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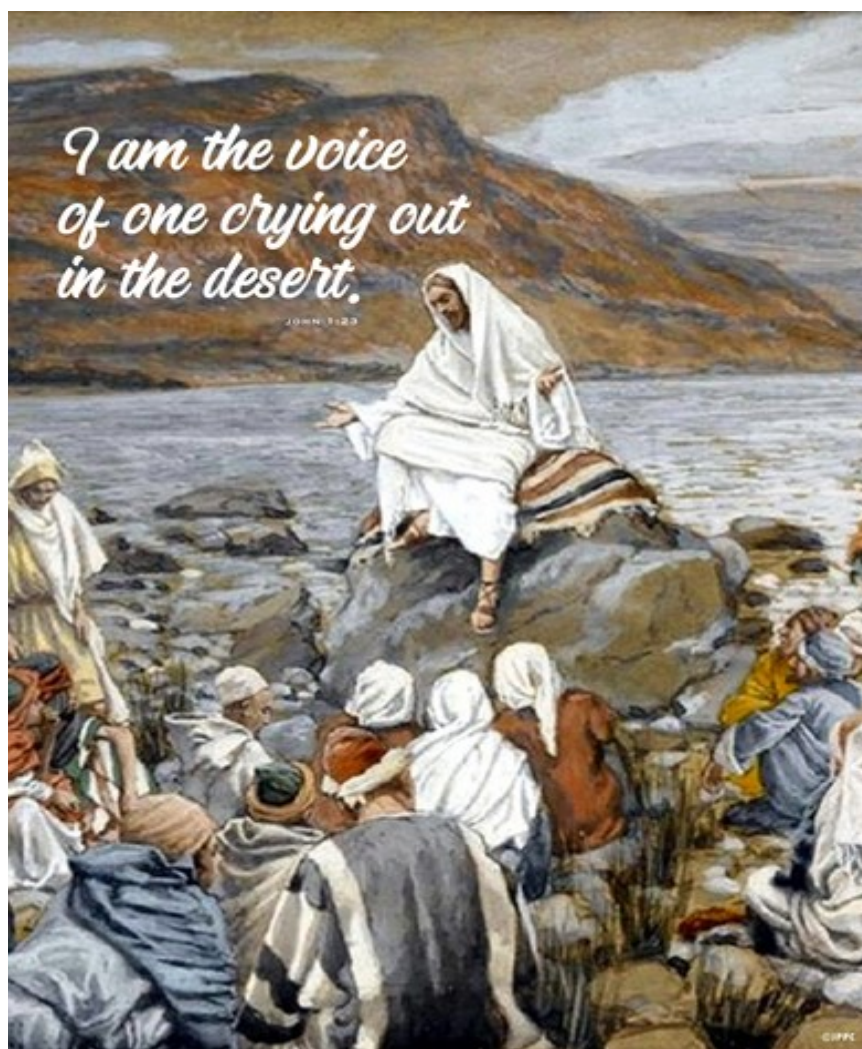


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DECEMBER 17, 2023 † THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT †



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,

On this *Gaudete* (Rejoice) Sunday, these readings invite us to rejoice in the various advents of Christ, first in the flesh, now present in the Spirit, and soon to return at the *parousia*. While the reading from Isaiah is quoted by the Lucan Jesus at the inauguration of his mission, here the prophet announces a word of joy to the recently returned exiles. The vision depicted is that of a Jubilee Year (Leviticus 25:10), when those who have lost their land and freedom will receive all back. The joy of this news is likened to a glorious military triumph (Isaiah 61:10a) or a wedding celebration (Isaiah 61:10b). Thus Israel, once forsaken in exile, will be exalted by God in presence of the nations (Isaiah 61:11).

The reading from Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians describes how the faithful are to live in anticipation of the final advent of Christ, his second coming. They are to rejoice always, pray without ceasing, and not hinder the gifts of the Spirit. Paul's directions were meant to keep the community of believers "perfectly holy" and "blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Thessalonians 5:23). At this point in early Christianity, the *parousia* was thought to be imminent; hence the need to remain pure in spirit, soul, and body, for "the Lord will come like a thief at night." (1 Thessalonians 5:1).

The joyous anticipation is equally evident in the Gospel reading, though not all who hear the Good News rejoice. The Gospel reading tells us that John the Baptist came to give testimony about the light. First, he testifies before the priests and Levites that he is neither the Christ nor Elijah nor Moses (the prophet, John 1:20—21). Second, John must testify before the Pharisees and justify why he baptizes if he is not one of the three authoritative figures (John 1:25). Finally, he testifies that one greater than he is among them, whom they do not recognize. Jesus, "the one who is coming" (John 1:27), will later have to explain his authority to those same religious representatives (John 7:32; 11:47), culminating in his self-identifying statement, "I am" (John 8:58).

God bless,
Fr. Andrew

Kochani Parafianie,

Nie raz już wspominalismy o tym, że prorocy nie tylko karczili, lecz także pocieszali, podnosili na duchu lud Boży. W tej drugiej roli często występuje prorok Izajasz, zwany inaczej starotestamentalnym biografem Jezusa. Dzisiaj, oznajmiając nam, że został posłany, aby głosić dobrą nowinę ubogim, równocześnie przedstawia w wielkim skrocie i na swój sposób tajemnicze wcielenie przedwiecznego słowa. To Mesjasz wypowiada słowa: "Dusza moja raduje się w Bogu moim, bo mnie przyodził w szaty zbawienia, okrył mnie płaszczem sprawiedliwości... Pan Bóg sprawi, że rozpleni się sprawiedliwość i chwala wobec wszystkich narodów".

Oczekujemy, Drodzy moi, na pamiątkę takiego przyjścia Syna człowieczego. Trzeba nam podzielać radość proroka i jego tęsknotę za – jak to on mówi – owocami Bożego zasiewu.

Szczęść Boże,
Ks. Andrzej



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DEPARTED THIS LIFE DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER:

Ronald S. Gawinski
Leon Silicki
Joanna Sobkow
Thomas P. Kempinski

November 13
November 19
November 22
November 24



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 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
December 2 & 3 2023

Offertory Envelopes - \$3,530.00

& Special Collections - \$1,416.00

We appreciate your generosity and thank you.

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. Come and pray!



PRAYER GROUP

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



Oplatki Christmas

Wafers are available for sale in the Parish Office for \$5.00 (four wafers per pack). Office hours: Tuesday – Thursday



Newly Renovated Stations of the Cross

Please take notice of the newly renovated Stations of the Cross! The bases will be worked on next week. Thanks so very much for your support and generosity!

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, Mary Eva Ross and Frank Kucharski.

HEAL THEM O LORD!



Monday, December 18—Sacrament of Reconciliation

Noon—2:00pm , 5:00 -7:00pm in Gulcz Hall

Fourth Sunday of Advent- December 23

4:00pm (Vigil -fulfills Sunday 12/24 obligation)

Sunday, December 24 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00am (Sunday obligation)

11:30am (Sunday obligation - Polish)

Sunday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

3:30pm - Choir sings Carols

4:00pm - Christmas Vigil Mass

11:15pm - Christmas Concert - Please join

St. Hedwig Adult Choir in lifting up your voices in song to celebrate the Birth of our Savior!

12:00am Midnight (Pasterka)

Monday, December 25—Christmas Day

9:00 & 11:30am (Polish)

No 4:00pm Mass on Christmas Day

Sunday, December 31 - New Year's Eve

4:00pm Mass - followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00pm

11:00pm Mass to End Year 2023

Monday, January 1, 2024 - New Year's Day

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

9:00 & 11:30am (Polish) & 4:00pm



Masses For The Week



Monday, December 18, 2023

6:30pm Carl Koekkoek
Int. Wife, Dorothy

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

6:30pm Charles McCaffey
Int. Kim-Marie Cox

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

6:30pm Ron Gawinski
Int. Theresa Bartkowski

Thursday, December 21, 2023

6:30pm Krystine Szugan

Friday, December 22, 2023

6:30pm Ron Gawinski
Int. Chris & Steve Paraskewich

Saturday, December 23, 2023

8am Helen M. Kaminski
Int. Erwin J. Juda

4pm Gus (Paul) Sargent
Int. Heather & David Frost

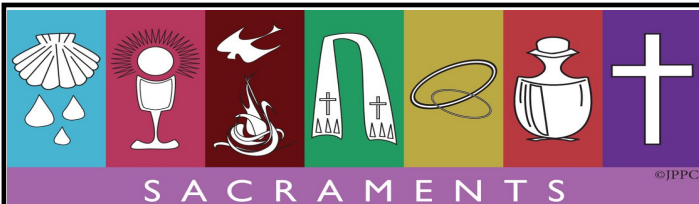
Sunday, December 24, 2023

9am Ann Marie Tidwell
Int. Mom, Beatrice Nickerson

11:30am Wojciech Michalski
Int. Wife & children

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass
4pm Walter & Helen Kaminski
Int. Daughter, Joanne

Midnight Parishioners & Benefactors



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

Rosalie & Casimir Ragan

Requested by:

Joan, Kathy, Frank, Frances

& Barbara



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.



Dear Parishioners,

Christmas is without a doubt the most joyful time of the year. The true Spirit of Christmas can only come about if one realizes the real message of the Feast – Christ's Birthday! The Virgin birth of a Savior in Bethlehem is an overwhelming example of God's wisdom, power and guidance.

We welcome all of you, those who celebrate with us daily and weekly, and those who come home to visit for the holidays.

Thank you for all the kindness, support, encouragement and generosity you've shown throughout the year. We appreciate your sacrificial gifts especially during this season.

May Jesus Christ bring Love and Peace to you at Christmas and bless you the year through.

Father Andrew, Father Adam, Deacon Ray and the entire staff of St. Hedwig Parish wish you a happy and holy Christmas!



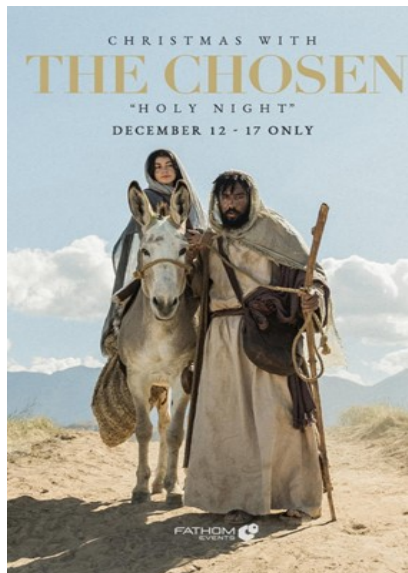
Kochani Przyjaciele,

Serdeczne życzenia świąteczne przesyłamy naszym parafianom, ludzior chorym, starszym, samotnym I zatroskanym.

Niech Nowonarodzony Pan nieba ziemi błogosławi Wam I obdarza Was licznymi łaskami.

Niech nowy rok 2024 będzie dla Was szczęśliwy I radosny.

*Życzy,
Ks. Andrzej & Ks. Adam*



Cinemark Movies 10

1796 West Newport Pike

Wilmington, DE 19804

Please join Fr. Adam and fellow parishioners of St. Hedwig on Sunday, December 17th at the 3:40 pm showing of Christmas With The Chosen "Holy Night"

Ticket Prices:

Special Event

\$12.50

Those who are interested in going should plan on meeting us in the lobby of the movie theatre at 3:15pm. Tickets can be purchased in advance by visiting <https://www.fathomevents.com/events/christmas-with-the-chosen-2023/>

Hope to see you there!