

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.:118; 8 a.m.: 143; 11 a.m.: 229; Total: 490

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

Monday November 27	Ferial 8:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m.	(<i>Roman Martyrology:</i> St. James Intercisus, Martyr) Agnes & Ted Spilek & Grandparents by the Etmanski Family Intentions of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College by SWC
Tuesday November 28	Ferial 8:00 a.m.	(St. Catherine Laboure, Virgin) Jerry Burchat by Audrey & Isadore
Wednesday November 29	Ferial 8:00 a.m. 12:00 noon	(<i>Roman Martyrology:</i> St. Francis Fasani, Priest & Religious) Deceased Dombroskie Family by Rose Emma Brydson
Thursday November 30	St. Andrew, Apostle (Feast) 8:00 a.m.	Andrew & Catherine Etmanski on their 66 th Wedding Anniversary by Rick & Jane
First Friday December 1	Ferial 8:00 a.m. 12:00 noon 3:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	(<i>Roman Martyrology:</i> St. Eligius, Bishop) [parish day of prayer and reparation "for our sins, and the sins of the whole world"] For the Souls of Raymond Mask & Jan Shalla by Sacred Heart League Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Nocturnal Adoration Chaplet of Divine Mercy Confessions In atonement for our sins and those of the whole world
First Saturday December 2	Our Lady's Saturday 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.	Confessions Special Intentions Confessions

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dec. 3rd 2023

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Soul of Tadeusz Slowik by Maria & Andrew Slowik
Sunday	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Carol-Ann Zelney by Francis & Family Intentions of the People

First of Advent (December 3 rd , 2023)	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Readers of the Word	Eleanor Trader	Noah Kluge	Pete Baklinski
Holy Communion	Deacon Robert Probert	Deacon Jean-Nil Chabot	Br. Grzegorz Loska OMI
Ushers	Duncan Barber (crew captain) and ushers	Stanley Rumleskie (crew captain) and ushers	Daniel Shalla (crew captain) and ushers

Offerings: Sunday: \$2,963.40; Building Maintenance: \$820.00;

Carpet Fund: \$50.00; Reno Fund: \$50.00; Christmas: \$40.00; Various: \$40.00; Flower Fund: \$290.00

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

Let us pray for the repose of the soul of Bernard Prince.

Thank You: The Sacred Heart League gives a huge "Thank you" to everyone who donated money, raffle items or baked goods to our craft and bake sale. To those who attended, to the vendors and to those who worked at the event "Thank you". It was a great success.

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

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

Euchre: The next Euchre games will be Sunday, December 3rd & December 17th at 7:00 p.m. Cost: \$5.00.

Advent Celebration of Life for Youth: Inviting ages 9 to 17 at 12 noon, Sunday, December 10th at Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College portables. Guest Speaker: Maria Rose Moysse from Action Life. Learn about the secret life of the child in the womb and about Our Lady of Guadalupe. Snacks provided along with songs and memento. Parents are welcome to attend. For more information, please see our poster. Hosted by the St. Hedwig ProLife Group.

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.

2024 Mass offerings: We are almost fully booked for 2024 Mass requests. **We are currently not accepting** any further Masses to be said at St. Hedwig's. The last available dates will be reserved for funerals and emergencies. Please come and request Masses as Mass transfers, no restrictions to the numbers of these Masses apply.

Mass Transfers: The following Masses have been transferred to Fr. Jerry Gauvreau, C.C.: For the Holy Souls in Purgatory (6 Masses); Intentions of Zygmunt Fedorowicz by Maria Reilander; Living & Deceased members of the Perry family by the family; Ronnie Shalla by Diane; Intentions of Ted & Theresa on their 50th wedding anniversary by Deacon Bob & Mary Lois; Annie Yantha, Krystyna Suska (both by Zigmund & Jennifer Norlock); Repose of the soul of David Richard Johnston by Valens Wolfs; Mary & Anthony & Alphonse Stoppa, Joseph Dombroskie (both by the family); David & Andrew (two Masses), Victor & Rose Stoppa, Bruno & Victor Jr. Stoppa, Stanley & Martha Brenton;

Brothers & Sisters, Melissa Stoppa & Nora Brotton, Constance Chippure, Edward Buraczewski (all by Peter & Clementine Brotton)

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.

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): "Samaritanus Bonus imparts very clear pastoral guidance as to why the Sacraments are not to be administered to one who has made his/her decision for euthanasia. The Church has consistently shown us that the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick and Viaticum are to be administered only when a proper disposition is evident, specifically contrition and openness to the mercy of God. One cannot be open to the graces of the Sacraments while at the same time having an intention of then violating God's Law with euthanasia/assisted suicide. To do so would create a situation where a priest is unable to administer the Sacraments faithfully. The graces of the Sacraments are so lavish that the ministers of the Church must never give up praying with such persons to seek a conversion of heart. Samaritanus Bonus states, "The position of the Church here does not imply a non-acceptance of the sick person. It must be accompanied by a willingness to listen and to help, with a deeper explanation of the nature of the sacrament, in order to provide the opportunity to desire and choose the sacrament up to the last moment". (SB, 11)" (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: The Mother of that Son, therefore, mindful of what has been told her at the Annunciation and in subsequent events, bears within herself the radical "newness" of faith: the beginning of the New Covenant. This is the beginning of the Gospel, the joyful Good News. However, it is not difficult to see in that beginning a particular heaviness of heart, linked with a sort of night of faith"-to use the words of St. John of the Cross-a kind of "veil" through which one has to draw near to the Invisible One and to live in intimacy with the mystery. And this is the way that Mary, for many years, lived in intimacy with the mystery of her Son, and went forward in her "pilgrimage of faith," while Jesus "increased in wisdom...and in favor with God and man" (Lk. 2:52). God's predilection for him was manifested ever more clearly to people's eyes. The first human creature thus permitted to discover Christ was Mary, who lived with Joseph in the same house at Nazareth. However, when he had been found in the Temple, and his Mother asked him, "Son, why have you treated us so?" the twelve-year-old Jesus answered: "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" And the Evangelist adds: "And they (Joseph and Mary) did not understand the saying which he spoke to them" (Lk. 2:48-50). Jesus was aware that "no one knows the Son except the Father" (cf. Mt. 11:27); thus even his Mother, to whom had been revealed most completely the mystery of his divine sonship, lived in intimacy with this mystery only through faith! Living side by side with her Son under the same roof, and faithfully persevering "in her union with her Son," she "advanced in her pilgrimage of faith," as the Council emphasizes. And so it was during Christ's public life too (cf. Mk. 3:21-35) that day by day there was fulfilled in her the blessing uttered by Elizabeth at the Visitation: "Blessed is she who believed" (St. John Paul II, *Redemptoris Mater*, 17).

"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.

Prayer for the Future Bishop of our Diocese: Heavenly Father, we ask in the name of your Son, that you bless our future bishop. Provide him with the gifts he will need to carry on the ministry of Jesus in our diocese. Grant him the heart of your Son, the heart of the Good Shepherd. Bestow upon him the zeal of St. Paul in preaching the Good News; the humility of St. John Vianney in ministering the sacraments; the compassion of St. Vincent-de-Paul in serving those most in need; the wisdom of St. Augustine in teaching the doctrine of our Church; and the missionary fervour of St. Columbkille, our patron. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

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 nagłej i niespodziewanej śmierci – Wybaw nas Panie.*