



St. Hedwig Church

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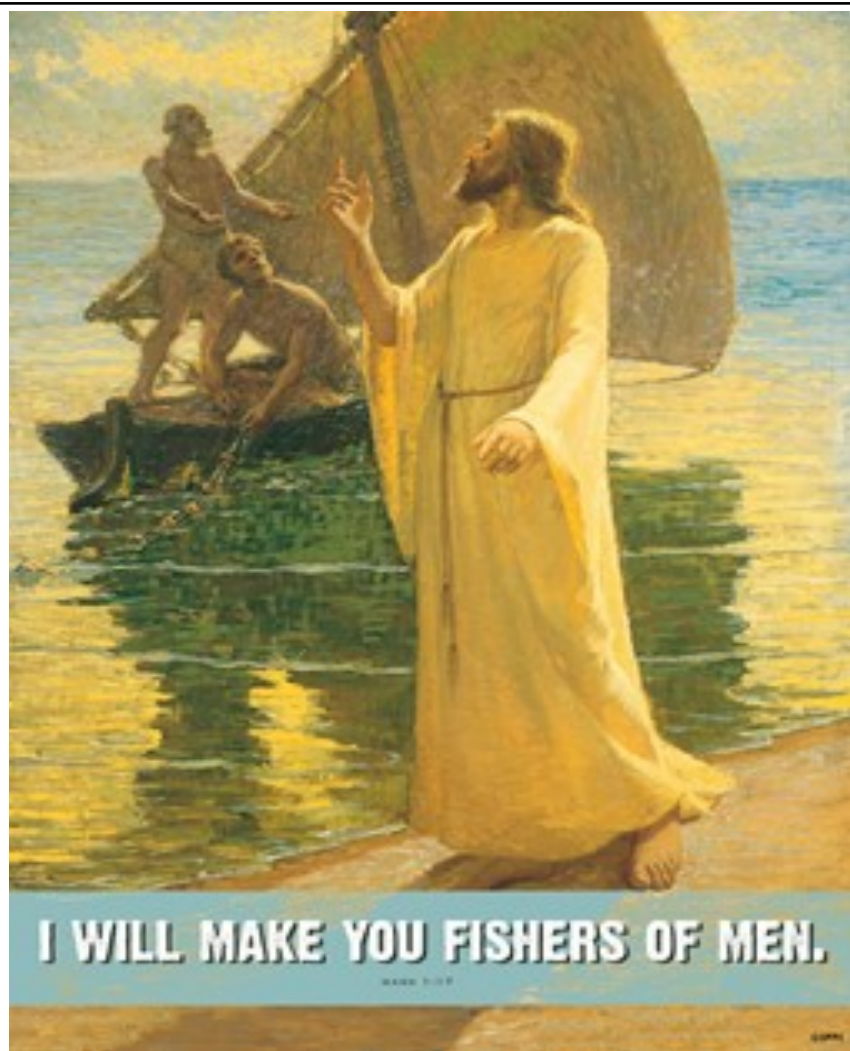
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JANUARY 21, 2024 † THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME †



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.

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.



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The first reading neglects to include that this is the prophet Jonah's second commission from the Lord. In the preceding chapters, Jonah ignored God's request to preach to the pagan city of Nineveh in Assyria. When today's reading begins, Jonah is now on his way to the city of his enemies. His preaching is successful. The people of Nineveh – the king and commoner – repent and believe in God, who sees their sincerity and does not send divine wrath upon them. The tale of Jonah the reluctant prophet is a post-exilic story meant to remind the Jews that God's judgment and mercy extend beyond the narrow bounds of Israel to include even a nation as wicked as Assyria.

In chapter seven of Paul's Letter to the Corinthians, he addresses the community's concerns about marriage in light of the second coming of Jesus, or *parousia*. After offering practical advice, he then notes that time is running out. The very institutions about which the Corinthians are so concerned will soon be obsolete. When Jesus Christ returns, the reign of God will come to fullness, and the present reality will be wholly changed.

As today's Gospel opens, John's arrest signals the beginning of Jesus' ministry. He came to Galilee to proclaim the gospel of God. "The reign of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." The Gospel has two components: urgency of the end-times and a response on the part of the listeners. As Mark's Gospel continues, the reader will recognize that the reign of God is made manifest in the person and deeds of Jesus. This Gospel of God that Jesus preaches requires a response. Those who hear are to repent (*metanoeo*) and believe (*pisteuo*). Like the people of Nineveh in the first reading, one must change his or her way of thinking and behaving. *Metanoia* means literally a change of mind. But change is not enough; one must also believe in the good news of God. The call of the disciples becomes a narrative example of the appropriate response to the Gospel. Simon and Andrew and then James and John literally drop what they are doing, leaving behind their livelihood and their families in response to Jesus' summons.

God bless,
Fr. Andrew

† Słowo Proboszcza †

Kochani Parafianie,

Dziś po raz drugi obchodzimy w Kościele Niedzielę Słowa Bożego, ustanowioną przez papieża Franciszka we wrześniu 2019 r. W tym kontekście warto sobie przypomnieć co nieco informacji odnośnie Biblii. Zatem pierwsza rzecz – to odnalezienie swojego! egzemplarza. Mam na myśli jego obecność w domu, może jeszcze ktoś nie ma Pisma Świętego, dlatego warto poszukać odpowiedniej wersji, która w jakimś znaczeniu będzie odpowiadała osobistemu zapotrzebowaniu. Niektórzy lubią duże litery, inni więcej komentarzy w notce marginalnej, czy w przypisach, a jeszcze inni korzystają z wersji obcojęzycznych bądź elektronicznych. Zatem nie ma wymówienia się, że... i tu wiele irracjonalnych uzasadnień – jak nie wejść w kontakt ze Słowem.

Kolejną rzeczą będzie albo już jest oswojenie się ze swoim! egzemplarzem. Co mam na myśli pisząc „swoim” – mianowicie jaka jest okładka, zapach, grubość kartek, itp. a w końcu czy używać ołówka, highlighter'a czy może długopisu do robienia swoich notatek, podkreśleń itp. Tak, w swoim! Piśmie Świętym mogą robić notatki, bo Słowo żyje i jest skuteczne (por. Hbr 4,12), i daje natchnienie do życia tu i teraz.

Na koniec przybliżmy się do dzisiejszego Słowa z Mk 1,14-20. Już na samym początku możemy przeczytać: „Czas się wypełnił i bliskie jest królestwo Boże. Nawracajcie się i wierzcie w Ewangelię!”. Może zacznij od zaznaczenia słowa w powyższym fragmencie w tym biuletynie, które wzbudza TWOJE zainteresowanie. Może to być kolejny krok, aby trochę dłużej pozostać z dzisiejszą Ewangelią. Możesz również poszukać tego fragmentu w swoim! Piśmie Świętym. Możesz też skorzystać z odpowiedzi – co to znaczy: „nawracajcie się” z gr. *μετανοεῖτε*? To znaczy dosłownie: „zmienić sposób myślenia”, możemy powiedzieć zmieniać swoje serce, aby było otwarte na Boga, drugiego człowieka i samego siebie. A to dzieje się przy współpracy z Bogiem, zatem – jaka jest Twoja (swoja!) Biblia?

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!

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.

Weekly Collection

Every penny counts!



Thank you for your contribution - big and small!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
January 6 & 7 2024

Offertory Envelopes - \$2325.00
& Special Collections - \$489.00

We appreciate your generosity and thank you.

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 22, 2024 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10 Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26 Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday, January 23, 2024 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19 Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday, January 24, 2024 2 Sm 7:4-17 Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30 Mk 4:1-20

Thursday, January 25, 2024 Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22 Ps 117:1bc, 2 Mk 16:15-18

Friday, January 26, 2024 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 Mk 4:26-34

Saturday, January 27, 2024 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 Mk 4:35-41

Sunday, January 28, 2024 Dt 18:15-20 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 1 Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28



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, 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 22, 2024

6:30pm Living Intention-Theodora McCaffrey
Int. Kim-Marie Cox

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

6:30pm Joseph Rybaltowski
Int. Linda & Kevin Odle

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

6:30pm Theresa "Tery" H. Mattera
Int. Coleen & Gary Michalowski

Thursday, January 25, 2024

6:30pm Living Intention- Fr. Adam Slominski
Int. Suzanne Watson

Friday, January 26, 2024

6:30pm Edward & William Kozlowski
Int. Suggie, Gary & Gabe

Saturday, January 27, 2024

8am 70th Wedding Anniversary Blessings (Living)
Dolores & Bill Rybaltowski
Int. Erwin J. Juda

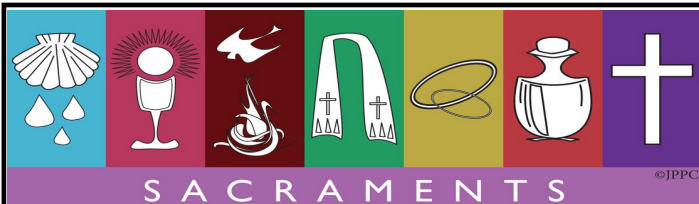
4pm John Appel, III
Int. Theresa Blackadar

Sunday, January 28, 2024

9am 70th Wedding Anniversary Blessings (Living)
Int. Bill Rybaltowski

11:30am Emilia Bialecki
Int. Wiesia Wootten

4pm Joe Rybaltowski
Int. Pat Noonan



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

Father Joe Wharton

Requested by:

Mike Siwek



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!



50-50 Raffle—The Holy Rosary Society will sell tickets after the 9, 11:30am & 4pm weekend Masses until February 10th. Tickets are \$1. each or 6 for \$5. The winning ticket will be drawn at a Sweetheart Social after the 4pm Mass on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Come and share some Valentine treats and see if you are the lucky winner. For more information, call Sandi Murphy (484)343-5776.

(Need not be present to win).

