case, how can Mary "know the Son"? Of course she does not know him as the Father does; and yet she is the first of those to whom the Father "has chosen to reveal him" (cf. Mt. 11:26-27; 1 Cor. 2:11). If though, from the moment of the Annunciation, the Son-whom only the Father knows completely, as the one who begets him in the eternal "today" (cf. Ps. 2:7) was revealed to Mary, she, his Mother, is in contact with the truth about her Son only in faith and through faith! She is therefore blessed, because "she has believed," and continues to believe day after day amidst all the trials and the adversities of Jesus' infancy and then during the years of the hidden life at Nazareth, where he "was obedient to them" (Lk. 2:51). He was obedient both to Mary and also to Joseph, since Joseph took the place of his father in people's eyes; for this reason, the Son of Mary was regarded by the people as "the carpenter's son" (Mt. 13:55) (St. John Paul II, *Redemptoris Mater*, 17).

Recollection for Women: Inspired by the writings of St. Josemaria Escriva, founder of Opus Dei, at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Pembroke, November 23rd, 11 am-1 pm. Includes exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, guided prayer, examination of conscience, confession, benediction and a talk. Bring your lunch and stay to socialize afterward. To carpool from Barry's Bay, please contact Teresa at teresamoose63@gmail.com.

"Tree of Lights": The St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation's Tree of Lights Campaign is raising money for local healthcare including the purchase of a new mammography machine for St. Francis Memorial Hospital. To make a gift to the Campaign this holiday season, call 613-756-3045 ext. 217 or visit www.sfvhfoundation.com.

From plague, famine, fire, and war – Save us, o Lord. *Od powietrza, głodu, ognia i wojny – Wybaw nas Panie.*
From sudden and unprovided death – Save us, o Lord. *Od naglej i niespodziewanej śmierci – Wybaw nas Panie.*