



St. Hedwig Church

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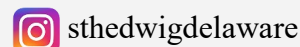
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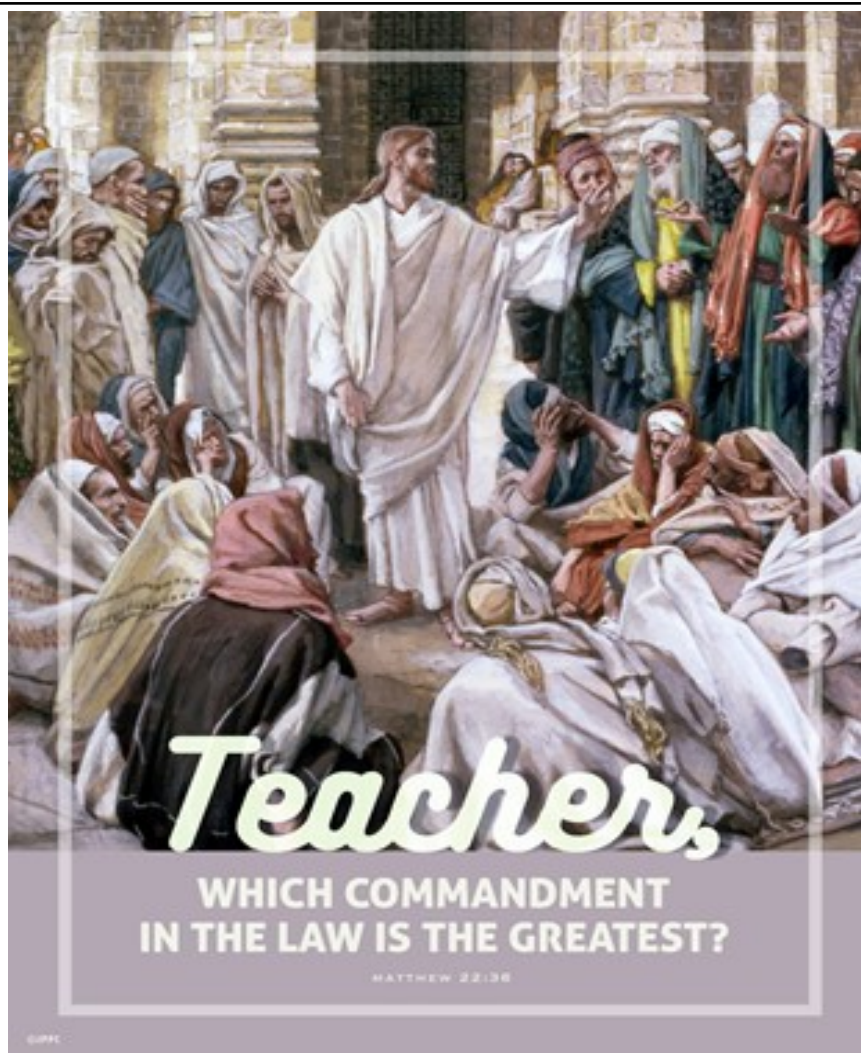
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OCTOBER 29, 2023 † THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME †



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,

Israel's law was quite humane. It exhorted the Israelites to be especially attentive to those within their community who were the most vulnerable, defenseless, and disadvantaged. It singled out the alien, the widow, and the orphan, because in a patriarchal society these groups had very little legal recourse. If they were further oppressed and they cried out to God, God would hear their cry just as God had heard the cry of the Israelites when they were in bondage in Egypt. The law is also concerned with those burdened with financial hardship. Every attempt must be made to ensure that they undergo no added humiliation or distress.

Paul insists that, as important as the transmission of the Gospel might be, it is really handed down by the example of lifestyle. He challenges the Christians to follow his example and that of Jesus. He has a particular circumstance in mind when he says this. The Thessalonians were converted in the midst of affliction, and it is within such circumstances that they give witness to others. Those who are faithful amidst the tribulations of this life will be spread the final wrath of God. Paul is not painting a picture of doom; he is giving meaning to the hardships that the Christians are presently enduring.

A Pharisee, a lawyer or expert in the law, asks Jesus to identify which of the six hundred thirteen commandments is the most important, an issue that held considerable interest at the time. Jesus' answer is faithful to His own Jewish faith. He endorses the summons that constitutes the Shema, the most significant prayer of the Israelite religion. He insists that the love of God must occupy one's entire being and not be simply a superficial allegiance. He then adds a second commandment, which is said to be like the first in importance. From this proclamation flows the responsibility to love God with one's entire being and to love one's entire being and to love one's neighbor as oneself.

God Bless,
Fr. Andrew

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Weekly Collection

Every penny counts!



Thank you for your contribution - big and small!

October 14 & 15 2023

Offertory Envelopes - \$4,024.00

& Special Collections - \$256.00

We appreciate your generosity and thank you.

† Słowo Proboszcza †

Kochani Parafianie,

Tyle dziś słyszy się i czyta o tzw. azylantach czyli ludziach, którzy albo uciekli ze swojego kraju, bo ich tam przesładowano z jakichś powodów, albo dobrowolnie wyjechali z własnej ojczyzny w poszukiwaniu lepszych warunków życia. Okazuje się, że to stary problem. Dzisiaj właśnie, w jednej z najstarszych ksiąg Pisma św. Starego Testamentu, mowa jest o cudzoziemcach, których prawodawca bierze wyraznie w obronę mówiąc: "Nie będziesz gnebił i nie będziesz uciskał cudzoziemców, bo wy sami byliście kiedyś cudzoziemcami." Cudzoziemcy to już trochę także i nasz polski problem.

Szczególnymi względami w prawie starotestamentalnym cieszyły się zawsze wdowy i sieroty. Dlaczego? "Bo żony wasze – przypomina autor natchniony – będą wdowami a wasze dzieci sierotami".

Ostatnia przestroga jest skierowana do lichwiarzy i wszystkich dorabiających się na nędzy bliźnich. Niedawno zakończył się nasz doroczny Tydzień Miłosierdzia. Nie powinno się jednak zakończyć miłosierdzia. Jezus Chrystus powiedział: "Bądźcie miłosierni, ponieważ Ojciec wasz niebieski miłosierny jest." Warto pamiętać, że naszym doczesnym miłosierdziem najpewniej zarabiamy na miłosierdziu wiecznym.

Szczesc Boze,
Fr. 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.



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!



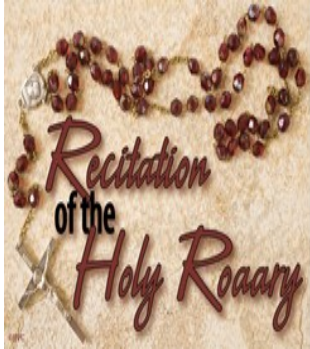
ATTENTION:

Parish Council will not be meeting in November. Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, December 6th.**

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.



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.



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.



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 !

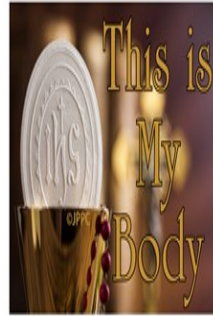
READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Monday: Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21; Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
Thursday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40
Friday: Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6
Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11
Sunday: Mal 1:14b — 2:2b, 8-10; Ps 131:1-3; 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12

Birthright Baby Bottles

Please pick up a bottle on your way out of church to help support the work of Birthright of Delaware. Thanks in advance for your generosity!



REAL PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN THE EUCHARIST

Join us for an opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. The program will be held in Gulcz Hall at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 4th.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DEPARTED THIS LIFE DURING THE MONTHS OF SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER.

John Jacob Betz	September 13
William Twardus	September 22
Anna Okla	September 24
Helen Socko	September 27
Frances T. Gaska	October 2

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 30, 2023

6:30pm Anna Pysz
Int. Basia Malek

Tuesday, October 31, 2023

6:30pm Julia Halabura
Int. Basia Malek

Wednesday, November 1, 2023

12pm Carl Koekkoek
Int. Wife, Dorothy
5:30pm Frank Ragan
Int. Bill & Dolores Rybaltowski
7:00pm Mary Walsh (6 yrs.) - (Polish Mass)
Int. Siblings

Thursday, November 2, 2023

6:30pm All Souls Mass Intentions

Friday, November 3, 2023

6:30pm Purgatorial Society Members

Saturday, November 4, 2023

8am Debbie Pietras
Int. Margie, MaryAnn & Helena

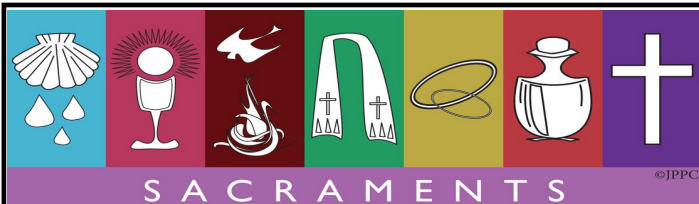
4pm Adam Gurczenski, Sr.
Int. Family

Sunday, November 5, 2023

9am Living & Deceased Members of Holy Rosary Society

11:30am Romuald Chrzanowski
Int. Zygmunt Chrzanowski

4pm Elaine Jackson
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

The Deceased Members of the

Knights of Columbus

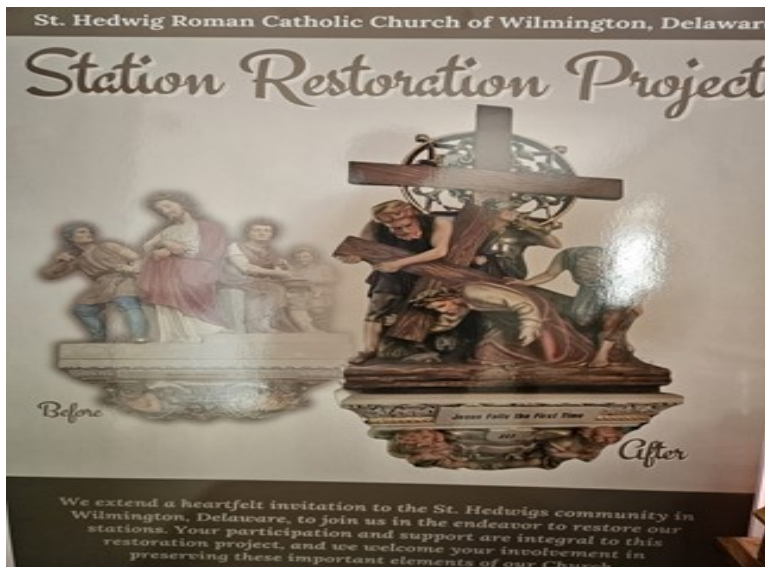
Pope John Paul II Council



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.



The community of St. Hedwig Parish 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 afford to donate the \$2,500 gift would have their name engraved on a plaque beneath the chosen 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 and may God bless you! For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 302-594-1400, Ext. 0.



St. Hedwig Church
MASS OF REMEMBRANCE
ALL SOULS' DAY

on Thursday, November 2, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Parish members who have died and all who were buried from our Church since the last All Souls' Day will be remembered at the 6:30pm Mass on November 2nd. Their families are especially invited to attend and light a candle in memory of their loved one during the Mass.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them!

May they rest in peace!

Patricia Roberts
 Maureen Kemble
 Renee Dorsey
 Parker Dorsey
 June Dorsey
 John J. Marcinizyn
 Evor T. Olson
 Barbara Ann Shuster
 Kazimierz Leonarski
 John P. Dobies
 Renee Sentel
 Stanley Lebidziewicz

Kathleen Matuszewski
 Eugene Matuszewski
 Theresa Starr
 Wojciech Michalski
 Antoni Juda
 Geraldine Rybaltowski
 Leo Zelinski
 John Jacob Betz
 William (Bill) Twardus
 Helen Socko
 Anna Okla
 Frances T. Gaska

