

# St. Hedwig Church

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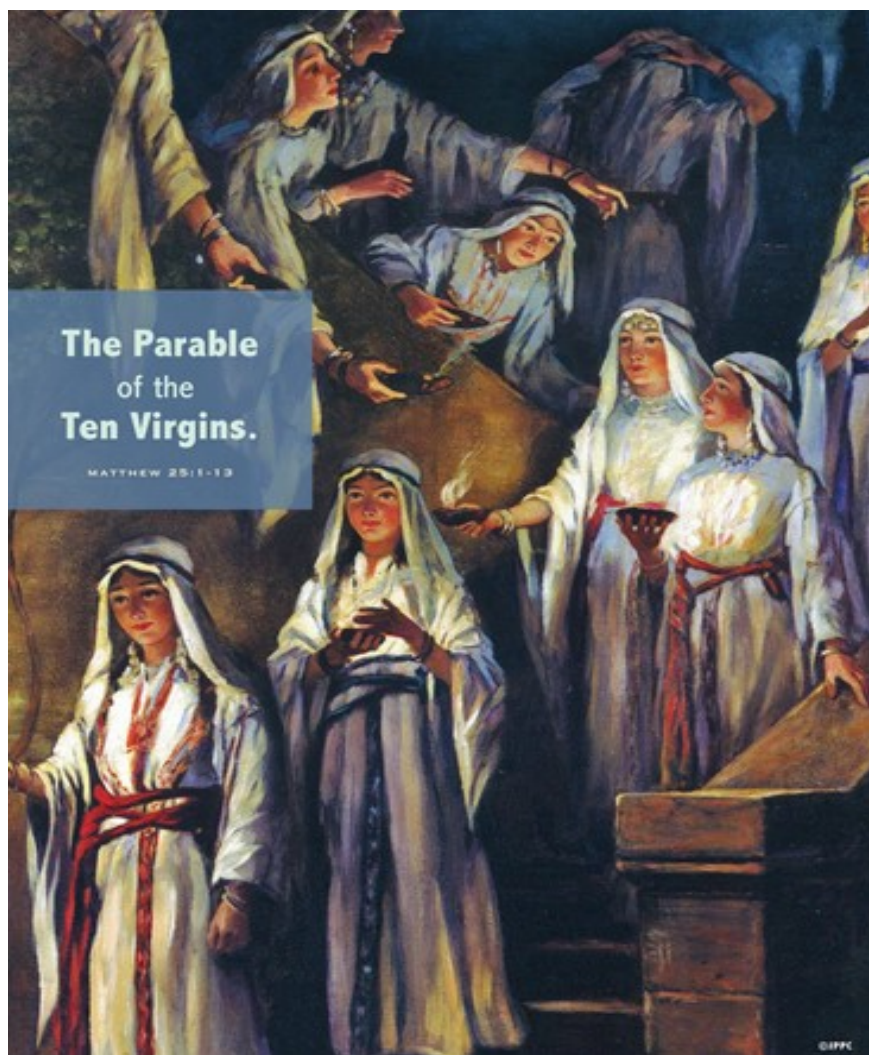


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NOVEMBER 12, 2023 † THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME †



**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 and Friends,

The book of Wisdom, written in the mid-first century B.C., attempts to answer the perennial question, why do the wicked prosper while the good suffer? The author, whom tradition holds is Solomon, personifies Wisdom as a woman who is found by those who seek her (Wisdom 6:12). That Wisdom is found "sitting by his gate" shows that insight from wisdom is neither lofty nor beyond human comprehension. By definition, wisdom in ancient Near Eastern understanding resulted from reflection on human experience in order to find the underlying order of life. Thus wisdom "graciously appears to them in the ways"—the paths of ordinary life.

The primary concern of the Thessalonians and likely their reason for seeking Paul's advice may have been the deaths of believers in the community (Thessalonians 4:13). The founding premise of Paul's proclamation was the imminent return of Jesus in the parousia (Second Coming). This urgency is what drove his apostolic efforts and likely spurred membership. But the faithful among the Thessalonians were dying, and Jesus had not returned. Paul answers their concerns by assuring that those who have fallen asleep will be the first to be raised when the Lord returns.

As we near the end of the season of Ordinary Time, the Gospel readings focus more on the coming reign of God. In today's parable, unique to Matthew, Jesus emphasizes the importance of vigilance. The maidens, like the Matthean community, are to be prepared even if the bridegroom should be delayed. When those who did not prepare rightly run out of oil, we would expect the others to "share." But this parable is not about compassionate response to those without. It is a call to personal preparation and personal responsibility, lest the believers find themselves knocking at the closed door. "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour" (Matthew 25:13). The parable served to encourage those in Matthew's community who may have grown weary awaiting the Lord's return.

God bless,  
Fr. Andrew

## † Słowo Proboszcza †

Kochani Parafianie,

Wszystkie trzy czytania dzisiejszej liturgii Słowa mówią o mądrości, ale w każdym z trzech czytanych mądrość ta przybiera nieco inną postać.

Najprzód mądrością nazywają się po prostu Boże przykazania. Kto w nich dostrzega mądrość, ten zaczyna kochać i same przykazania. O nich chętnie rozmyśla, z nimi się nie rozstaje. Taka mądrość objawia się na różnych drogach ludzkiego życia i stanowi dla człowieka prawdziwe drogowskazy. To dzięki mądrości zawartej w przykazaniach wiemy, w jakim kierunku winniśmy zmierzać przez całe życie.

O bardzo szczegółowej mądrości jest mowa w drugim czytaniu, czyli kolejnym fragmencie pierwszego Listu św. Pawła do Tesaloniczan. Tu Paweł współczuje niewierzącym, czyli tym, którzy nie uznają Bożej mądrości i przyrównuje ich do umierających w smutku, ponieważ nie towarzyszy im żadna nadzieja. Nadzieja nie bez powodu porównywana jest do kotwicy. Nadzieja utrzymuje nas przy życiu. Co więcej, nadzieja już tu na ziemi stanowi rejon życia wiecznego.

A wszystko to opiera się na swoistej logice, czyli mądrości, którą Paweł tak oto wyraża: "Jeśli bowiem wierzymy, że Jezus istotnie umarł i zmartwychwstał, to również tych, którzy umarli w Jezusie, Bóg wyprowadzi wraz z Nim". Jednym słowem, człowiek żyjący nadzieją ma po co żyć.

O jeszcze innej mądrości mówi Ewangelia. Jest to mądrość pięciu pańien, oglądana zresztą na tle jej całkowitego braku u pięciu pozostałych pańien. W rzeczywistości chodzi o mądrość pojmowaną jako umiejętność i chęć zarazem przewidywania albo przezorności lub roztropności, ukierunkowanej na przyszłość. A na takiej mądrości powinno się opierać całe nasze życie, ciągle i całkowicie zorientowane na przyszłość albo dokładniej mówiąc: na ten moment, od którego zaczyna się wieczność.

To dlatego w nauczaniu Jezusa Chrystusa tak często powtarzają się zachęty do czuwania. Tak jak w Ewangelii dzisiejszej: "Czuwajcie, bo nie wiecie ani dnia ani godziny".

Szczęść Boże,  
Ks. Andrzej



*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!*

Helping Our Parish Grow  
WEEKLY OFFERTORY

**Hospital Visitations**— Please contact the rectory at 302-594-1400, or email [stwedwigchurch@comcast.net](mailto: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**  
**October 28 & 29, 2023**  
 Offertory Envelopes - \$2,810.00  
 & Special Collections - \$797.00  
 We appreciate your generosity and thank you.





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. Come and pray!



## PRAYER GROUP

Every Thursday evening in the parish hall, immediately following the 6:30 p.m. Mass. Join us for Mass,

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Monday: Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-10; Lk 17:1-6  
Tuesday: Wis 2:23 — 3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-19; Lk 17:7-10  
Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19  
Thursday: Wis 7:22b — 8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25  
Friday: Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5ab; Lk 17:26-37  
Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8 or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33  
Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]

## *Called to Serve*

### **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.

## 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.



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, November 13, 2023

6:30pm Marcin Smialek  
Int. Basia Malek

## Tuesday, November 14, 2023

6:30pm Living Intention for Mama Clara Chacko  
Int. Friends

## Wednesday, November 15, 2023

6:30pm Living Intentions for Mama Clara Chacko  
Int. Friends

## Thursday, November 16, 2023

6:30pm Mass of Thanksgiving  
Int. Hudson Family

## Friday, November 17, 2023

6:30pm Jan Bialecki  
Int. Children

## Saturday, November 18, 2023

8am Living Intentions for Mama Clara Chacko  
Int. Friends

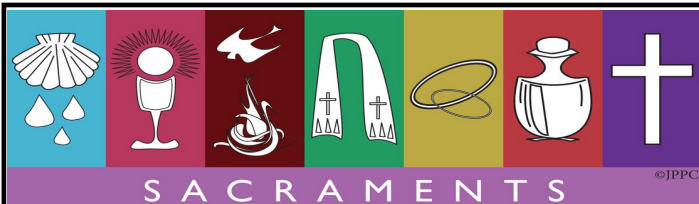
4pm Cecelia Kehnast  
Int. Son, Ron Gawinski & Family

## Sunday, November 19, 2023

9am Frances T. Gaska  
Int. Daughter, Donna

11:30am Malgorzata Soltysiak  
Int. Marek Lewandowski

4pm Janka Chrzan  
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 Reiss Family

Requested by:

Sandra Murphy



### 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 September—May
- R.C.I.A. Program every Monday at 7pm from Oct-March
- Knights of Columbus Meeting—November 14
- Liturgy Meeting—November 15
- Thanksgiving Day –Nov. 23—9am Mass in Church



### ST. HEDWIG WINTER WEAR DRIVE

As in past years, our parish will be collecting **NEW** (unused) winter gear that will be distributed for the needy in our community.

The following **NEW** items will be gladly accepted:

- GLOVES
- MITTENS
- SCARVES
- HATS
- WARM SOCKS

**Items will be collected in the bins at the entrances to the church between now and December 3.**

**Thanks in advance for your generosity, and may God bless you always!**



### ***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. R.C.I.A. classes are held one evening each week at 7:00 pm in the parish rectory. There is no cost for the program and all materials will be provided. We welcome everyone to the program.

There is still time to register for the 2023 R.C.I.A. Program. Please call the Parish Office at 302-594-1400, Ext. 0