



# St. Hedwig Church

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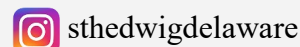
## Parish Office

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**JULY 30, 2023 † SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME †**



**Fr. Andrew Molewski**  
**Pastor**

**Fr. Julian Kaczowka, 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 5:30-6:25pm 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,

The First and Second book of Kings chronicle the rise and fall of kingship in Israel and Judah. In today's reading, Solomon is presented as the model of a good king. When invited by God to make a request, Solomon outlines the blessings he has already received. God granted Solomon the throne of his father, David, though he was neither the oldest son nor the most experienced. The kingdom is composed of a people too vast to be numbered. In light of these gifts, Solomon asks for the one thing that will enable him to hold onto both the kingdom and the people—an understanding heart so as to distinguish right from wrong.

The second reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans continues this theme of God's sovereignty and benevolence. In the ancient world, kings were thought to represent divine qualities. Paul engages the Old Testament idea that participating in the divine image is not solely the prerogative of the king, but is shared among God's chosen people. Believers share in the image of God's son and so become the first of many brothers and sisters. God's foreknowledge and the predestination of believers affirm for the struggling Christians in Rome that they too are part of God's larger plan.

The Gospel recounts several parables that describe the kingdom of God. These are unique to Matthew, indicating that he had a separate source of information about Jesus unknown to Mark or Luke. The parable of the dragnet shares similar themes with the parable of the weeds in the wheat (Matthew 13:24-30). The decision about what is good or bad is left up to the angels at the end-time. Only then will there be divine punishment. The closing comment about a scribe trained for the kingdom is thought to be a biographical indication of the identity of Matthew. Some scholars posit that a Jewish Christian scribe "who can bring from his store both the new and the old" would explain Matthew's use of Old Testament scriptures and his interest in bridging Christianity's Jewish roots with its Gentile future.

God bless,  
Fr. Andrew

Kochani Parafianie,

W niedziele ubiegła jedno z czytanych słów liturgii zawierało wskazania, jak należy się zachować na wypadek, gdybyśmy nie wiedzieli ani jak ani o co się modlić. Sprawy podobnej dotyczy pierwsze czytanie z niedzieli dzisiejszej. Salomon jest w sytuacji o tyle lepszej, że ma możliwość wybrania sobie tego, co zechce poprosić u Boga. Ale wiadomo, że dokonanie takiego wyboru – to też sprawa nie łatwa. Każdy człowiek ma przecież mnóstwo najrozmaitszych potrzeb. Gdy według starożytnej legendy pogańscy bogowie dali szansę takiego wyboru pewnemu zebrałowi, to on zazyczył sobie, żeby złotem stawalo się wszystko, cokolwiek dotknie. Bogowie uczynili zadość jego prośbie: wszystko wokół niego było błyszczącym złotem. Wszystko woda, chleb, rośliny, drzewa. I umarł z głodu zebrał uszczęśliwiony w ten sposób na własne zadanie.

Nie tak zachował się Salomon. Poprosił o dar mądrości. I też nie po to, by mógł się nią wynosić ponad innych ludzi. Mądrość była mu potrzebna właśnie dla dobra innych, żeby mógł skutecznie i zawsze odróżniać dobro od zła, żeby mógł rządzić sprawiedliwie.

Drodzy moi! My też przygotowujemy się w ojczyźnie naszej do wyborów nowej władzy. Bez Bożej pomocy ani wybierający ani wybierani nie stana na wysokości zadania. Jedni i drudzy do wyborów winni się przygotowywać także przede wszystkim przez modlitwę. Niech tej modlitwie patronuje właśnie Salomon, prosząc Boga o łaskę "rozróżniania dobra i zła."

Szczęść Boże,  
Ks. Julian

**Hospital Visitations**– Please contact the rectory at 302-594-1400, or email [sthedwigchurch@comcast.net](mailto: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.



*If there are no ushers present at the Mass you attend, please put your collection envelopes in the donation boxes located in 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**  
**July 15 & 16 2023**

Offertory Envelopes - \$2,419.00  
& Special Collections - \$126.00



## 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!

### ***St. Christopher, Patron of Travelers & Motorists, Drive-by Car Blessing (Feast Day -July 25)***

*Fr. Andrew and Fr. Julian will be blessing cars as everyone leaves the church after the 4pm Mass on Saturday, July 29th and the 9, 11:30am & 4pm Masses on Sunday, July 30th .*



### **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:** Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Mt 13:31-35

**Tuesday:** Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 13:36-43

**Wednesday:** Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9; Mt 13:44-46

**Thursday:** Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:47-53

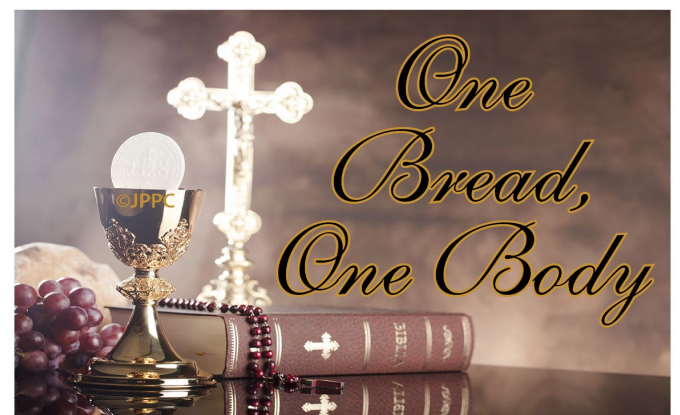
**Friday:** Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58

**Saturday:** Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12

**Sunday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

### **Priesthood Discernment Event**

*Have you been thinking about the priesthood as a possibility for you? Do you need questions answered? Would it help to talk with other young men with the same questions? Then come to the **priesthood discernment event** on Sunday, July 30, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. at St. Peter the Apostle, Harmony Street in Historic New Castle, Delaware for a Holy Hour, Conversation and Hospitality with diocesan seminarians and Father Norm Carroll. Let us know to expect you at [vocations@cdow.org](mailto:vocations@cdow.org) or 302-573-3113.*



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

**HEAL THEM O LORD!**

## Masses For The Week



### Saturday, July 29, 2023

8am Living Intention— Giana Davis (Birthday)  
Int. Eileen Siter

4pm Joseph Wootten, Sr.  
Int. Wife, Wiesia

### Sunday, July 30, 2023

9am Harry Wass  
Int. Family

11:30am Anna & Adrian Dolata (Living Intention)  
10th Wedding Anniversary

4pm Kathleen March  
Int. Mark March

### Monday, July 31, 2023

6:30pm Joseph Reiss  
Int. Sandra Murphy

### Tuesday, August 1, 2023

6:30pm Francis Miller  
Int. Wife, Carol

### Wednesday, August 2, 2023

6:30pm Stanley & Jean Pietras  
Int. Margie, MaryAnn & Helena

### Thursday, August 3, 2023

6:30pm Jozesa Kukawka  
Int. GrandChildren

### Friday, August 4, 2023

6:30pm Purgatorial Society Members

### Saturday, August 5, 2023

8am Kathryn H. Flack  
Int. Coleen & Gary Michalowski

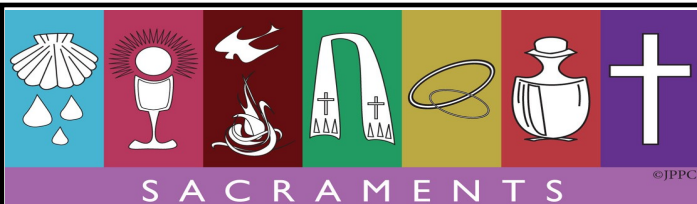
4pm Kathy Baldyga  
Int. Eileen Siter

### Sunday, August 6, 2023

9am Living & Deceased Members of the  
Holy Rosary Society

11:30am Franciszek Franckiewicz  
Int. Dorota Zarzecka

4pm Francis X. Gaworski  
Int. Mary Gaworski



**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

Frank J. Krzanowski

Requested by:

Carolyn Krzanowski



## 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 - Meeting every Thursday after 6:30pm Mass.
- Flame of Love - Meets the 2nd & 4th Saturday after 4pm Mass in Gulch Hall
- Knights of Columbus - Meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. John Lagowski is the Grand Knight his phone # is: 302-992-0309
- July 29- Drive-by Blessing of cars after 4pm Mass
- July 30- Drive-by Blessing of cars after 9am, 11:30am & 4pm Masses



Join Bishop Koenig and fellow pilgrims for the Diocesan Annual Marian Pilgrimage to be held at the Basilica of the **National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C on Saturday, October 7, 2023**, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

St. Hedwig's Church wants to plan a bus trip to the Basilica, and would like to know how many may be interested in going. Please contact the office for more information, 302.594.1400, Ext. 0 or email [sthedwigchurch@comcast.net](mailto:sthedwigchurch@comcast.net)



### 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.



### Seeking God as a Benedictine Oblate

If you have a desire to seek God through prayer and community, please join us at **1 pm on August 19th at St. Gertrude Monastery** (25 Gender Road, Newark DE 19713) to learn about the Oblates of St. Benedict and who we are. On that day you will meet the Oblate Director and Dean, as well as some current oblate members, tour the monastery, learn what it means to be an oblate and begin a discussion about the Rule of St. Benedict. If you are interested in learning more about Benedictine Oblates, please RSVP via phone or email to Sr. Marylou Robino, OSB (phone: 302-416-0459 email: [marylourob2009@hotmail.com](mailto:marylourob2009@hotmail.com)) by **Saturday, August 12th**.

## FAMILY FUN

**Bring your family for fun and baseball!**

The Wilmington Blue Rocks and the Diocese of Wilmington Office for Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM) present Family Fun Day on **Sunday, August 27, 2023 at 1:05 p.m. at Frawley Stadium, 801 Shipyard Drive, Wilmington, Delaware 19801.** Come and enjoy a baseball game, good times and **pregame on-field catch 12-12:15 and kids get to run the bases postgame!** For more information and to purchase your discounted tickets, visit [cdow.org/CYMFam](http://cdow.org/CYMFam)