



St. Hedwig Church

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OCTOBER 15, 2023 † TWENTY- EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME †

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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.

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 and Friends,

The reading from Isaiah comes from a section of First Isaiah known as the Apocalypse of Isaiah (24 – 27). It envisions a future time when a city in chaos is destroyed by God, the mountain (Presumably Zion, Jerusalem's mountain) will be the site of God's salvific action. To celebrate God's victory over the tyrants, a feast of rich good and pure, choice wines (v.6) will be provided not only for Israel, but for all people. On this mountain of Jerusalem, God will destroy death, and the reproach of God's people will be removed (v.8). The prophet envisions a future of hope, filled with sumptuous food and drink, the absence of death, and rejuvenation of God's people. Though found within the work of Isaiah of Jerusalem (Chapters 1 – 39), the Apocalypse likely comes from the oracles of a later prophet in the school of Isaiah, who was writing during the Exile.

A good part of Paul's joy over the Philippian community has to do with their spiritual growth and financial support of Paul. "For even when I was at Thessalonica you sent me something for my needs, not only once but more than once" (Philippians 4:16). But Paul has maintained that he is self-sufficient, supporting himself by his own hands (1 Thessalonians 2:5-9; 1 Corinthians 9:15 – 18) so as not to be a burden on the local community. Hence, he writes, "I know how to live in humble circumstance." The support that the Philippians provides is to live in humble circumstance." The support that the Philippians provides is to live in humble circumstance." The support that the Philippians provides is to live in humble circumstance." The support that the Philippians provides is deeply appreciated by Paul because it results from their affection for the apostle.

Matthew's Gospel is filled with more than sixty allusions to the Old Testament, evidencing the evangelist's purposeful characterization of Jesus as the fulfillment of scripture. In today's Gospel reading, Matthew has taken a parable from "Q" (a source of sayings material shared by Luke and Matthew), and inserted allegorical elements. That the kingdom of heaven is likened to a banquet picks up the image of the eschatological banquet of Isaiah and points toward the consummation of God's kingdom. But Matthew cautions that while this kingdom is already present 22:1 – 10), entrance into it requires scrutiny and judgment by the king (22:11 – 14). Scholars see the final verses as addressed specifically to Matthew's community, much as his unique parables have been elsewhere. "Many are invited, but few are chosen" (Matthew 22:14).

God bless,
Fr. Andrew

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Weekly Collection

Every penny counts!



Thank you for your contribution - big and small!

September 23 & 24 2023

Offertory Envelopes - \$2,673.00

& Special Collections - \$551.00

We appreciate your generosity and thank you.

† Słowo Proboszcza †

Kochani Parafianie,

W dzisiejszej Ewangelii i w pierwszym czytaniu jesteśmy zaproszeni na ucztę. Ta pierwsza uczta, z prorocтва Izajasza, to obraz przyszłego szczęścia. Uczta – to często w Biblii obraz wiecznej szczęśliwości. Dokładnie – to jednak tylko jeden z elementów tego lepszego, wiecznego jutra. Ludzie, którym dane będzie korzystać z tego szczęścia, raz na zawsze pozbedą się smutku i żaloby. Co więcej! Obdarzony takim szczęściem człowiek nie będzie się obawiał żadnych chorób ani śmierci.

Uczta w Ewangelii – to niewatpliwie obraz szczescia wiecznego. Krol zapraszajacy na uczte – to bez watpienia Pan Bog. Ilez bolesnego nietaktu, aroganckiej obojetnosci wykazali zaproszeni na uczte! Ale to wlasnie my jestesmy zaproszeni na uczte. Nie potepi-
ajmy nikogo, przyjrzyjmy sie wlasnemu zyciu, wszystkim opuszczeniom niedzielnym Mszy sw., tepej obojetnosci na glosy parafialnych dzwonow. Martwi nas tak bardzo zmniejszajaca sie ilosc dzieci i mlodziezy na Mszy sw.

No i to najstraszniejsze: Niektórzy spośród zapraszanych nie tylko, że nie udali się na ucztę, ale jeszcze pochwycili wysłanników królewskich i zelżywszy ich, pozabijali. Nie zdarzają się zbyt często takie zbrodnie u nas, ale przecież ciągle na świecie giną misjonarze, kapłani i biskupi. To następce w prostej linii ewangelijnych wysłanników króla, zapraszającego na ucztę.

Ale zapraszać trzeba nadal, aż do skonczenia swiata, zeby mozna tylko powiedziec, ze wielu jest wezwanych.

Ludzie odmawiający przyjścia na ucztę, nie mówią już o tych, którzy dopuścili się morderstw zapraszających – z pewnością byli pozbawieni wiary. Otoż o mocy wiary w potrzebie mówi właśnie św. Paweł w drugim czytaniu z dzisiejszej liturgii Słowa. Paweł oświadcza: wszystko mogę w Tym, który mnie umacnia. I tacy ludzie zdarzają się po dzień dzisiejszy. Trzeba nam reagować jak Paweł na wyrazy ludzkiej dobroci. Najbardziej jednak trzeba nam dziękować za dar wiary, będącej wyrazem wrażliwości Boga na duchowe potrzeby człowieka.

Szczesc Boze,
Ks. Andrzej

2024 MASS INTENTION BOOK

Our 2024 Mass Intention Book is now open for requests. Please contact the office at 302-594-1400, Ext. 0 if you would like to have a Mass said for your loved ones. The stipend is \$10.00 per Mass.

Hospital Visitations– Please contact the rectory at 302-594-1400, or email stthedwigchurch@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 MONTH OF SEPTEMBER.

John Jacob Betz	September 13
William Twardus	September 22
Anna Okla	September 24
Helen Socko	September 27



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!



The community of St. Hedwig Church cordially invites you to participate in our Stations of the Cross Restoration Campaign. The cost to restore each Station is \$2,500; however, any amount that you can contribute towards this project would be greatly appreciated.

Those who are able to donate the \$2,500 gift would have their name engraved on a plaque that will be placed beneath the Station.

We cannot accomplish our goal without your help.

Please prayerfully consider donating to the Stations of the Cross Restoration Campaign.

We thank you in advance for your generosity.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
Thursday: Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-6ab; Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12
Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b;



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 16, 2023

6:30pm Maureen Kemble
Int. Basia Malek

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

6:30pm Gerry Rybaltowski (89th Birthday)
Int. Husband, Joseph & Children

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

6:30pm Carl Koekkoek
Int. Wife, Dorothy

Thursday, October 19, 2023

6:30pm Parishioners & Benefactors

Friday, October 20, 2023

6:30pm Living Intentions & Blessings for
Joseph Rybaltowski (67th Wedding Anniv.)
+ Geri Rybaltowski
Int. Erwin J. Juda

Saturday, October 21, 2023

8am Parishioners & Benefactors

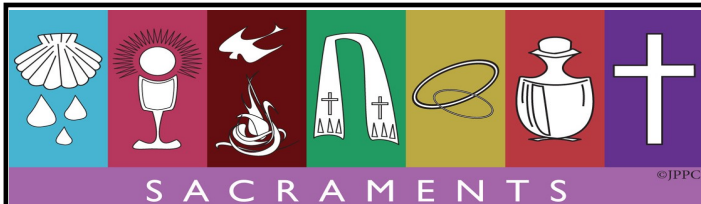
4pm Albin Okoniewski
Int. Evor Olson Family

Sunday, October 22, 2023

9am Loretta & Stanley Figiel
Int. Maria Migdalski

11:30am Wackawa & Boleslaw Jablonski
Int. Margorzata Chrzanowski

4pm Agnieszka Halabura
Int. Basia Malek



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

The Deceased Members of the

Knights of Columbus

Pope John Paul II Council



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

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

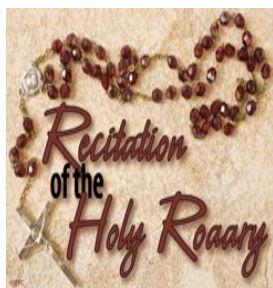
12:00pm † Holy Mass—Fr. Slominski will preach

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



October is the month of the Rosary! We invite you to join us for Benediction and recitation of the Rosary each weekend during the month of October following the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, the 11:30 a.m. Polish Mass on Sunday and following the 6:30 p.m. weekday Masses. We invite you to stay a few extra minutes after Mass and join us as we pray the Rosary during the month of October.

Birthright Baby Bottles

Please pick up a bottle on your way out of church to help support the work of Birthright of Delaware.