



St. Hedwig Church

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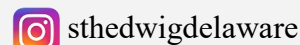
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FEBRUARY 4, 2024 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME †



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.



† Słowo Proboszcza †

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The book of Job is part of a group of writing known as wisdom literature, which strives to understand how one is to be successful in life and behave appropriately before God. The story of Job is that of a righteous man upon whom God inflicts great suffering in order to test Job's fortitude. The central question of the book of Job is not why the righteous suffer but how God is related to one's suffering. Throughout the book, Job and his three fiends wrestle with the meaning of his suffering, until finally God answers. In today's reading, Job recognizes the transitory and brief nature of human existence.

One of the benefits of being an apostle was the community paid for one's services. But Paul consistently declined this right. Rather, he recognized his mission as an obligation, and his willingness to preach was recompense enough. His refusal to accept his rights as an apostle was used against him by rival preachers, who found in his generosity a sign of weakness. Paul answers his critics by outlining his mission strategy: "I have become all things to all, to save at least some".

The Gospel reading outlines Jesus' own mission strategy, as envisioned by Mark. Jesus moves immediately from the synagogue, where he has cast out the unclean spirit, to Peter's house, where he heals Peter's mother-in-law. The whole town gathers at his door, and Jesus continues to heal and drive out demons. The next morning while he is attempting to pray, Simon informs him that everyone is seeking him. Jesus responds that he must travel to other villages and preach, "for this purpose I have come." This signals that the healing and casting out of demons are not the goal of Jesus' ministry, but are simply signs that the reign of God is at hand.

God bless,
Fr. Andrew

Kochani Parafianie,

Wiele razy w różnych okolicznościach słyszymy o potrzebie modlenia się i bardzo dobrze J. Temat jest ważny, bo „Każdy modli się tak, jak żyje, ponieważ każdy żyje tak, jak się modli” por. KKK (Katechizm Kościoła Katolickiego) 2725. W tym kontekście warto zastanowić się nad swoim funkcjonowaniem każdego dnia, bo w jakieś mierze będzie ono odzwierciedlało naszą modlitwę. Taka refleksja może pomóc nam odszukiwać większą równowagę w życiu, a co za tym idzie kierunkować je bardziej na cel naszego życia – bycie z Bogiem na wieki.

Jezus w dzisiejszej Ewangelii „Nad ranem, gdy jeszcze było ciemno, wstał, wyszedł i udał się na miejsce pustynne, i tam się modlił” (Mk1,35). Możemy powiedzieć, w pewnym skrócie myślowym, że Jezus zaplanował miejsce, czas i formę modlitwy. To ciekawa odpowiedź z dzisiejszej Ewangelii. Jezus angażuje się w bycie z Bogiem Ojcem i jest to opisane, abyśmy o tym wiedzieli, i korzystali z tego przekazu. W tym kontekście możemy sobie zadać pytanie – na ile ja angażuję się w życie modlitwy przez konkretne kroki – patrz Mk1,35?

Oczywiście zawsze trzeba od czegoś zacząć – zatem zachęcam, aby zacząć od tego, czego jesteśmy nauczeni w praktyce i formie modlitwy. To będzie wprowadzać pewną swobodę, naturalność, jednak warto pamiętać o tym, aby nie pozostawać w „rutynie” ale uczyć się modlić (tak będzie do końca życia). Jednym z ważnych elementów tej nauki jest uważność i powracanie do uważności. Ona pozwala na większe bycie w obecności Boga. Pewnie na różne sposoby każdy z nas doświadczył uważności, może nawet nie zdając sobie z tego sprawy. Zatem uświadomienie sobie momentów większego trwania w jednym może się okazać pomocą w modlitwie.

A może warto sięgnąć do książki, artykułu o modlitwie albo zapytać osobę znającą się na modlitwie o jakąś odpowiedź? Może okazać się to czymś otwierającym na praktykowanie codziennej, regularnej modlitwy. I pamiętaj: „Pan prowadzi każdą osobę drogami i w sposób zgodny z Jego upodobaniem” por. KKK 2699.

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 20 & 21, 2024
Offertory Envelopes - \$2,000.00
& Special Collections - \$255.00
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, then stay and pray! All are welcome !

READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Monday, February 5, 2024 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 Ps 132:6-7, 8-10 Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday, February 6, 2024 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11 Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday, February 7, 2024 1 Kgs 10:1-10 Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 Mk 7:14-23
Thursday, February 8, 2024 1 Kgs 11:4-13 Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40 Mk 7:24-30
Friday, February 9, 2024 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19 Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15 Mk 7:31-37
Saturday, February 10, 2024 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34 Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22 Mk 8:1-10
Sunday, February 11, 2024 Lv 13:1-2, 44-46 Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 1 Cor 10:31-11:1 Lk 7:16



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

Paul Adam Kozicki

January 14, 2024



Feast of Saint Blaise, February 3, 2024

Blessing of Throats after all week-end Masses on February 3rd & 4th
Saint Blaise is the patron saint of people with diseases of the throat. On the Feast of St. Blaise, many parishes bless the throats of their parishioners. Two unlit candles are held next to each person's throat as the priest or deacon, says, "Through the intercession of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit".



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.



Parish Council
Parish Council Meeting will be held on **Friday, February 9th.**

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, February 5, 2024

6:30pm Joseph Rybaltowski
Int. Malizia Family

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

6:30pm Eugene Gurczenski
Int. Mary, Children & Family

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

6:30pm Christopher & Joan Podsiad
Int. Sisters & Family

Thursday, February 8, 2024

6:30pm Living Intention-Evelina Watson
Int. Suzanne Watson

Friday, February 9, 2024

6:30pm Rev. Joseph Wharton
Holy Rosary Society

Saturday, February 10, 2024

8am Justin Cullen
Int. Suzanne Watson

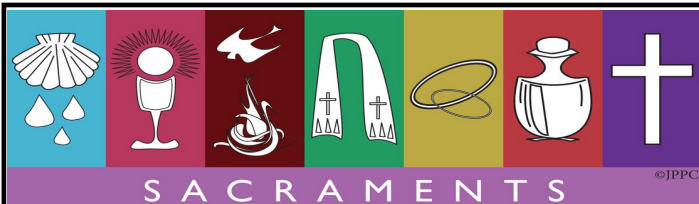
4pm Samborski Family
Int. Family

Sunday, February 11, 2024

9am Linda Goad
Int. Sandi Murphy

11:30am Stanislaw Kukawka
Int. Mary

4pm Paul David (Gus) Sargent, III
Int. Fr. Sean Connery



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
Alexander & Maryjanna Lagowski

Requested by:

John & Nancy Lagowski



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
- February 3rd& 4th—Feast of St. Blaise— Blessing of Throats after all weekend Masses.
- February 9th—Parish Council Meeting
- February 14th-Ash Wednesday Masses— Noon, 5:30pm & 7:00pm (Polish)



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, February 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).*



**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 on Monday 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.



Ash Wednesday is on February 14th

Mass times are as follows:

12:00pm

5:30pm

7:00pm (Polish)

All Masses are celebrated in the church.

