



St. Hedwig Church

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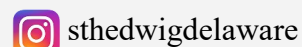
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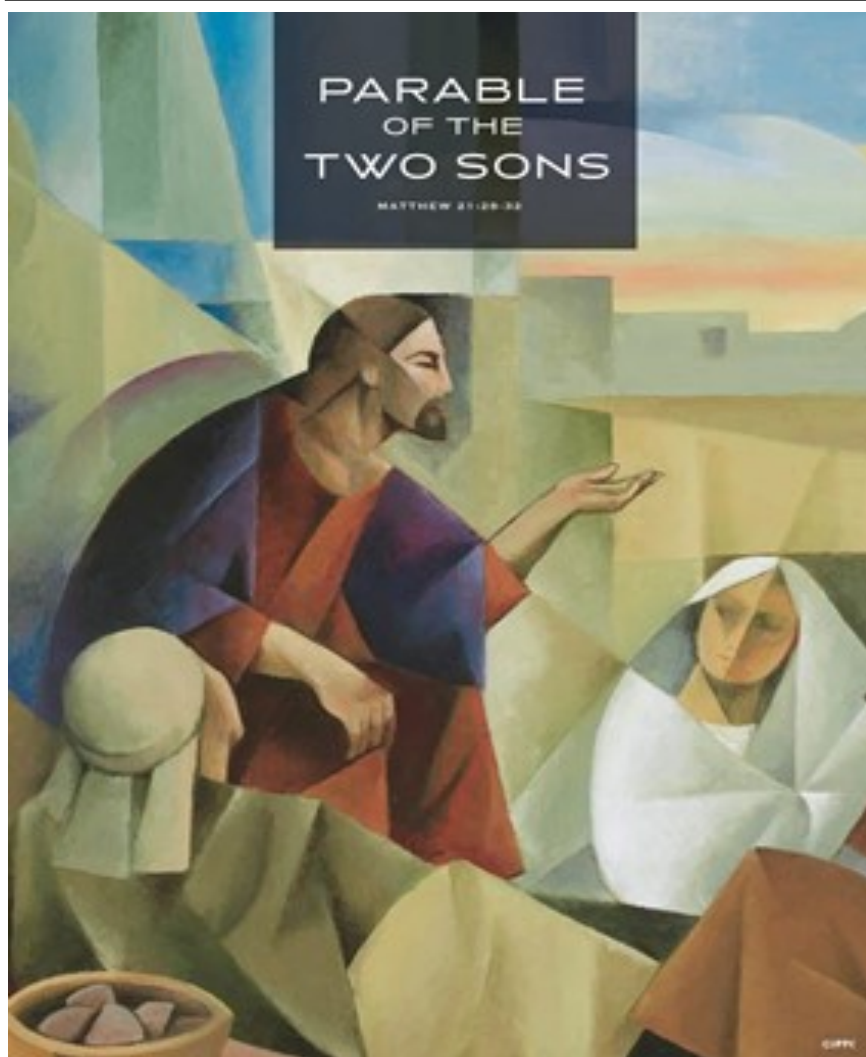
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OCTOBER 1, 2023 † TWENTY– SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME †



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,

Ancient Near Eastern culture, regardless of religious tradition, held a belief that the sins of the parents were visited upon their children, and indeed, the actions of the previous generation often came to bear on future ones. In today's first reading, Ezekiel is responding to just such a belief. In Ezekiel 18:2, the prophet cites the proverb, "Parents eat sour grapes, but the children's teeth are set on edge." The word of the Lord directs Ezekiel to proclaim a new moment. No longer will the community be punished for the sins of its ancestors. Rather, each individual will be held accountable. If one turns from wickedness and does what is right and just, he or she shall live (Ezekiel 18:27).

Paul offers a conditional litany ("if there is any . . ." so as to set up his chief concern: that the Philippians be "of the same mind." As an example of such single-hearted devotion, Paul cites Christ's kenosis or self-emptying. Though he was "in the form of God," Christ humbled himself, choosing human appearance, and becoming obedient even unto death. The Philippians are to have the same attitude.

Matthew portrays Jesus as a rabbi who interprets the Law in creative and merciful ways and teaches by means of parables. Today's reading is taken from a section of Matthew's Gospel in which a series of controversies is interrupted and responded to by three parables (Matthew 21:28 – 32, 33 – 46; 22:1 – 14). In Matthew 21:23, the chief priests and elders question Jesus' authority. Jesus turns the question back on them. If they can explain the authority of John the Baptist, then Jesus himself will explain his authority (Matthew 21:24 – 26). Their response, "We do not know," sets up the parable that follows. A man has two sons who have two different responses to their father's request. Jesus likens the chief priests and the elders to the son who promises but does not deliver on his promises, while the tax collectors and prostitutes represent the appropriate response.

God bless,
Fr. Andrew

† Słowo Proboszcza †

Kochani Parafianie,

Biblia zanotowała kilka przypadków robienia różnych zarzutów Bogu przez człowieka. Potrzebny do tego nie było jaki tupet i absolutny brak poczucia odpowiedzialności. Zwłaszcza gdy zarzuca się Bogu to, że jest rzekomo niesprawiedliwy.

Przyznajmy się, że nam też nieraz zdarza się odczuwać pokusę pewnego uzalania się na Pana Boga: a to że innym lepiej ułożyło się życie, bo cieszą się lepszym zdrowiem, piękniejszą urodą, większymi sukcesami życiowymi itp. Nachodzą nas ciągle uporczywe pytania. Dlaczego innym wszystko się udaje a nam nie? I gotowimy czynić winnym za to właśnie Pana Boga. Rzadko się zdarza, żebyśmy szukali winy po naszej stronie. Bardzo to niebezpieczna pokusa! Warto sobie w takich chwilach uświadomić, że nie należy się nam od Boga z tytułu naszych ludzkich zasług lub na zasadzie sprawiedliwości. Po wielokroć lepiej powtarzać w chwilach takich pokus: Ojciec nasz...świeć się imię Twoje, bądź wola Twoja! Tak właśnie mówił Chrystus, gdy nie poczuwając się do żadnej winy, umierał na krzyżu.

Zachowanie się Chrystusa i to właśnie gdy umierał na krzyżu, przypomina także św. Paweł w drugim czytaniu w dzisiejszej liturgii Słowa. Czyni to przy okazji nawoływania chrześcijan z Filipi, żeby zaprzestali wynoszenia się jednych ponad drugich i żeby byli posłuszni swoim przełożonym. Gdyby ludzie ci nie zechcieli tracić z oczu postaci Jezusa, to przecież pamiętaliby, że choć cieszył się godnością Boga, unizył się, zstąpił na ziemię i stał się człowiekiem.

Wzorem niedoścignym dla nas ludzi stało się posłuszeństwo Chrystusa. Powodowany uległością względem Boga Ojca, dobrowolnie poszedł na śmierć i to na najgorszy rodzaj śmierci: przez ukrzyżowanie. Każdy chrześcijanin powinien pamiętać, że Jezus Chrystus właśnie po to się unizył i umarł z dobrowolnego posłuszeństwa na krzyżu, żeby nam zapewnić możliwość osiągnięcia szczęścia wiecznego. Bez tych zasług Chrystusa, byłoby to absolutnie niemożliwe.

Z Ewangelii dzisiejszej wynika, że człowiek – jeśli nawet zdarzało się mu zachować złe wobec Boga – ma okazję i możliwość znów do Niego wrócić. Przypomina się w tym miejscu także bardzo słuszne powiedzenie, że każdemu zdarza się błędzić, ale tylko rzeczywiście szukającym Boga udaje się wrócić na drogę sprawiedliwości.

Szczesc Boze,
Ks. Andrzej

Weekly Collection

Every penny counts!



Thank you for your contribution - big and small!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
September 16th & 17th 2023
Offertory Envelopes - \$2,876.00
& Special Collections - \$126.00



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, 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.

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.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DEPARTED THIS LIFE DURING THE MONTHS OF AUG & SEPT.

Leo Zelinski
John Jacob Betz

August 24
September 13



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 !

Save the date!



Holy Rosary Society Annual Breakfast will be October 15 after the 9 am Mass. This is a social event for Rosary Society members and their guests. Anyone interested in becoming a member is also encouraged to come. RSVP to Sandra Murphy at sreissm@outlook.com or 484-343-5776 by Sunday, October 8. We must have an accurate count to make preparations. Breakfast will be \$12 each (children 6 and under are \$6). You can pay at the door or in a collection envelope marked Rosary Breakfast, please include your name and names of your guests. See you there!

Called to Serve **Lectors**

Become a lector and pass on the joy of scripture. If you would like to serve as a lector at any of the weekend Masses, please contact Dot Dorsey (302-455-0329) to be added to the roster. The schedules are flexible. If you have questions about what is involved, you can contact Dot Dorsey or Sandi Murphy (484-343-5776) to learn more about what a lector does and what helpful resources are available. Please consider actively participating in the Liturgy of the Word.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7; Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-35, 36-37; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43



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, October 2, 2023

6:30pm Tillie & Anthony Wierzbowski
Int. Margie Pietras

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

6:30pm Eleanor Wykpsz (B)
Int. Family

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

6:30pm Living Intentions & Blessings for
Janina & Joseph Juda
+ Antoni Juda (deceased)
Int. Erwin J. Juda

Thursday, October 5, 2023

6:30pm Sophie Czerwinski
Int. Son, George & Family

Friday, October 6, 2023

6:30pm Purgatorial Society Members

Saturday, October 7, 2023

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

4pm Parishioners & Benefactors

Sunday, October 8, 2023

9am Living & Deceased Members of Holy
Rosary Society

11:30am Robert Zyskowski
Int. Sister, Bozena

4pm Robert Zawisza
Int. Family



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

Alfred Rutkowski, Sr. (A)

Requested by:

Children, Grand-Children &
Great Grand-Children



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.

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
- Religious Education Classes 10-11:30am every Sunday beginning September—May
- Liturgy Committee Meeting—September 20th
- Confirmation Mass with Bishop Malooly at 9am on September 24th
- Parish Council Meeting—October 4th
- **Columbus Day— October 9th —Parish Office is closed**
- October 15th —Holy Rosary Society Annual Breakfast
- Forty Hours Devotion begins at the 4pm Mass on Saturday, October 14th and ends with the 6:30pm Mass on October 16th
- R.C.I.A. program begins on October 23rd at 7pm



St. Hedwig Church invites parishioners and friends to participate in our Annual 40 Hours Eucharistic Devotion beginning on Saturday, October 14 – Monday, October 16th. The church will be open all day on Saturday, October 14th from 8:45am – 4:45pm for Adoration.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament immediately following the 8am Mass on Saturday.

Please sign up to spend an hour with our Eucharistic Lord. Sign-up sheets will be on the tables in the back of the church.

More information to follow in the coming weeks.



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.

REGISTER NOW!

St. Hedwig Religious Education Office is still accepting applications for the 2023-2024 school year.

CCD Classes will be held on Sundays from 10am -11:30am. Please call the parish office at 302-594-1400 to register.

RCIA PROGRAM REGISTRATION

St. Hedwig Church is accepting applications for The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) program which begins on October 23rd. The program is open to people 16 years of age or older. If you or anyone you know is interested, has questions or would like to register, please contact the parish office at 302-594-1400 Ext. 0.

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