



St. Hedwig Church

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OCTOBER 8, 2023 † TWENTY- SEVENTH 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 5:30-6:30pm 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.



† Słowo Proboszcza †

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Isaiah of Jerusalem was called to prophesy during a time when Israel saw mounting threats from Assyrian aggression in the eighth century B.C. Chapters 1 – 5 are a collection of oracles indicting Israel and Judah for their rebellion against God (Isaiah 1:2). Today's first reading depicts that rebellion in the form of an allegorical hymn about a vineyard. The vineyard represents Israel and Judah as a "cherished plant" (Isaiah 5:7). Rather than choice grapes, the vineyard produced wild ones. In response God will make of the vineyard a ruin. The people of God depicted as a vineyard is a common metaphor found throughout the prophets (Isaiah 27:2; Jeremiah 2:21; 12:10; Ezekiel 17:7; Hosea 10:1).

Paul is effusive in his joy concerning the Philippians, repeating the noun (chara) and the verb (chairo) for "joy" more than fifteen times in the four chapters. While a leadership dispute (Philippians 4:2) may have occasioned the letter, he is nonetheless pleased with the community. In today's reading, Paul concludes his letter with a paraenesis or exhortation to set aside anxiety and trust that God receives their prayers. Echoing Stoic moral exhortations, Paul invites them to uphold whatever is of true excellence.

The origin of the parable found in today's Gospel is debated by scholars. Matthew edited Mark's original (Mark 12:1 – 12), but the question is whether some form of the now highly allegorized story goes back to Jesus. The presence of a similar parable in the Gospel of Thomas may suggest that a primitive form of it does originate with Jesus. If this is the case, then Jesus has taken Isaiah's hymn of the vineyard (Isaiah 5:1 – 2, 7) and in an analogous setting indicated not the people of Israel and Judah as in Isaiah's day, but the Jewish religious leadership for their failure to produce fruit (Matthew 21:43). The section of woes against the scribes and Pharisees (Matthew 23:1 – 36) seems to confirm that Jesus directed the parable against them.

God bless,
Fr. Andrew

Kochani Parafianie,

Az w dwu czytaniach z dzisiejszej liturgii Słowa – w pierwszym i w trzecim – jest mowa o winnicy. Nie ma żadnej wątpliwości, że ta winnica symbolizuje najprzód naród izraelski, potem Kościół Chrystusowy, a w końcu nas, poszczególnych ludzi.

Winnica z pierwszego czytania jest nieużyteczna: nie przynosi żadnych plonów. Nikt nie chce pracować za darmo. Zlikwiduje się tedy zawsze taka winnica. Nie ma się czemu dziwić.

Ale jakież smutne, jeśli się zwąży, że chodzi o ludzi a nie krzewy. Pan Bog zawiodł się na narodzie wybranym, na ludziach Kościoła Chrystusowego i my też po dzień dzisiejszy sprawiamy Mu bolesne zawody. Znamy wszyscy z doświadczeń własnych gorzki smak ludzkich zawodów. O ileż bardziej bolesne są zawody, które my sprawiamy Bogu! Ciągłe nie spełnianie Bożych nadziei.

W przeciwieństwie do pierwszej, druga winnica, ta z Ewangelii jest dobra: wydaje obfite plony, przedstawia dużą wartość. Dlatego stanowi przedmiot wielkiego pozadania ze strony nieuczciwych dzierżawców. W całej przypowieści nie chodzi zresztą o winnice, tylko o napietnowanie braku elementarnej uczciwości ludzkiej; o potępienie bogacenia się za cenę przemocy i gwałtu. Nic się pod tym względem nie zmieniło. Zdarzenia takie, mają miejsce po dzień dzisiejszy. Ale też ciągle aktualna jest przestroga wypowiedziana przez św. Pawła: "Pan Bog nie pozwala z siebie sztydzić!" Oto co spotka nieuczciwych dzierżawców z Ewangelii: "Nedźników tych marnie wytraci, a winnice odda w dzierżawę innym". Pan Bog nierychliwy ale sprawiedliwy.

Po tak niekorzystnych dla nas relacjach o dwu winnicach, jesteśmy zachęceni przez Pawła do życia, w którym Bog mogłby znajdować upodobanie. Po pierwsze – żeby niczego w swoim życiu nie próbowali rozwiązywać na własną rękę i tylko w sposób ludzki. O wszystkim ma wiedzieć Pan Bog. Po drugie – wszelkie ich modlitwy, prosby, błagania winny być połączone z dziekczynieniem. Pan Bog jest wrażliwy na ludzką wdzięczność.

Te dorady są nadal aktualne w naszych czasach dlatego zyjmy tak by się Bogu podobać. Bądźmy wierni prawdzie, postępujmy w sposób godny chrześcijańskiego powołania, przestrzegajmy zasad sprawiedliwości społecznej, czynmy tylko to, co znajdzie uznanie u Boga.

Szczesc Boze,
Ks. Andrzej



Helping Our Parish Grow
WEEKLY OFFERTORY

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 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
September 23 & 24 2023
 Offertory Envelopes - \$2,673.00
 & Special Collections - \$551.00



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 MONTH OF SEPTEMBER.

John Jacob Betz	September 13
William Twardus	September 22
Anna Okla	September 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 !

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!

2024 MASS INTENTION BOOK

Mass Intentions for next year, 2024, will be taken on Tuesday, October 10th, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the rectory basement. All intentions must be written out on paper and paid for in full before being entered into the 2024 Mass Book. Mass intentions received by mail will be entered in the book after October 10th. There is a limit of 4 weekend Masses per family. To enable each person in line to schedule Masses on Mass Intention Day, a total limit of 10 Mass Intentions will be scheduled in the book between 9:00-11:00 a.m. If you have more than 10 Mass Intentions on your list, they will be scheduled in the book later that day to enable all parishioners the chance to schedule intentions that morning. The requested stipend is \$10 per Mass.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Monday: Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28
Sunday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 [1-10]



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 9, 2023

6:30pm Jan Halabura
Int. Basia Malek

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

6:30pm Deceased Members of the Milowicki Family
Int. Family

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

6:30pm Parishioners & Benefactors

Thursday, October 12, 2023

6:30pm Barbara J. Cox
Int. Kim-Marie Cox

Friday, October 13, 2023

6:30pm Elizabeth Storm
Int. Suzanne Watson

Saturday, October 14, 2023

8am Jason Miller
Int. Izabela Toner

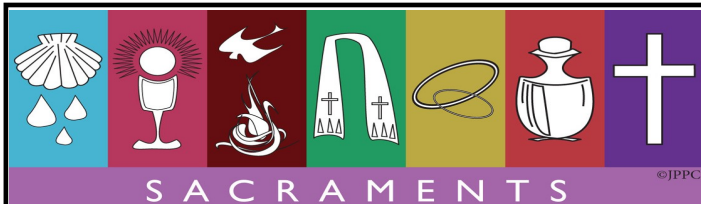
4pm Terry Starr
Int. Theresa Bartkowski

Sunday, October 15, 2023

9am Ronald J. Gawinski (A)
Int. Cioci Clare

11:30am Lukasz, Zofia & Jozef Pawlowski
Int. Dzieci & Rodzina

4pm Vincent Smith
Int. Stan & Janice Zgleszewski



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

Ronald J. Gawinski

Requested by:

Family



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.



† **FORTY HOURS EUCHARISTIC DEVOTION** †

at St. Hedwig Church

OCTOBER 14- 15- 16, 2023

(All Forty Hours Devotions will be held in the Church)

We are pleased to announce that Fr. Adam Slominski, SChr, Associate Pastor, of St. Hedwig Church, will be the celebrant and homilist for this year's Forty Hours Eucharistic Devotion.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

9am-4:00pm + Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

3:00-4:00pm † Confession

4:00pm † Holy Mass - Fr. Slominski will preach
(following Mass, recitation of the Holy Rosary)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

9:00am † Holy Mass

(following Mass, recitation of the Holy Rosary)

11:30am † Holy Mass (in Polish)

(following Mass, recitation of the Holy Rosary)

12:30-3:55pm † Confession & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

3:00pm † Divine Mercy Chaplet

4:00pm † Holy Mass
(following Mass, recitation of the Holy Rosary)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

12:00pm † Holy Mass—Fr. Slominski will preach

1:00pm-5:55pm † Confession & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

3:00pm † Divine Mercy Chaplet

6:00pm † Recitation of the Holy Rosary

6:30pm † Holy Mass—Fr. Slominski will preach