

St. Hedwig Church

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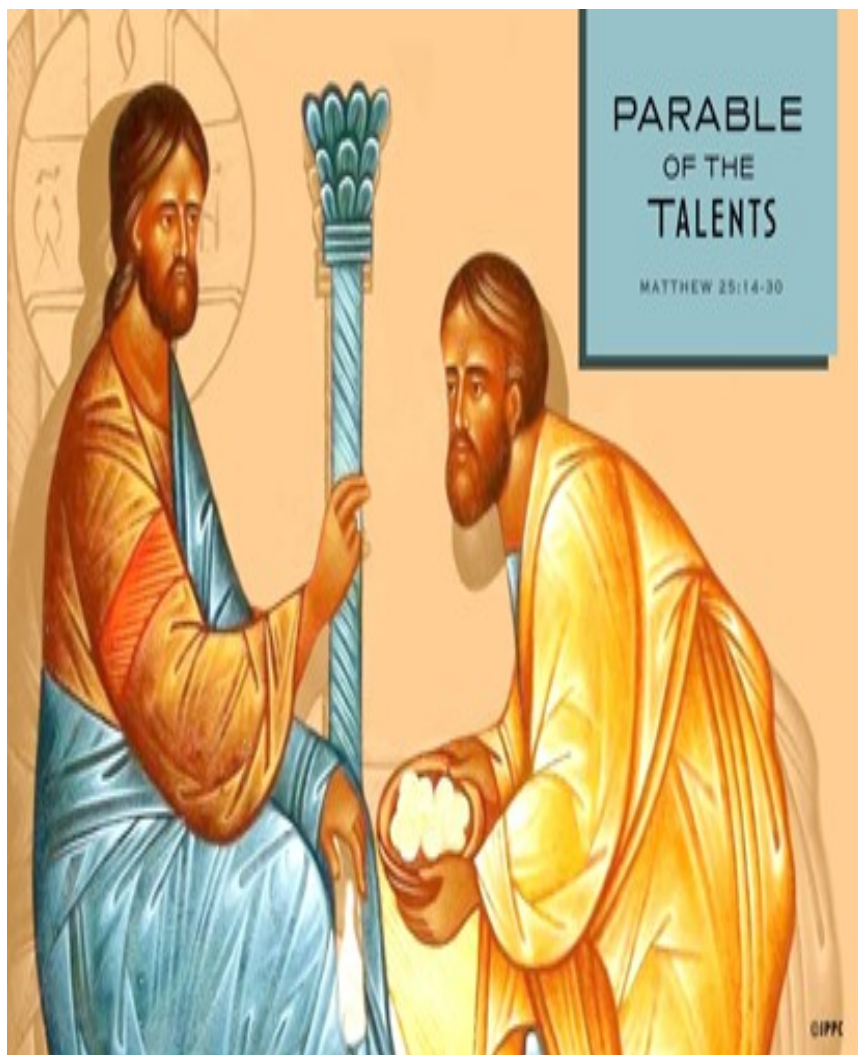


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NOVEMBER 19, 2023 † THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME †



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,

In the patriarchal world of the ancient Near East, gender roles were steadfast and carefully guarded. In today's first reading from the book of Proverbs, the expectations and behaviors of the ideal wife are described. Primarily, she is to bring honor to her husband (Proverbs 31:12), attend to the making of clothes for the family (Proverbs 31:13), and care for the poor and needy (Proverbs 31:20). Honor, care of family, and care of neighbor are hallmarks of the faithful Israelite, which Proverbs describes here in terms of a woman's duties.

The concern to which Paul responds in his first Letter to the Thessalonians is best understood in light of eschatology, or concern about the end-times. Paul and the early Christians believed that Jesus' return was imminent. That eschatological urgency drove the apostles and preachers to spread the word of repentance far and near. When Jesus returned he would judge the living and the dead and their actions would decide their fate. But a generation of believers was now dying, and Jesus had not returned. The Thessalonians rightly asked Paul "When?" to which he responds, "When you least expect—like a thief in the night." The eschatological urgency leads to an eschatological anxiety that should shape the actions and believers.

Whereas the parable of the ten maidens in Matthew 25:1 – 13 spoke of preparation for the end-time, today's Gospel reading focuses on the "in-between time." Jesus describes situation in which a person has left his possessions in the hands of his servants and departed on a journey of unknown duration. Each servant is given responsibilities according to his or her abilities (Matthew 25:15). Upon his return, the master evaluates how well each servant lived up to his or her responsibilities. To the first two, the master offers commendation: "Well done, my good and faithful servant" (Matthew 25:21; 23). However, the third servant failed in his task, resulting in condemnation, "You wicked, lazy servant!" (Matthew 25:26). Jesus' summation—"For to everyone who has more will be given . . . but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away" (Matthew 25:29)—seems uncharacteristically harsh. But as Matthew is emphasizing to his community, entrance into the reign of heaven is not a guarantee for believers. Everyone is expected to prepare according to their ability.

God bless,
Fr. Andrew

Kochani Parafianie,

Liturgia Słowa z dzisiejszego pierwszego czytania ukazuje nam prawdziwą godność niewiasty. Medrzec Panski wychwala szczególnie trzy jej przymioty: Kocha swego małżonka darząc go pełnym zaufaniem, jest niezwykle pracowita i ma bardzo wrażliwe serce na potrzeby innych. Czyż nie to właśnie powinno się składać po dzień dzisiejszy na ideał także katolickiej małżonki i matki?

Drugie czytanie zdaje się być celowo dobrane na miesiąc listopad. Mówi o rzeczach ostatecznych, dokładnie o jednej, najbardziej niewiadomej rzeczy ostatecznej: o nieznanym momencie śmierci. "Dzień Pański przyjdzie jak złodziej w nocy".

Ale zastanówmy się, czy tej niepewności co do dnia śmierci nie można wykorzystać dla naszego dobra i uznać nawet za błogosławieństwo? Przecież to właśnie zmusza nas do ustawicznego czuwania i do gotowości na spotkanie z Bogiem. Zapytajmy się więc samych siebie: czy rzeczywiście jesteśmy gotowi?

Ewangelijna przypowieść o rozliczaniu się pewnego człowieka ze swymi sługami też winna kierować nasze myśli ku przyszłemu rozliczaniu nas z całej doczesności. Ma nam także przypominać to, że każdy człowiek otrzymał od Boga jakieś talenty i komu więc dano, od tego więcej też będzie się kiedyś wymagać. Ale każdy jest rzeczywiście posiadaczem jakichś talentów. Zabrzmiało to wprost nieprawdopodobnie, lecz cierpienia, które nam wypada znosić, krzyże dzwigane czasem przez całe życie – to też Boże talenty. Ogromnie trudno w to uwierzyć, zwłaszcza cierpiącym, ale przecież cierpienia Jezusa okazały się wartością nie mającą ceny. A każdy cierpiący pomaga nieść krzyż samemu Chrystusowi.

Szczesc Boze,
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

Weekly Collection

Every penny counts!



Thank you for your contribution - big and small!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
November 4 & 5 2023
 Offertory Envelopes - \$3,060.00
 & Special Collections - \$993.00
 We appreciate your generosity and thank you.

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.



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: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44
Thanksgiving Day, Suggested: Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

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, Mary Eva Ross and Frank Kucharski.

HEAL THEM O LORD!

Masses For The Week



Monday, November 20, 2023

6:30pm Marianna Pysz
Int. Basia Malek

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

6:30pm Jan Piorkowski
Int. Son, Daughter & Family

Wednesday, November 22, 2023

6:30pm Poor Souls in Purgatory
Int. Margie Pietras

Thursday, November 23, 2023

Thanksgiving Day

9:00am Parishioners & Benefactors

Friday, November 24, 2023

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

Saturday, November 25, 2023

8am John & Josephine Kwiatkowski &
Carl Koekkoek
Int. Dorothy

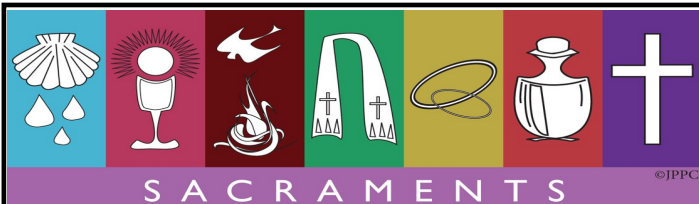
4pm Parishioners & Benefactors

Sunday, November 26, 2023

9am Bill Griffith
Int. Money Counters

11:30am Czeslaw Moskal
Int. Basia Malek

4pm Renee, Parker & June Dorsey
Int. Jeanette, Chris, Lynn, David & Eli



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.

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
- Thanksgiving Day –Nov. 23—9am Mass in Church—Parish Office is closed Nov. 23 & 24



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!



The Knights of Columbus Annual Christmas Babka & Bake Sale!

Pick-up Orders on Saturday, December 16th in the Parish Hall (beneath St. Hedwig Church)

9:00am – 11am ONLY! *Please note that all bakery items must be ordered*

in advance and picked up on Saturday, December 16th between the hours of 9-11am in the parish hall beneath St. Hedwig Church.

*PLAIN BABKA-\$12.00, CHEESE BABKA-\$20.00, SWEET POPPY SEED LOAF -\$18.00, BOX OF CHRUSCIKI-\$10.00, LOAF OF (sliced) RYE BREAD-\$9.00. **CUT-OFF DATE FOR ORDERING IS DECEMBER 9TH***

To place an order, please call **John at (302) 992-0309** by December 9th! Be sure to leave your name, phone number and the quantity of each bakery item you would like to order.



Christmas Kielbasa & Pierogi Sale

Pick-up Orders on Saturday, December 16th in the Parish Hall (beneath St. Hedwig Church) 408 S. Harrison St., Wilmington, DE **9:00am – 11:00am ONLY!**

Krawczyk's Kielbasa & Pierogi

Please note that all kielbasa & pierogi orders must be placed in advance and picked up on Saturday, December 16th between the hours of 9:00am – 11:00am in the parish hall beneath St. Hedwig Church.

Kielbasa \$10.00/Link (Roughly 1 ¼ Lbs each)-Smoked & Fresh

Pierogi- \$6.00/dozen -Potato W/ Onion Pierogi, Potato W/O Onion Pierogi, Potato and Cheddar Pierogi and Sauerkraut Pierogi

Pre – Order Sales only - Cut-off Date is December 9th

Pick-Up Date is Saturday, December 16th

To place an order, please call Stephanie at (302) 256-2103