



St. Hedwig Church

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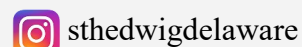
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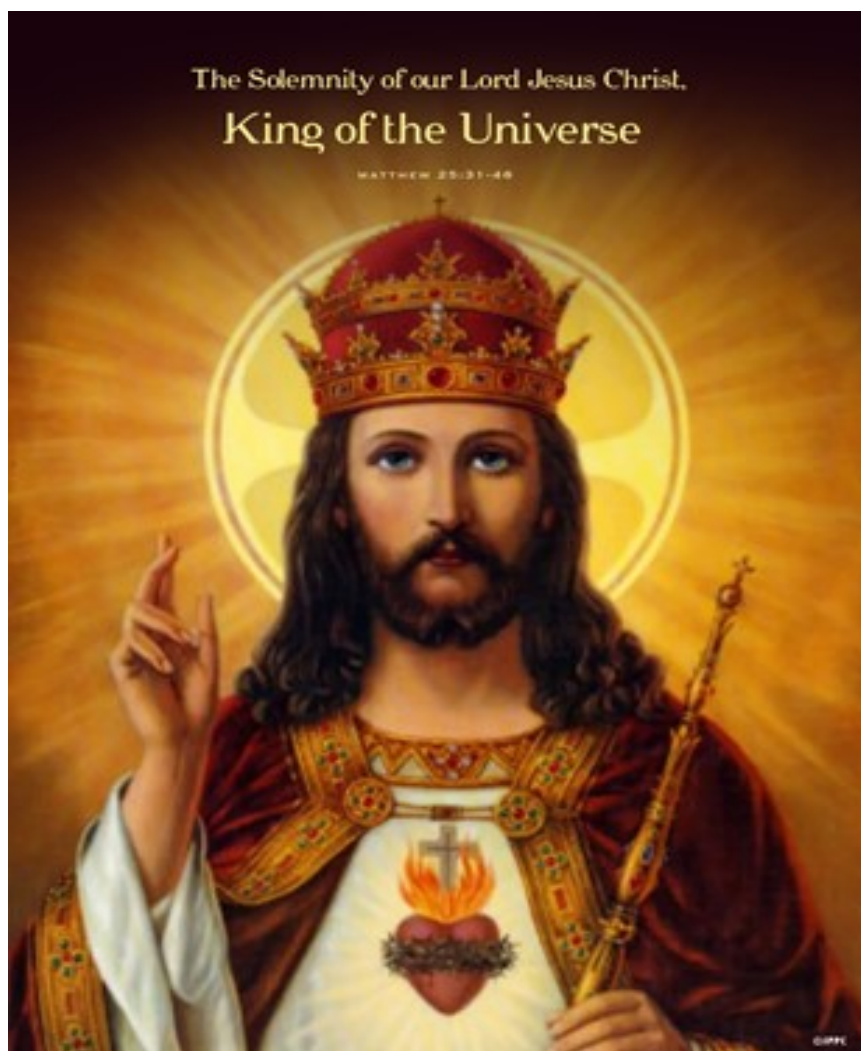
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NOVEMBER 26, 2023 † OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE †



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.



† Słowo Proboszcza †

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Frequently in the prophetic literature, shepherds represent the leaders of Israel (Isaiah 56:11; Jeremiah 2:8; Ezekiel 34:7). In today's first reading from Ezekiel, God is dismissing the shepherds of Israel who allowed the sheep to be plundered (Ezekiel 34:8). Instead God will take on this role, searching for and examining the sheep. The oracle of Ezekiel presents the actions of God as compassionate and intimate. "The lost I will seek out . . . the sick I will heal" (Ezekiel 34:16). But God as shepherd will also deal rightly with those who are "sleek and strong" (Ezekiel 34:17), perhaps the very ones who have "fattened themselves on the sheep."

Paul frequently compares Christ with Adam as he attempts to explain to new believers the effect of Christ's salvation. In Romans Chapter 5, Adam initiates the "pattern of trespass," but Christ's gift brings acquittal. In today's second reading from first Corinthians, Paul explains that death came through Adam, but now through Christ all live. In fact, Christ represents the beginning, the "firstfruits" of the coming reign of God. Like many early Christians, Paul held a particular view of eschatology (end-times) that saw Christ's resurrection as the beginning of the Reign of God. Christ's return would then usher in the fullness of God's reign.

"When everything is subjected to him," then Christ himself will be subjected to God (1 Corinthians 15:28).

This coming of Christ that Paul describes is presented in narrative form by Matthew. "When the Son of Man comes . . . all the nations will be assembled before him" (Matthew 25:31 – 32). This assembly sets the stage for the final judgment, which Jesus describes as being like a shepherd who separates his sheep from his goats. The parallel with today's first reading is intentional. As God served as Israel's compassionate and just shepherd, so too will Jesus as the Son of Man come in glory to sit in judgment over this world. Though the goats seem to represent those who are later "accursed" (Matthew 25:41), there is nothing inherently "bad" about the goats. They simply represent a distinction. Even today in the Middle East, sheep and goats are herded together. The criteria for judgment are the actions of mercy on behalf of the "least." To care for the "least" is to care for Jesus.

God bless,
Fr. Andrew

Kochani Parafianie,

Ostatnia w roku kościelnym niedziela swojej liturgii Słowa przypomina nam raz jeszcze atmosferę listopada, czyli miesiąca nie tylko pamięci o naszych zmarłych, lecz także zadumy nad rzeczami ostatecznymi człowieka.

Pierwsze czytanie i Ewangelia z niedzieli dzisiejszej mówią o czekającym nas po śmierci sędzie. Sąd ów – to druga spośród trzech rzeczy ostatecznych każdego człowieka. Czytanie pierwsze tylko ostatnim zdaniem nawiązuje do przyszłego sądu. Zasadniczo zaś mówi o dobrym pasterzu. Bóg jest dobrym pasterzem – stadem owiec zaś jest najprzód Izrael jako naród wybrany, a pośrednio my wszyscy, stanowiąc dziś jeden lud Boży. Bóg: szuka zblakanych owiec, opatruje okaleczone i opiekuje się nimi, troszczy się o pożywienie dla wszystkich i zapewnia spokojny odpoczynek.

Ostatnie zdanie proroctwa Ezechiela brzmi: "Do was, owce moje, to mówi Pan Bóg: Oto Ja osadzę poszczególne owce, barany i kozły".

Ta przestroga jest w gruncie rzeczy też wyrazem serdecznego z troskania o nas Boga, dobrego Pasterza: Miejmy się na baczności, uważajmy – nasze ludzkie zablakanie się bywa często przez nas zawnione. Nie zwaliliśmy na znaki, jakimi są Boże przykazania.

O wiele dokładniej o przyszłym sędzie mówi dzisiejsza Ewangelia. Jest to w ogóle chyba najdokładniejszy biblijny opis sądu ostatecznego albo inaczej mówiąc, dwu wyroków, które wtedy zapadną: jeden skazujący grzeszników na mekę wieczną, drugi wprowadzający błogosławionych do królestwa niebieskiego. Najbardziej godne uwagi w owych wyrokach jest, że Jezus – siedząc najwyżej – utożsamia się w nich z głodnymi, spragnionymi, bezdomnymi, chorymi i umęczonymi. Okazanie miłosierdzia ludziom tej kategorii jest świadczeniem miłosierdzia samemu Chrystusowi, zaś niewrażliwość, obojętność na ich potrzeby jest odwracaniem się od samego Chrystusa.

Tak więc całe nasze życie przyszłe zależy od miłości. Wtedy dopiero zrozumiemy w pełni, że największa jest miłość. Bądźcie tedy, miłosierni, jako że i Ojciec Wasz niebieski miłosierny jest.

Szczęście 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 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.

Weekly Collection

Every penny counts!



Thank you for your contribution - big and small!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
November 11 & 12, 2023
 Offertory Envelopes - \$1,808.00
 & Special Collections - \$173.00
 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: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37



Oplatki Christmas Wafers are available for sale in the Parish Office for \$5.00 (four wafers per pack). Office hours: Tuesday – Thursday 9:00am – 3:00pm

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.



*Vigil Mass
Thursday, Dec. 7th
6:30pm (Church)*

*Solemnity of the
Immaculate
Conception
Friday, Dec. 8th
12pm
5:30pm
7:00pm (Polish)*

*All Masses are in
the Church.*



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 27, 2023

6:30pm Czeslaw Malek
Int. Basia Malek

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

6:30pm Francis Miller (B)
Int. Wife, Carol

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

6:30pm Robert Klaczkiewicz
Int. Family

Thursday, November 30, 2023

6:30pm Living Intention— Joanne Gawinski
Health & Birthday Blessings (81 yrs)
Int. Clare

Friday, December 1, 2023

6:30pm Purgatorial Society Members

Saturday, December 2, 2023

8am Rev. Edward Glapiak
Int. Holy Rosary Society

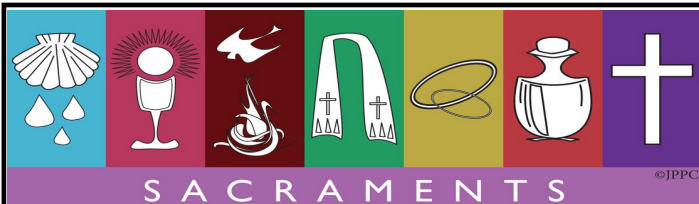
4pm Renee, Parker & June Dorsey
Int. Dot Dorsey & Family

Sunday, December 3, 2023

9am Living & Deceased Members of the
Holy Rosary Society

11:30am Gabby Migdalski
Int. Maria Migdalski

4pm Casimir & Rosalie Ragan
Int. Ragan Family



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

Renee, Parker & June Dorsey

(1st Anniversary)

Requested by:

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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 Mass at 2:30pm in Gulez 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
- November 29th—Finance Council /Liturgy Meeting
- December 3rd—Family Mass—9:00am
- Dec. 7th—6:30pm Vigil of Immaculate Conception
- Dec. 8th Immaculate Conception Masses 12, 5:30 & 7pm (Polish)



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.



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 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