



St. Hedwig Church

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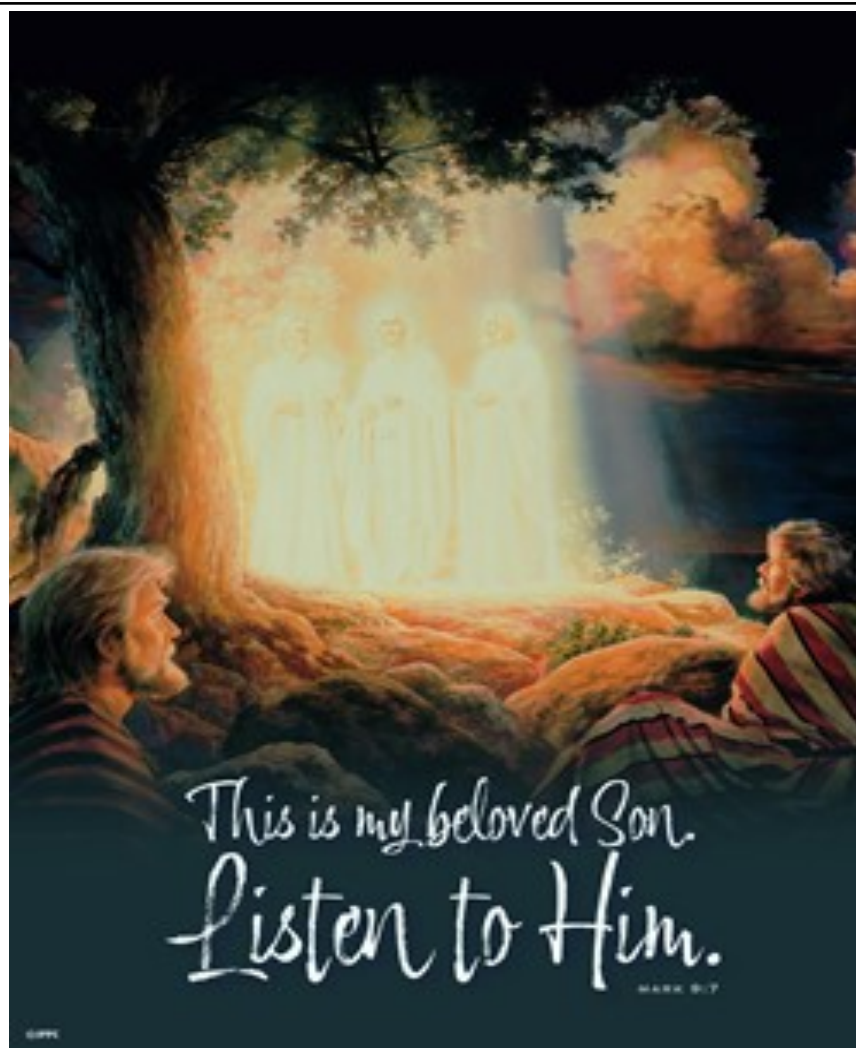
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FEBRUARY 25, 2024 † SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT †



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.



† Słowo Proboszcza †

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The Old Testament presents a variety of images for God. Today's first reading is a narrative depiction of God's self-identification as a jealous God (Exodus 2:5; 34:14; Deuteronomy 4:24; 5:9). To test Abraham's commitment, God requests that he sacrifice his son by Sarah, the promised and long-awaited heir. Abraham chose fidelity to God over his own progeny. Some scholars propose that the story of the near-slaying of Isaac is meant to be a critique of child sacrifice, a practice among some polytheists in the ancient world. It is not death but fidelity that God requires.

Envisioning a divine tribunal, the Apostle Paul writes, "Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones?" (Romans 8:33). Like the story of Abraham, the Father offers his own Son. But unlike the Genesis narrative, God's Son is sacrificed as a redemptive act for our sakes. Paul acknowledges that Christ Jesus died, but he is quick to add that he was also raised and now sits at God's right hand, interceding on our behalf.

Four times in the Gospel of Mark, Jesus is declared the Son of God. The Gospel opens with the title, "The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God", alerting the reader. At His baptism, Jesus hears "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased," privately confirming His sonship. At His death the centurion announces to those gathered, "Truly this man was the Son of God!" In today's reading, Peter, James and John are told, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him." Halfway through the Gospel of Mark, the intimate friends of Jesus have a glimpse of the glory of God, manifested in the presence of Israel's great prophets, Elijah and Moses. In case the mighty deeds of healing and exorcism have failed to convince them, God tells them directly.

God bless,
Fr. Andrew

Kochani Parafianie,

Jezusa zabiera trzech najbliższych uczniów Piotra, Jakuba i Jana na wysoką górę i tam objawia swoje Bóstwo poprzez przemienienie się – Jego odzienie staje się lśniąco białe, a z obłoku słychać głos Boga świadczący o boskim pochodzeniu Jezusa: *To jest mój Syn umiłowany, Jego słuchajcie!* Uczniowie przestraszą się tego, co widzą i słyszą.

Opisywana dzisiaj scena w Ewangelii Św. Marka (Mk9,2-10) może nas trochę zadziwiać. Bowiem uczniowie, którzy przebywają już od jakiegoś czasu z Jezusem potrzebują nabrać przekonania, że jest on oczekiwanym Mesjaszem. Muszą w bardziej widowiskowy sposób zobaczyć swojego Mistrza, by na nowo uwierzyć, że jest On Synem Boga. Znaczące jest też miejsce, na które zabrał ich Jezus: wysoka góra będąca symbolem bliskości Boga, spotkania z Nim, miejscem przemieniania.

Odnieśmy tę scenę do siebie i zadajmy sobie pytanie: czy aby my też podobnie jak uczniowie nie potrzebujemy jakiegoś cudu, nadzwyczajnego znaku, by uwierzyć, że Jezus rzeczywiście jest i działa w naszym życiu? Być może trudno jest nam czasem dostrzegać Jezusa w naszej codzienności, która często jawi się jako szara. Potrzebujemy więc wchodzić na swoją wysoką górę, czyli potrzebujemy spotkania się z Bogiem - modlitwy, która uczy nas zauważać Jezusa w codzienności, dostrzegać, że szarość życia nie musi być nudna, bo ma ona wiele odcieni i w tych szarościach nieustannie przychodzi do nas Jezus.

Popatrzmy jeszcze w inny sposób na tę scenę. Może to nie Jezus przemienił się, ale uczniowie zaczęli inaczej widzieć, z innej perspektywy dostrzegać swojego Nauczyciela, może to w nich nastąpiło przemienienie? My również potrzebujemy naszego ciągłego przemieniania. Pozwoli nam ono uczyć się w nowy sposób dostrzegać Jezusa i w nowy sposób wchodzić z Nim w relację. Nawet jeśli lękamy się zmiany i jak uczniowie możemy się przestraszyć, to warto zaryzykować, bo Bóg mówi do każdego z nas: **JESTEŚ MOIM SYNEM UMIŁOWANYM, JESTEŚ MOJĄ UMIŁOWANĄ CÓRKĄ.** Ten krok będzie sprawiać, że każdego dnia będziemy żyć coraz bardziej pełnią życia w Bogu.

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
February 10-11, 2024
 Offertory Envelopes - \$3,120.00
 & Special Collections - \$337.00
 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 !



2023 Contribution Statements are now available. Please call the Parish Office at (302) 594-1400, Ext. 0 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 9:00am and 3:00pm.

The Holy Rosary Society sends a big thank you to all who participated in the 50-50 raffle. We appreciate your support as we can continue in our service activities in the parish. The raffle collected \$445.00. The lucky winner of our Feb. 10th drawing is Maria Migdalska. Congratulations!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Monday, February 26, 2024 Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday, February 27, 2024 Is 1:10, 16-20 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday, February 28, 2024 Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 Mt 20:17-28

Thursday, February 29, 2024 Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Lk 16:19-31

Friday, March 1, 2024 Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday, March 2, 2024 Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday, March 3, 2024 Ex 20:1-17 or Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 1 Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-25



9-11 a.m. Pro-life vigil, every Tuesday-outside Wilmington Planned Parenthood, 7th and Shipley Streets, Wilmington. For 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, 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., Joy Deluchia, Frank Kucharski, Chris (Jingles) Paraskewich, Irene Olson, Steve Filion, Leo Rostocki and John Streck.

HEAL THEM O LORD!

Masses For The Week



Monday, February 26, 2024

6:30pm Emily Reiss
Int. Sandi Murphy

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

6:30pm Rev. Anthony Schelich
Int. Holy Rosary Society

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

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

Thursday, February 29, 2024

6:30pm Brian Watson, Jr.
Int. Suzanne Watson

Friday, March 1, 2024

6:30pm Joanna & Robert Hamman
Int. Family

Saturday, March 2, 2024

8am Purgatorial Society Members
4pm Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Rosary Society

Sunday, March 3, 2024

9am John Appel, III
Int. Theresa Blackadar
11:30am Gene & Joanne Bialecki
Int. Virginia Wootten
4pm Edward T. Dabrowski
Int. Wife, Hope



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

Sister Vicky Bartkowski
(1st year Anniversary)

Requested by:
Family



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.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday evenings at 7:00pm in the Church
Traditional Stations in English & Polish on February 16,
March 1 & 15. Shadow Stations performed by children of the
parish on February 23, March 8 & 22.
Confession will be heard following Stations of the Cross.



PARISH SOUP SUPPER

A free Soup Supper will be served in Msgr. Gulcz Hall
immediately following the Stations of the Cross on Friday
evenings during Lent: Feb. 16 & 23, March 1, 8, 15, & 22.
The soup supper is free. Soup and bread will be served each
week.

GORZKIE ZALE

Traditional Polish Lenten Service of Hymns (Ancient chants)
retracing the Passion and Crucifixion of Christ. The devotion
is preceded by Benediction and chanted kneeling before the
Blessed Sacrament. Gorzkie Zale (in English) following the
4:00 p.m. Mass every Saturday and Gorzkie Zale (in Polish)
following the 11:30 a.m. Polish Mass every Sunday until
March 22.



The Knights of Columbus Annual Easter Babka & Bake Sale!

Pick-up Orders on Saturday, March 23rd in the Parish Hall
(beneath St. Hedwig Church). **9:00am-11am ONLY!**
Please note that all items **must** be ordered in advance and picked
up on Saturday, March 23rd between the hours of 9-11am in the
parish hall beneath St. Hedwig Church. **PLAIN BABKA-\$12.00,**
CHEESE BABKA-\$20.00, SWEET POPPY SEED LOAF \$18.00,
BOX OF CHRUSCIKI- \$10.00 and LOAF OF (sliced) RYE
BREAD \$9.00.

CUTOFF DATE FOR ORDERING IS MARCH 16TH.

To place an order, please call **John** at **(302) 992-0309** by March
16th! Please leave your name, phone number and the quantity of
each bakery item you would like to order.



Krawczyk's Easter Kielbasa & Pierogi Sale

Please note that all kielbasa & pierogi orders must be placed
in advance and picked up on Saturday, March 23rd between the
hours of 9-11am in the parish hall beneath St. Hedwig Church.
Kielbasa \$10.00/Link (Roughly 1 1/4 Lbs. each) Smoked
and Fresh. **Pierogi-** \$6.00/dozen -Potato W/ Onion Pierogi
and Sauerkraut Pierogi. **Pre – Order Sales only - Cut-off**
Date is March 8th. Pick-Up Date is Saturday, March 23rd. To
place an order, please call or text Stephanie at (302) 256-2103.

Cinemark Movies 10
1796 West Newport Pike
Wilmington, DE 19804

Please join Fr. Adam and fellow parishioners of St. Hedwig on
Sunday, March 10 at the 3:15pm showing of "Cabrini"



Those who are interested in going should plan on meeting us in the lobby of
the movie theatre at 2:45pm.

Tickets can be purchased in advance by visiting Cinemark.com (\$6.25) or
Angel.com/tickets/Cabrini (\$4.50)

Hope to see you there!