

St. Hedwig Church

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Whoever does not carry his
own cross and come after me
cannot be my disciple.

Luke 14:27



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. 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.



Dear Parishioners & Friends,

The Bible tells us that when he became king, Salomon prayed to God to give him wisdom, that he might have a “listening heart to judge your people.... For who is able to give judgment for this vast people of yours?” (1 Kings 3:4-9). In the book of Wisdom we are given an extended version of this prayer, in which Solomon asks God, “Who understands what is pleasing in your eyes and what is conformable with your will?” (9:9). Today’s reading continues that prayer, the point of which is that without the wisdom that comes from God as a gift of the Holy Spirit (9:6, 17), humans are crippled in their ability to understand reality. If they have trouble figuring out the natural and human world, how can they possibly know the ways of God without the gift of wisdom, which is freely given to anyone who seeks it earnestly?

Here is what we are able to discern about Philemon, Onesimus, and Paul from this very short letter. Onesimus is a slave of Philemon and has, apparently, run away and ended up with Paul, who is in prison. There he has been baptized by Paul, so that Paul can call Onesimus his “child” and himself his “father”. Paul is now sending Onesimus back to Philemon, a fellow Christian, with the hope that the latter will free the slave and send him back to Paul. The Apostle does not want to command anything of Philemon, but he hopes that he will do the right thing once he realizes that Onesimus is now his “brother,” not only as a fellow human being but especially as a fellow Christian. Paul expects Philemon to recognize that Christians cannot relate to one another according to the world’s standards. Jesus returns to an earlier point about commitment to discipleship to make things perfectly clear: not even family, not even one’s own life must take precedence over Jesus. The word translated “hate” here should rather be rendered “deny” or “give up.” Jesus gives His reason for this through two examples, both of which highlight the need to be fully prepared before one begins a major project. It is notable that in both examples, preparation means adequately supplying oneself with money or people, whereas Jesus concludes what seems to be the opposite: to prepare to follow Him, one must get rid of everything. This is a paradox, because by giving up everything, one gathers to oneself the interior and exterior freedom to give oneself completely to Christ.

God bless,
Fr. Andrew

Weekly Collection

Every penny counts!



Thank you for your contribution - big and small!

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

August 23rd & 24th

Offertory Envelopes- \$2,607.00

Special Collections- \$329.00

We appreciate your generosity and thank you.

† Słowo Proboszcza †

Kochani Parafianie,

W ubiegłą niedzielę byliśmy zachęceni słowami starotestamentalnego medrca do praktykowania łagodności i pokory, a także do wyciągania odpowiednich wniosków z natchnionych przypowieści. Dzisiaj również w liturgii Słowa pojawia się medrzec Panski ubolewając nad swoistym czieniem człowieka ku ziemi. “Śmiertelne ciało przygniata duszę i ziemski przybytek obciąża lotny umysł – mówi autor księgi Madrości. To między innymi dlatego tak nam trudno rozróżnić zamysły Boże.

Ale Bóg w swej dobroci pozwala nam niekiedy przybliżyć się ku sobie przez to, że zsyła nam z wysoka “świętego Ducha swego”. Ten Duch Boży przemawia do nas także głosem naszego sumienia. A nam się czasem wydaje, że wyrzuty sumienia to nasze nieszczęście! Ależ nie! Wyrzuty sumienia to prawdziwe dobrodziejstwo Boże. Dzięki nim mamy możliwość wrócić na drogi sprawiedliwości. Tak więc za głos sumienia, za wyrzuty sumienia trzeba szczerze i często dziękować Bogu.

Szczęść Boże,

Ks. Andrzej

September 8th –

*Happy Birthday,
Blessed Mother!*



The Church celebrates Mary’s birthday on September 8. This feast day is exactly nine months after the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on December 8. The Church makes no claims as to the historical merit of either date. The faithful can celebrate the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and honor

Her, in many ways. Since Mary always points us to Her Son, we can attend Mass that day, we can read Scripture concerning Her role in salvation, such as the Annunciation, the Visitation, or the Wedding Feast at Cana, and we can pray the Most Holy Rosary. Especially for those celebrating with children, the faithful could have a birthday cake or small party in honor of Mary’s birthday!



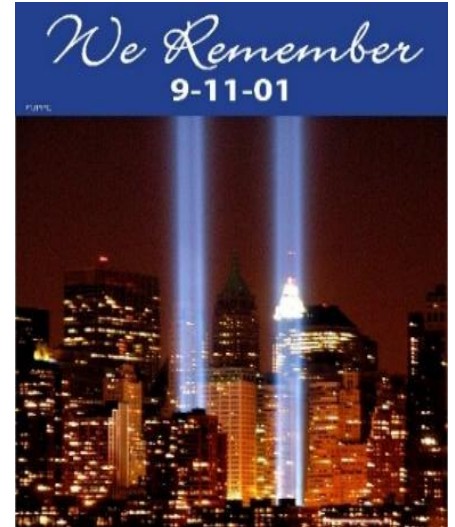
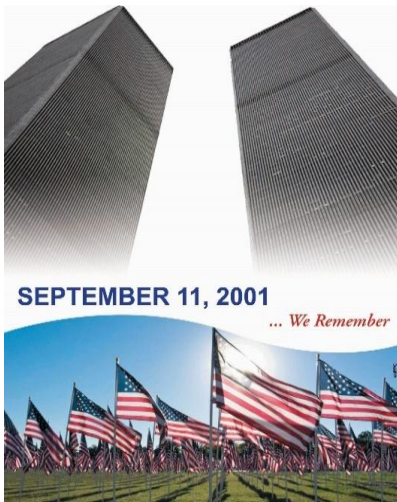
If there are no ushers present at the Mass you attend, please place your envelopes in the donation boxes at the front and back of the church. Thanks for your help!

Hospital Visitations

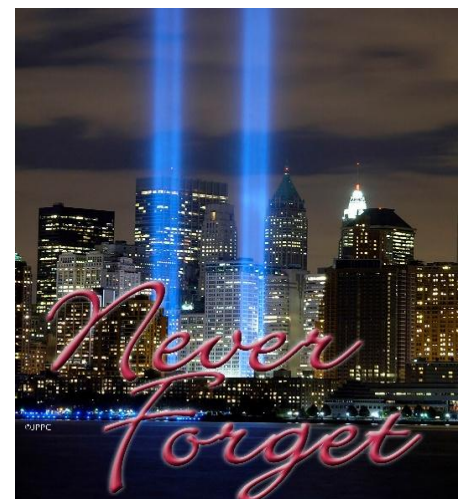
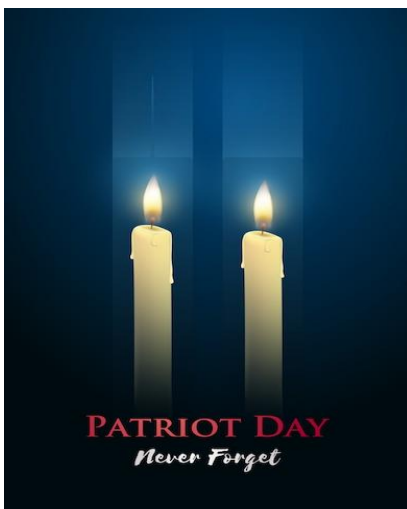
Please contact the rectory at 302-594-1400, Ext. 1, or email sthedwigchurch@comcast.net if you are in the hospital and would like a priest to visit.



24TH ANNIVERSARY MASS IN MEMORY OF 9-11



St. Hedwig Parish welcomes you to join us on Thursday, September 11th for a special Memorial Mass at 6:30pm. Please join Father Andrew, Father Janusz and the St. Hedwig Community in remembering 9-11-2001 and all our fallen heroes who gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country, state and community.





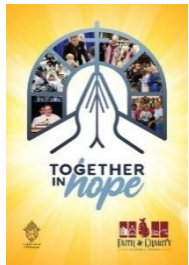
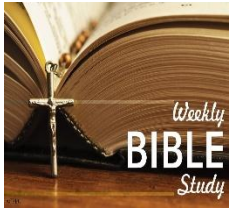
We invite you for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Pope Saint John Paul II Chapel Monday-Friday evenings from 5:30-6:30pm.

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 preparation program before receiving the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation. Please call the parish office at 302-594-1400, Ext. 1 to register.

Feast of the Holy Name of Mary- September 12



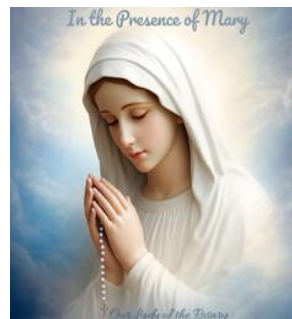
The Holy Name of Mary is a Catholic feast celebrated annually on September 12. It is a day that commemorates and honors the name of Mary, the Mother of Jesus Christ. The name Mary is of

Hebrew origin and means “bitterness” or “rebellion.” However, in Christian traditions, it is a name that signifies purity, grace and a deep devotion to God. The feast day has a rich history and is celebrated by Catholics worldwide.

Dearest Mother Mary, Mother of God and my mother, I love you and call upon you to receive me into your motherly heart and present me to your Son, Jesus. Your Son entrusted me to your motherly care as He hung upon the Cross, and I imitate that entrustment by giving myself to you as my mother.

Please gain for me every grace I need to be faithful to God's will, so that I will imitate the fidelity that you manifested in your own life. Mother Mary, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.

SAINT HEDWIG HOLY ROSARY SOCIETY



*St. Hedwig Holy Rosary Society will have a meeting after the 4:00pm Mass on **Saturday, September 6th** in Msgr. Gulcz Hall to plan for the Breakfast and any Fall events. Light refreshments will be served.*

Masses For The Week



Sunday, September 7, 2025

9am + Joseph Cerasari, Sr.
Int. Nan Freeman

11:30am + Waldemar Zoltek & Henryk Walaszek
Int. Barbara & Family

4pm + Gabby Migdalski
Int. Maria Migdalski

Monday, September 8, 2025

6:30pm + Mieczyslaw Sulewski
Int. Family

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

6:30pm + Olgierd Musik
Int. Janusz Sawka

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

6:30pm + Piorkowski Family
Int. Family

Thursday, September 11, 2025

6:30pm + In remembrance of all Fallen Heroes of
September 11, 2001 tragedy

Friday, September 12, 2025

6:30pm + Edward Michael Pakies
Int. Sister

Saturday, September 13, 2025

8am + Ronald J. Gawinski (B)
Int. Mom, Debbie & Teresa

4pm + Adam Kozicki
Int. Gina & Larry Kozicki

Sunday, September 14, 2025

9am + George & Viola Freeman
Int. Nan Freeman

11:30am + Gabby Migdalski
Int. Aneta Grocholska

4pm + Joseph Klaczkiwicz
Int. Debra Hupp



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

Parker & June Dorsey
(17th Birthday)

Requested by:
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St. Hedwig Church Window Restoration Campaign

We invite the community of St. Hedwig Parish to participate in our Stained-Glass Window Restoration Campaign. There are three (3) categories of the project listed below with their respective costs. Any amount that you can contribute to this campaign would be greatly appreciated. Those who choose to sponsor all or part of a window will have their name engraved on a plaque under each window. We cannot accomplish this project goal without your help. Please prayerfully consider participating in this restoration effort that will benefit and ensure the future of our beautiful church and keep it preserved for many years.

There are three categories based on the sizes of the stained-glass windows.

1. **Rose Windows (3): North & South Transepts and Façade:**
\$5,000 each
2. **Medium Windows (14): North & South sides and Towers:**
\$1,500 each
3. **Small Windows (19): All sides of church:**
\$500.00 each

You may sponsor a window as an individual, family, group of friends, neighbors.

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 details and more information, please contact Ed Lipka at (302) 454-8423.

