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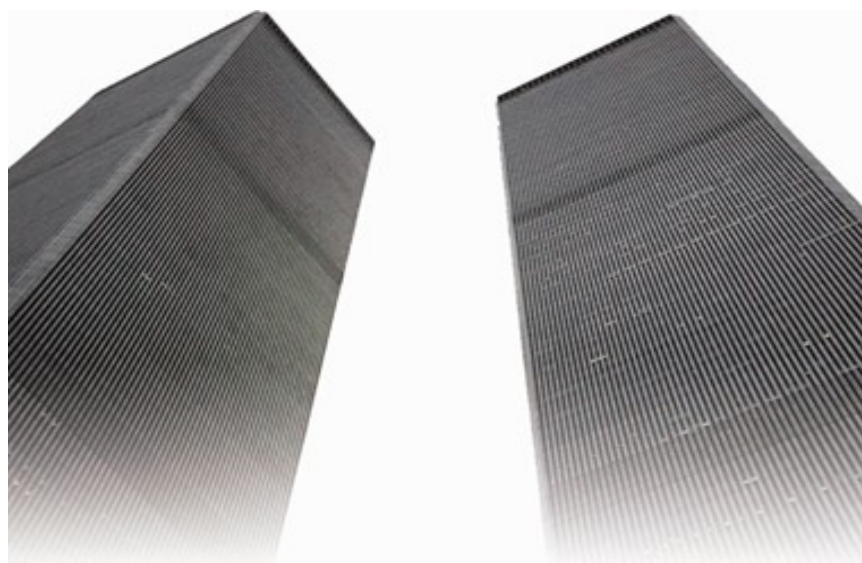


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SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 † TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME †



SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

... We Remember



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 5:30-6:25pm 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.



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

All of today's readings speak of the importance of right relationship and personal responsibility. The prophet Ezekiel is unique in that his call came when he was in Babylon (Ezekiel 1:1). His prophetic ministry is to a people already separated from their home and experiencing the devastation of exile. In today's reading, Ezekiel has been appointed as a watchman for these exiled people. He must warn them of danger. In this scenario, the danger is their own guilt before God. Ezekiel is not responsible for their behavior. His responsibility is to carry out the word of God. In Chapters 3 – 24, the prophet was charged with proclaiming judgment. The revelation in today's reading opens a new section, in which the prophet is called to announce salvation (Chapters 33 – 48).

Both the evangelist Matthew and the apostle Paul describe how a believer is to interpret the dictates of the Law (Matthew 5:17 – 48). In Matthew, Jesus notes that not the smallest letter of the Law will go unfulfilled. In today's second reading, Paul echoes that statement by noting that "love is the fulfillment of the law" (Romans 13:10). The motivation for such love is the recognition that "our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed" (Romans 13:11). Thus believers must conduct themselves properly in anticipation of the final judgment.

The third reading is taken from the fourth teaching section in Matthew's Gospel. Scholars propose that these five sections (Sermon on the Mount, 4:23 – 7:29; missionary discourse, 10:1 – 11; parables, speech to Israel and disciples, 13:1 – 58; community order and discipline, 18:1 – 35; millennial discourse, 24:1 – 25:46) are meant to parallel the five books of Moses, or Pentateuch. In today's reading, Jesus directs his disciples (and Matthew speaks to his "church community") about standards of communal behavior. A procedure is outlined in which a "brother" or sister who has strayed must be confronted and either welcomed back into the church or ostracized.

God bless,
Fr. Andrew

† Słowo Proboszcza †

Kochani Parafianie,

Z pierwszego czytania dzisiejszej liturgii Słowa dowiadujemy się, czym jest w swej istocie urząd i posłannictwo proroka. Prorok to nie tylko ten, co odkrywa przyszłość niedostępna dla zwykłych śmiertelników. Prorok to ten, co odkrywa przyszłość niedostępna dla zwykłych śmiertelników. Prorok to ten, kto przekazuje ludziom wolę Bożą. Ma święty obowiązek czynić to także wtedy, kiedy Bóg jest "zmuszony" upominać ludzi w sposób niekiedy bardzo przykry albo wręcz zapowiadając im nadejście słusznej kary. Wiadomo, że takiego prorokowania ludzie nie lubią, ale zdarza się, że w obawie przed karą schodzą z drogi nieprawości i wracają do Boga.

Prorocy są po dzień dzisiejszy. Prorokiem jest przede wszystkim Kościół Chrystusowy w jego nauczycielskim urzędzie, który sprowadza się do przekazywania ludziom woli Bożej. A ludzie czasem myślą, że papież, biskupi, kapłani są tak nieugięci, zacofani, że mogliby czasem z czegoś ustąpić. Otoż nie! Kościół nie może zmieniać, poprawiać nauki Chrystusa, choć gdyby to czynił, może nie naraziłby się na tyle krytyk i niezyczliwości. Ale byłby wtedy odpowiedzialny za zgubę niejednego człowieka. Wiele ludzi nie lubi Kościoła dlatego, że Kościół głosi trudną, niewygodną naukę.

Evangelia przytacza jedną z takich szczególnych sytuacji, w których winniśmy okazać miłość bliźniemu. Pozornie na miłość owych bliźni nie zasługuje, bo nie usiłuje swoim życiem wypełniać woli Bożej. Ale my właśnie, miłością powodowani, nie pragniemy jego zguby, lecz chcemy dolożyć wszelkich starań, żeby się nawrócił i żył. Więc postanawiamy go zachęcać do nawrócenia, a nasza miłość ma się przejawiać w dyskrekcji, jaką otoczymy jego słabości.

Zastanówmy się czy nam również zależy na tym, żeby jak najwięcej ludzi знаło wolę Bożą i ją szanowało? Czy rzeczywiście czujemy się dłużnikami naszych bliźnich? A jak reagujemy na zło otaczającego świata? Co robimy, żeby świat był lepszy?

Szczesc Boze,
Ks. Andrzej

Podziękowania od Ks. Julian

Dziękuję wszystkim Parafianom Św. Jadwigi i tym którym miałem możliwość służyć, czy to podczas Masy Świętej, czy innych sakramentów.

Dziękuję za modlitwy, dobre słowo i pomoc. Szczególnie miło mi było podczas pożegnającego posiłku, gdzie wspólnie dzieliliśmy się przy smacznym poczęstunku.

Będzie pamiętać Was w moich modlitwach.

Szczesc Boze,
Ks. Julian Kaczowka

Hospital Visitations – Please contact the rectory at 302-594-1400, or email stwedwigchurch@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 August 26 & 27 2023

Offertory Envelopes - \$1,778.50
& Special Collections - \$192.00

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 5:30-6:25 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!



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

Leo Zelinski August 24



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 !



A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW ASSISTANT PASTOR

Join us in welcoming our Assistant Pastor, Fr. Adam Slominski, SChr to St. Hedwig Parish. Fr. Adam belongs to the same order as Fr. Julian Kaczowka, the North American Province of the Society of Christ (SChr). Please stop by Gulcz Hall after all Masses on the weekend of September 16-17 to welcome Father to our parish. A reception will be held for Fr. Adam after the 4pm Mass on Saturday, September 16th, and the 9am and the 4pm Masses on Sunday, September 17th. Light refreshments will be served. A dinner will be served after the 11:30am (Polish) Mass on Sunday, September 17th.



St. Hedwig Parish

Welcomes you to join us on

Monday, September 11th at 6:30 p.m.

at St. Hedwig Church as

Fr. Andrew & Fr. Adam

Celebrate the

22nd Anniversary Memorial Mass

in remembrance of 9-11-01 and all those who lost their lives because of that tragic day



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



Monday, September 11, 2023

6:30pm 22nd Anniversary Mass
In memory of 9/11 fallen heroes & their families

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

6:30pm Frank & Mary Raduszewski
Int. Margie Pietras

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

6:30pm Kathy Baldyga
Int. Eileen Siter

Thursday, September 14, 2023

6:30pm Parishioners & Benefactors

Friday, September 15, 2023

6:30pm Ronald J. Gawinski (B)
Int. Mom & Dad

Saturday, September 16, 2023

8am God's graces for Sophia's return to Faith
Int. Family

4pm Terry Starr
Int. Steve & Chris Paraskewich

Sunday, September 17, 2023

9am (Living Intention) Dolores Rybaltowski
Int. Husband, Bill & Family

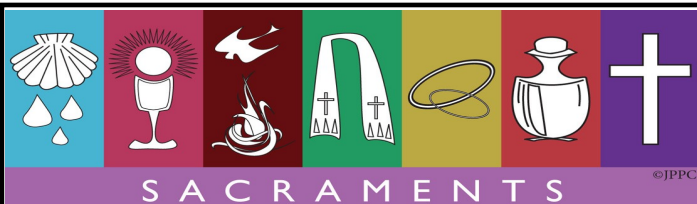
11:30am Stanislaw & Staniskawa Dobrowolscy
Int. Children

4pm Albin Okoniewski
Int. Ignacio & Mary Gispert



Reminder: The Sacrament of Reconciliation

is offered at St. Hedwig Church Monday - Friday between 5:30-6:25pm (during Eucharistic Adoration) and on Saturday from 3-3:45pm. On Sunday, Sept. 10th, we are offering the sacrament to our CCD students between 11-11:30am. Parents, please take this opportunity to bring your children to Confession, where we can all turn to our Merciful God to receive His forgiveness and be reconciled with Him.



SACRAMENTS

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

Al Nickerson

(Wedding Anniversary)

Requested by:

Wife, Beatrice

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 Gulcz Hall
- Knights of Columbus - Meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. John Lagowski is the Grand Knight his phone # is: 302-992-0309
- Family Mass- 9am on Sept. 10th- CCD- 10-11:30am



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.

St. Hedwig	
Summary Income Statement	
FY 2023 Summary	
INCOME	
2100 Parish ordinary income	\$407,952.42
2200 Parish special purpose income	\$749.50
2300 Parish extraordinary income	\$28,605.00
4100 Elementary school income	\$0.00
5100 Religious education income	\$705.00
6100 High school income	\$0.00
7100 Cemetery income	\$0.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$438,011.92
EXPENSES	
3000 All Parish & Rectory expenses	\$143,249.45
3100 Administration & support	\$69,343.01
3200 Church Hall	\$99,371.70
3300 Liturgy	\$20,129.73
3400 Charity	\$0.00
3500 Expenditures for spec. ministry	\$0.00
3600 Fixed cost & benefits including all insurances	\$90,009.32
3800 Non-program expenses (DOW Assessments)	\$54,600.00
4000 Elementary school expenses	\$0.00
5000 Religious education expenses	\$2,209.38
6000 High school expenses	\$0.00
7000 Cemetery Expense	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES =	\$478,912.59
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) ** =	(\$40,900.67)
** Does not include Twin Spires expenses or capital expenses	
Total Twin Spires income collected during campaign	\$154,916.64
Total Twin Spires Expenses	\$161,275.00
Difference =	(\$6,358.36)
Other Capital Expenses during Fiscal Year	\$63,420.86