



# St. Hedwig Church

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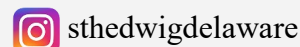
## Parish Office

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JANUARY 14, 2024 † SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME †



## ***St. Hedwig Church welcomes you ...***

*We the faithful of Saint Hedwig Parish, a Catholic Community, are committed to living and sharing the Gospel values as disciples of Jesus Christ, celebrating our lives together around the table of the Eucharist and other sacramental times during our journey of faith.*

**Fr. Andrew Molewski**  
Pastor

**Fr. Adam Slominski, SChr**  
Assistant Pastor

**Deacon Ray Zolandz**

## Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

11:30 a.m. (Polish)

4:00 p.m.

**Holy Days:** see website & bulletin

**First Friday:** 6:30 p.m.

Purgatorial Society Mass

**Adoration:** Sunday 3-4:00 p.m.

## Weekday Mass Schedule

(in Saint Pope John Paul II Chapel)

Monday - Friday 6:30 p.m.

(Adoration 5:30-6:30pm each evening)

Saturday 8:00 a.m.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confession on Saturday: 3:00-3:45 p.m.  
and on weeknights before Mass

## Parish Office Business Hours

Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday Evening

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The first reading presents the call of the prophet Samuel. In 1 Samuel 1-2, we meet a barren woman by the name of Hannah. Her prayers to God are answered with the birth of her son, whom she names Samuel, which means "his name is El/God." In gratitude for his life, she offers him to God at the shrine of Shiloh, where he serves the aging priest Eli. Shortly before today's reading, the text notes "a revelation of the Lord was uncommon and vision infrequent." Samuel has no way of knowing that the voice calling to him is God's. In fact, it takes Eli, the priest, three times before he himself realizing what's happening. Guided by Eli, the priest, three times before he himself realizing what's happening. Guided by Eli, Samuel's response, "Here I am," is now directed toward God. As a prophet, Samuel will anoint Saul and then David as rulers over Judah.

Paul frequently uses a body metaphor to explain baptism and Christian membership. In today's second reading, Paul reminds the Corinthians that are united with the Lord, both in body and in spirit. In fact, their bodies are the very temple of the Holy Spirit. Acts of immorality not only affect the sinner, but they are an affront to Christ, by whose death they have been purchased at a price.

The Gospel reading picks up the narrative of Jesus shortly after Jesus' baptism (which the evangelist John does not narrate). John the Baptist is standing with two of his disciples when Jesus happens by. Within this brief passage, Jesus is identified by several titles. John the Baptist calls Him the Lamb of God. This title may foreshadow Jesus' own sacrifice like the paschal lamb of Exodus. The two disciples of John call Jesus "Rabbi," which means "teacher." This is a referential title, which is used by disciples and Pharisees. Andrew tells his brother Peter that he has found the "Messiah." In the first century, the Jews envisioned several different types of messiahs: a kingly one from the line of David, a warrior to end Roman oppression, and a Son of Man who would usher in the beginning of the reign of God. As John's Gospel develops, seven signs will be presented to help clarify exactly what kind of messiah Jesus is.

God bless,  
Fr. Andrew

## † Słowo Proboszcza †

Kochani Parafianie,

Jan Ewangelista w dzisiejszej Ewangelii (J1,35-42) pokazuje nam Jana Chrzciciela jako tego, który wskazuje na Chrystusa, który nie zatrzymuje uwagi uczniów na sobie, ale jest dla nich jak palec wskazujący, który prowadzi do celu, do źródła życia. Jego słowa <<Oto Baranek Boży>> inicjują ruch uczniów, zaczynają oni iść za Jezusem. Jest to ważny moment w ich życiu, prawdopodobnie mocno zmieniający ich dotychczasowe życie, bo zostają oni powołani na uczniów Jezusa. Na początku być może nie do końca wiedzą, dlaczego idą, ale mają w sobie pragnienie poznania Jezusa. <<Gdzie mieszkasz?>> zadają pytanie. Nie chodzi tu raczej o ulicę i numer domu. Zobaczyć mieszkanie oznacza poznać drugą osobę, to co lubi, czym się otacza, jaką ma wrażliwość, czyli poznać jej bardzo osobistą, intymną przestrzeń.

Spójrzmy teraz na Jezusa. Jest On w drodze, przechodzi koło Jana Chrzciciela. Czuje, może słyszy, że ktoś idzie za Nim, więc odwraca się i widzi dwóch uczniów. Jest ciekawy ich pragnień, motywacji, pyta się więc: <<Czego szukacie?>>. Dostaje odpowiedź i zaprasza uczniów do siebie, do swojego mieszkania. Mówi: <<Chodźcie, a zobaczycie.>> Pozwala im zaspokoić ich ciekawość, ich pragnienie. <<Poszli i zobaczyli>> - nastąpiło spotkanie uczniów z Jezusem. Jest to istota każdej relacji, bo tylko spotkanie pozwala na poznanie drugiej osoby. Dzięki temu spotkaniu uczniowie mogli powiedzieć: <<Znaleźliśmy Mesjasza>>.

Zobaczmy kto i co w naszym życiu pokazuje Chrystusa. Może są to jacyś księża, znajomi, konferencje, książki. Dobrze, że to wszystko jest, ale pamiętajmy, że te wymienione osoby, rzeczy są podobnie jak Jan Chrzciciel palcem wskazującym na Chrystusa, a nie przesłaniającym Go. Poznanie Jezusa może następować tylko przez spotkanie się z Nim, czyli przez modlitwę. Jezus jest ciekawy ciebie i twoich pragnień. Pyta się ciebie: czego szukasz? Zaprasza ciebie do swojego mieszkania i mówi: chodź i zobacz. POJDZIESZ I ZOBACZYSZ?

Szczesc Boze,

Ks. Andrzej



*If there are no ushers present at the Mass you attend, please place your envelopes in the donation boxes at the front and back of the church. Thanks for your help!*

## Weekly Collection

Every penny counts!



Thank you for your contribution - big and small!

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

**December 30 & 31 2023**

Offertory Envelopes - \$3142.00

& Special Collections - \$925.00

We appreciate your generosity and thank you.

**Hospital Visitations**– Please contact the rectory at 302-594-1400, Ext. 0, or email sthedwigchurch@comcast.net if you are in the hospital and would like a priest to visit you. The pastoral services at the hospitals are no longer making weekly calls to update us on admissions.



## WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF ST. HEDWIG



We invite you for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Saint John Paul II Chapel, Monday-Friday evenings from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Confessions are heard during Adoration. Holy Mass begins at 6:30 p.m. During Eucharistic Adoration, we “watch and wait”, we remain “silent” in His Presence and open ourselves to His Graces which flow from the Eucharist. Come and pray!



### PRAYER GROUP

Every Thursday evening in the parish hall, immediately following the 6:30 p.m. Mass. Join us for Mass,

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK



**Monday, January 15, 2024** 1 Sm 15:16-23 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 Mk 2:18-22  
**Tuesday, January 16, 2024** 1 Sm 16:1-13 Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28 Mk 2:23-28  
**Wednesday, January 17, 2024** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 Mk 3:1-6  
**Thursday, January 18, 2024** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7 Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13 Mk 3:7-12  
**Friday, January 19, 2024** 1 Sm 24:3-21 Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11 Mk 3:13-19  
**Saturday, January 20, 2024** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 Ps 80:2-3, 5-7 Mk 3:20-21  
**Sunday, January 21, 2024** Jon 3:1-5, 10 Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 1 Cor 7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DEPARTED THIS LIFE DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER.**

Joseph Rybaltowski

December 28

### *Called to Serve* *Lectors*

#### **Become a lector and pass on the joy of scripture.**

If you would like to serve as a lector at any of the weekend Masses, please contact Dot Dorsey (302-455-0329) to be added to the roster. The schedules are flexible. If you have questions about what is involved, you can contact Dot Dorsey or Sandi Murphy (484-343-5776) to learn more about what a lector does and what helpful resources are available. Please consider actively participating in the Liturgy of the Word.



**Tuesdays, 9-11 a.m.: Pro-life vigil,** outside Wilmington Planned Parenthood, 7th and Shipley Sts., Wilmington. Members of the Wilmington for Life team will be present from 9AM until 1 PM on Mondays through Saturdays. Join us anytime during those hours to take a prayerful stand for life. To register your parish or yourself for a day/time or more information contact Nancy at 302-893-1039 or nancyfrick93@verizon.net.

### PRAY FOR THE SICK



**Remember and Pray for all who are sick in our parish and community.**

**Remember and Pray for all who have departed this life.**

Father Andrew, Fran Golden, John Yasik, Bri Iacona, Rosalie Wilner, Mary Ann Romano, Anna Kaminska, Wanda Weikel, Aleksander Bielecki, Cindy, Sharon Kozlowski, Dot, Joe, Hanna, Terry, Lori Weikel, Erin Rathmanner, John & Sally Sitek, John & Marie Larouche, Jack & Kathy McDermott, Josephine Szczerba, Sandra Boom, Rudolf Wolanin, John W. Foskey, Sr., Mary Eva Ross, Frank Kucharski and Joy Deluchia

**HEAL THEM O LORD!**

## Masses For The Week



### Monday, January 15, 2024

6:30pm Tom Kempinski  
Int. Jingles & Theresa

### Tuesday, January 16, 2024

6:30pm Living Intention— Sheila Reid  
Int. Kim-Marie Cox

### Wednesday, January 17, 2024

6:30pm Joseph Czerwinski  
Int. Brother, George & Family

### Thursday, January 18, 2024

6:30pm Carl Koekkoek  
Int. Wife, Dorothy

### Friday, January 19, 2024

6:30pm Deceased Members of Milowicki Family  
Int. Family

### Saturday, January 20, 2024

8am Msgr. Stanley W. Delikat  
Int. Rosary Society

4pm Phil Hill  
Int. Rykaczewski Family

### Sunday, January 21, 2024

9am Frieda & John Juda  
Int. Erwin J. Juda

11:30am Frank & Anna Boruta  
Int. Friend

4pm Paul David (Gus) Sargent, III  
Int. John & Nancy Lagowski



**Sacrament of Baptism:** Call the Parish Office during office hours to make arrangements for Baptism.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Engaged couples should call the Parish Office so that the proper preparation may be made at least one year in advance of the planned wedding date.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** One-half hour before daily Mass in the Chapel, Monday—Friday and on Saturday from 3:00– 3:45 p.m. in Church; or by appointment.

**Anointing of the Sick and the Eucharist:** Please call the parish office to arrange for Communion, Confession, and/or Anointing of the Sick. Parishioners who are planning surgery should contact the priest to receive the Anointing of the Sick before the surgery.

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):** All adults who are discerning readiness to join the Catholic Church and are interested in becoming Catholic or completing their sacraments should call the Parish Office. All are welcome.

**Religious Education Classes (CCD):** Children not attending Catholic School are educated in the faith through our Religious Education Program. Please contact the Office of Religious Education and leave a message at 594-1400 Ext. 4.

## † Sanctuary Lamp †



signifying the Eucharistic Presence  
of Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
will burn this week in Memory of  
Paul David (Gus) Sargent, III & Family

Requested by:

St. Hedwig Knights of Columbus

Pope John Paul II Council



### Reminder: The Sacrament of Reconciliation

is offered at St. Hedwig Church Monday - Friday between 5:30-6:30pm (during Eucharistic Adoration) in the Chapel and on Saturday from 3-3:45pm before the 4pm Mass in the Church.

Please take this opportunity to turn to our Merciful God, receive His forgiveness and be reconciled with Him.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- Monday thru Friday - Eucharistic Adoration, St. John Paul II Chapel 5:30-6:30pm.
- Family Mass - 9:00am first Sunday every month.
- Rosary Mass - 8:30am first Sunday after the first Friday every month.
- Confessions - Every evening during Adoration & 1/2 hour before Masses.
- Blessing of Religious Articles - Second weekend of each month after all Masses.
- Healing of the Sick - Third weekend of each month after 4pm Sunday Mass.
- Prayer Group - Meets every Thursday after 6:30pm Mass.
- Flame of Love - Meets the 2nd & 4th Saturdays at 2:30pm in Gulcz Hall
- Knights of Columbus - Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. John Lagowski, Grand Knight, 302-992- 0309
- Religious Education Classes 10-11:30am every Sunday- Sept.—May
- R.C.I.A. every Monday at 7pm from October-March



Due to the generosity of her parishioners, St. Hedwig's provided over 200 items of warm clothing for those in need. Also, over 70 "giving tree" items were donated for distribution within the parish and the community. Thanks again for your generous support of these programs.



**Rite of Christian Initiation  
for Adults**

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A CATHOLIC?

R.C.I.A. is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. The program is open to people 16 years of age or older. Have you been worshipping with us, but never officially took the step to become Catholic?

Have you been a Catholic all your life, but never celebrated all the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation?

Have you been away from the church, returned and would like to know more about the Catholic Church? If any of these questions apply to you, you might want to consider participating in the R.C.I.A. process.

Or, if you know of anyone who could answer yes to any of these questions, perhaps you could extend an invitation to them.

If you are interested and have questions, or would like to register, please call the rectory office at (302)594-1400, ext. 0. R.C.I.A. classes are held one evening each week at 7:00 p.m. in the parish rectory and will begin in late October. There is no cost for the program and all materials will be provided.

We welcome everyone to the program.



## St. Hedwig Polish Festival 2024

*We cordially invite all who are interested in helping with this year's Polish Festival to please join us for our first meeting.*

*When: Wednesday, January 24th  
(after the 6:30pm Mass)*

*Where: Monsignor Gulcz Hall*

*Hope to see you there!*

