



St. Hedwig Church

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AUGUST 24, 2025



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Strive to enter through
the narrow gate.

Luke 13:24



Fr. Andrew Molewski
Pastor

Fr. Janusz Brembor
Associate 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 Pope Saint 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 & Friends,

Today's first reading from Third Isaiah is remarkable in its universal imagery. After the sufferings of exile and God's redemption of Israel, the saving hand of God will extend to all nations: "I come to gather nations of every language; they shall come and see my glory" (Isaiah 66:18). The new heaven and a new earth (Isaiah 65:17) are now to include the nations, traditionally all who were not Israelites. And as these outsiders are drawn to Jerusalem, they will bring with them the scattered remnant of Israel living among them (Isaiah 66:20). Jerusalem will become the place of holy worship for all peoples.

Like the nations streaming to Jerusalem in the reading from Isaiah, Hebrews envisions a similar homecoming (Hebrews 12:14). But the way of return is not without hardship. The author of Hebrews takes to heart the Greek maxim *mathein pathein*, "to learn it is necessary to suffer." "Do not disdain the discipline of the Lord . . . he scourges every son he acknowledges" (Hebrews 12:5). The metaphor connects the believers who endure faithfully with Jesus, of whom the author wrote, "Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered" (Hebrews 5:8). The goal is clear: discipline is for our benefit so that we might see God's holiness (Hebrews 5:10). In all three of our readings, those who have sinned are chastened in order that they might be worthy of salvation. In the Gospel, Jesus turns from parables about the kingdom (13:13-21) to the requirements for entrance into that kingdom. The time is shortening, and once the door is locked, it will not be reopened (13:25). Claiming to accompany Jesus (13:26) does not equate to true discipleship. Though set in the time of Jesus, these sayings were understood to refer to the Jews who did not accept the message of Jesus during Luke's day. The Gentiles ("people . . . from the east and the west . . .") would receive a seat at the table formerly only available to the Jews. Likely Luke's Gentile community was particularly happy hearing that "some are last who will be first" (13:30).

God bless,
Fr. Andrew

Weekly Collection

Every penny counts!



Thank you for your contribution - big and small!

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

August 9th & 10th

Offertory Envelopes- \$2,293.00

Special Collections- \$297.00

We appreciate your generosity and thank you.

† Słowo Proboszcza †

Kochani Parafianie,

Dzisiejsza Ewangelia według św. Łukasza można zatytułować "Panie, czy tylko nieliczni będą zbawieni?" Ma ona charakter przestrogi. Jezus stawia sprawę w sposób uczciwy. Jego słowa są zdecydowane: "Usiłujecie wejść przez ciasne drzwi; gdyż wielu, powiadam wam, będzie chciało wejść, a nie zdoła", czy też w następnym stwierdzeniu: "odstapicie ode Mnie wszyscy, którzy dopuszczacie się niesprawiedliwości!".

Powiedziane jest bardzo jasno komu nie będzie dane dostąpić zbawienia. Tymi słowami Chrystus nie stawia wymagan zaporowych, niemożliwych do zrealizowania. Każdy człowiek, kiedy chce coś osiągnąć, podejmuje konieczny wysiłek. Jezus jasno daje do zrozumienia, że królestwo Boże i zbawienie, które symbolizuje ucztę u gospodarza, są tego warte. Reszta zależy od nas.

W tej Ewangelii znowu przypomniane jest przez Chrystusa: "Tak oto są ostatni, którzy będą pierwszymi, i są pierwsi, którzy będą ostatnimi". Czyli Ci co są cisi, pokorni, nie wywyższający się, nie głodni pochwał i ziemskich blasków mają łatwiejszą drogę do nieba. Ziemski porządek i hierarchie nie są znane w niebie. Liczy się czyste serce, trwanie w wierze i czci Bogu, wypełnianie Bożych przykazania.

Szczesc Boze,
Ks. Andrzej

READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Monday, August 25, 2025 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10 Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday, August 26, 2025 1 Thes 2:1-8 Ps 139:1-3, 4-6 Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday, August 27, 2025 1 Thes 2:9-13 Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab Mt 23:27-32

Thursday, August 28, 2025 1 Thes 3:7-13 Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 Mt 24:42-51

Friday, August 29, 2025 1 Thes 4:1-8 Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 Mk 6:17-29

Saturday, August 30, 2025 1 Thes 4:9-11 Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 Mt 25:14-30

Sunday, August 31, 2025 Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11 Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a Lk 14:1, 7-14



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. 1, or email sthedwigchurch@comcast.net if you are in the hospital and would like a priest to visit you.

*St. Hedwig Church - Save the Date
Weekend of August 23-24*



OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA ICON

Feast Day

August 26

The beautiful handmade icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa will be displayed on the Blessed Mother Altar the **weekend of August 23-24**, in memory of Walentyna Wojciechowska, from her daughter, Ewa, and son-in-law, David.



We invite you for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Pope Saint John Paul II Chapel Monday-Friday evenings from 5:30-6:30pm.

Confessions are heard during

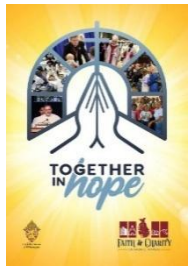
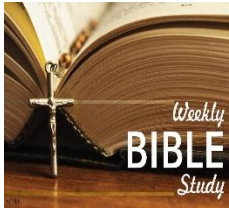
Adoration. Holy Mass begins at 6:30pm. During Eucharistic Adoration we “watch and wait”. We remain “silent” in His Presence and open ourselves to His Graces which flow from the Eucharist. Come and pray!

Bible Study Group

Every Thursday evening in the parish hall immediately following the 6:30pm Mass.

Join us for Mass, then stay and Pray!

All are welcome!



A heartfelt thanks to all who have contributed to the Faith and Charity Annual Catholic Appeal. Your generosity helps to support programs throughout our Diocese. However, the parish is still **\$1,790.00 dollars short** of our **target of \$25,625**, and so we would ask those who haven't contributed to date to consider

taking a pledge envelope from church and making a contribution. **May God bless you!**

2025 Confirmation Schedule

Meetings will resume September 2nd & 9th in Msgr. Gulcz Hall at 7:00pm.

Attendance is mandatory.



The sick of

Our Parish
need your prayers.



Please remember to pray for all who are sick in our parish & community and those who have departed this life.

Father Andrew, John Yasik, Bri Iacona, Rosalie Wilner, Mary Ann Romano, Anna Kaminska, Aleksander Bielecki, Cindy, Dot, Joe, Hanna, Terry, Erin Rathmanner, John & Sally Sitek, John & Marie La-Rouche, Jack & Kathy McDermott, Josephine Szczerba, Sandra Boom, Rudolf Wolanin, John Streck, Joy Deluchia, Frank Kucharski, Emma Kozlowski, Hannah Grace, Melissa A., Langan Family and Ann Ruff.

HEAL THEM, O LORD!



St. Hedwig Religious Education Office is now accepting applications for CCD classes. Classes will be held on Sunday mornings beginning September 7th from 10:00-11:30am. It is mandatory that all school age children be registered in a sacramental prep program before receiving the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation. Please call the parish office at 302-594-1400, Ext. 1 to register.



St. Hedwig Church Window Restoration Campaign

Dear Parishioners:

We are very fortunate to be able to worship in a beautiful Church. There are many reasons to make sure our “place of worship” stays in tip-top shape. A building of this size requires a lot of TLC and routine maintenance to maintain the condition it is in today. It's just like an historic home or a treasured museum... we must maintain and sustain its luster.

There are many obstacles and challenges we must address prior to beginning any project or needed restoration: the cost of materials, the availability of restoration experts, the availability of funding and the parishioner base.

Our exterior window frames are in need of some painting and restoration in order to guarantee the structural integrity of our beautiful stained-glass windows. The cost of this critical project is \$44,349 and the work will be done by Barry R. Speakman of Lincoln University, PA. The Scope of Work includes: the work needed to maintain the wooden window frames on all of the church's exterior windows.

This will include pressure washing of all wood that will be painted; Scrape any loose paint and sand; Spot prime all bare wood; Reglaze windows where needed; Painting (2 coats) to all window frames; Work will include an (eighty) 80-foot-high reach. Special attention will be given to the façade window, which has received several major repairs over the past three decades. For more information, please contact Ed Lipka at (302) 454-8423

Masses For The Week



Sunday, August 24, 2025

9am + Betty Jo Harber
Int. Donna Gaska

11:30am Living Intentions of Ryjewski Family
Int. Izabela Toner

4pm + Irene Rutkowski (B)
Int. Children

Monday, August 25, 2025

6:30pm Living Intentions of Pope Leo XIV

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

6:30pm Parishioners & Benefactors-Living &
Deceased

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

6:30pm + Anna & Frank Boruta
Int. Janusz Sawka

Thursday, August 28, 2025

6:30pm + Holy Souls in Purgatory

Friday, August 29, 2025

6:30pm Parishioners & Benefactors-Living &
Deceased.

Saturday, August 30, 2025

8am Little Sisters of the Poor-Living & Deceased
Int. Adrienne Suarez

4pm + John W. Foskey, Sr.
Int. Pat Noonan

Sunday, August 31, 2025

9am + Stephen Fillion
Int. Joanne, Debbie & Teresa

11:30am + Deceased Members of Pakies Family
Int. Daughter

4pm + John W. Foskey, Sr.
Int. Coleen & Gary Michalowski



*Confession
Of Sins*

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.



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.

OCIA (Order 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 Parish Office and leave a message at 302-594-1400, Ext. 1.

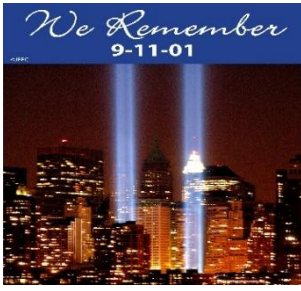
† Sanctuary Lamp †



signifying the Eucharistic Presence of
Our Lord Jesus Christ, will burn this
week in loving memory of

Aurelia Lagowski

Requested by:
Suggie & Gary Rose



Thursday, September 11, 2025 – 24th Anniversary Mass

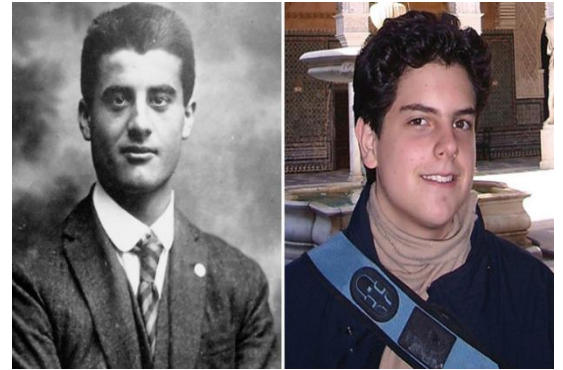
A special Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, Sept. 11, 2025, 6:30pm, at St. Hedwig Church. Please join Father Andrew, Father Janusz and the St. Hedwig Community in remembering all our fallen heroes who gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country, state and community.

Pope Leo XIV will canonize Blesseds Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati together



Sept. 7, the Vatican announced.

Meeting with cardinals living in and visiting Rome for an ordinary public consistory June 13, the pope approved the new canonization date for the two young blesseds and set Oct. 19 as the date for the canonization of seven others. He announced the dates in Latin. The canonization of Blessed Acutis, a teenager known for his devotion to the Eucharist and creating an online exhibition



of Eucharistic miracles, had originally been scheduled for April 27 during the Jubilee of Teenagers. It was postponed following the death of Pope Francis April 21. Born in 1991 and raised in Milan, Blessed Acutis used his tech skills to evangelize and was noted for his joyful faith and compassion for others before dying of leukemia in 2006 at age 15.

Blessed Frassati, born in 1901 into a prominent family in Turin, Italy, was admired for his deep spirituality, love for the poor and enthusiasm for life. A member of the Dominican Third Order, he served the sick through the St. Vincent de Paul Society. He died at age 24 after contracting polio, possibly from one of the people he assisted.

For years, Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati has been a significant global patron for youth, young adults, athletes, and "ordinary people" - and has a special place in the hearts of many young people across the United States and around the world. His example of Gospel living continues to inspire people a century after his death. St. John Paul II declared him a patron for World Youth Days and deemed him the "Man of the Beatitudes" as he exemplified those blessings in his everyday life.



Felician Sisters with a lengthy history in Diocese of Wilmington celebrate 150 years as a religious order Sept. 21

The [Felician Sisters will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving](#) in the former Lodi Province in New Jersey Sept. 21 to commemorate their sesquicentennial anniversary of ministry in America. [The Felician Sisters were founded in 1855 by Blessed Mary Angela Truszkowska](#), in a nationally suppressed Poland. At the request of Father Joseph Dabrowski, who founded the Polish Seminary in Orchard Lake, Michigan, Blessed Mary Angela missioned five Felician sisters to Polonia Wisconsin in 1874.

1896 marked the beginning of the Felician apostolate in the Diocese of Wilmington. The sisters took over the elementary education of St. Hedwig School in West Wilmington where the Benedictine Sisters, from Sacred Heart Convent in Wilmington, established the school in 1891. In 1914, the Felicians began classes at St. Stanislaus School in East Wilmington. They staffed Holy Cross Elementary and High Schools in Dover beginning in 1952. For a time in that decade, they were on the teaching staff of St. Elizabeth High School. At their peak in 1961 with 630 sisters in the Lodi Province alone, the Felicians were able to open St. Hedwig High School in Wilmington and graduated their first class that year; also permitting the staffing of Holy Spirit School in New Castle.

