



St. Hedwig Church

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DECEMBER 24, 2023 † FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT †



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Pastor

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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,

The first reading presents us with a King David at peace, “settled in his palace” and having “rest from his enemies” (2 Samuel 7:1). In the lull of peacetime, David ponders the trappings of his success (a house of costly cedar) while the ark of God rests in a tent (the Hebrew is the word for “curtains”). The ark of God which held the stone tablets of the Ten Commandments essentially signaled the presence of God among the people. David considers building a proper temple for the ark, but though the prophet Nathan, God announces, “I have never dwelt in a house from the day I brought Israel up from Egypt to this day, but I have been going about in a tent or a tabernacle” (2 Samuel 7:6). Rather than David building a house suitable for the presence of God, God will build a house for David (2 Samuel 7:11). The Hebrew word for house is *bayit* and means both a dwelling and a dynasty. God makes an everlasting promise to David that “I will establish (your) kingdom forever” (2 Samuel 7:12).

The second reading seems to bridge the promise of eternal covenant and its realization in Jesus Christ. Though Romans 16:25—27 is part of closing sections of the canonical Letter to the Romans, this doxology has appeared at the end of chapters 14, 15, or 16 in various manuscripts. Whether written by Paul or added by a later editor, these verses form a fitting conclusion to a letter that strove to explain how the “revelation of the mystery” had come to be shared with all the nations (Gentiles).

The Davidic promise announced by Nathan is fulfilled by Gabriel when the angel declares to Mary that she will bear a son, and “the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father” (Luke 1:32). He will be called “the Son of the Most High” and “of his kingdom there will be no end” (Luke 1:32—33). Thus Mary’s child will be the culmination of the promise, testimony to God’s faithfulness. When Zechariah asks for confirmation after receiving a similar birth announcement from Gabriel, he is struck dumb (Luke 1:20). However, Mary’s question—“how?”—doesn’t doubt the angel, only the mechanics of such a birth. And for Mary there is confirmation, “Behold, Elizabeth...has conceived...for nothing will be impossible for God” (Luke 1:36—37).

God bless,
Fr. Andrew

Kochani Parafianie,

Juz tylko dwa tygodnie dziela nas od wielkiego swieta narodzin Syna Bozego. Pamietamy, ze nie mial gdzie sie narodzić. Nie bylo miejsca w gospodzie. Przypomina sie nam ta bezdomnosc Jezusa, gdy czytamy dzis opowiesc o przygotowaniach do budowy domu Bozego w Jerozolimie. Budowniczym mial byc krol Dawid. Zauwazmy, ile jest Bozego taktu w tym domaganiu sie przez Boga wlasnego przybytku wsrod ludzi! Najprzod Bog oczekiwal cierpliwie az Dawid zdolal – z pomoca Boza, rzecz jasna – poskromic wszystkich wrogow. Pozwolil mu nastepnie zamieszkac w palacu cedrowym, a Sam ciagle przebywal w namiocie, jakze nietrwalem. Kiedy juz caly narod zazywal pokoju, kiedy wzieto w posiadanie ziemie obiecana, dopiero wtedy delikatnie i jakby niesmiato pyta Bog Dawida: “Czy ty zbudujesz mi dom na mieszkanie?”

Cale nasze budownictwo sakralne – poczynajac od skromnych katakumbowych jaskin i kapliczek budowanych nocami, poprzez okazale swiatynie i katedry zwane cudami swiata – to ciagle na nowo podejmowane proby udzielania Bogu odpowiedzi na to jakze delikatne pytanie: Czy zbudujesz mi dom na mieszkanie?

Szczesc Boze,
Ks. Andrzej



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

Ronald S. Gawinski	November 13
Leon Silicki	November 19
Joanna Sobkow	November 22
Thomas P. Kempinski	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!

Weekly Collection

Every penny counts!



Thank you for your contribution - big and small!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION December 9 & 10 2023

Offertory Envelopes - \$5464.00

& Special Collections - \$2274.00

We appreciate your generosity and thank you.

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.

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.



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—Confession

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 - Family Christmas Sing-Along

4:00pm - Christmas Vigil Mass

11:15pm - Christmas Concert -

St. Hedwig Adult Choir

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

The Solemnity of Mary
January 1st



Masses For The Week



Monday, December 25, 2023

9:00am Frances T. & John F. Gaska
Int. Donna Gaska

11:30am Stefania Pysz
Int. Basia Malek

Tuesday, December 26, 2023

6:30pm Irene Rozanski-Bea (100th Birthday)
Int. Son, Richard

Wednesday, December 27, 2023

6:30pm John Appel, III
Int. Theresa Blackadar

Thursday, December 28, 2023

6:30pm Jadwiga Lewandowska

Friday, December 29, 2023

6:30pm Gus (Paul) Sargent
Int. Drew & Judy Sikoiski

Saturday, December 30, 2023

8am Michael R. Cox & Vernon T. Cox, Jr.
Int. Kim-Marie Cox

4pm Joe Dorsey (8th Anniversary)
Int. Wife, Dorothy & Family

Sunday, December 31, 2023

9am Richard Zdziech
Int. Wife, Agnes

11:30am John Appel, III
Int. Theresa Blackadar

4pm Deceased Members of Nawrocki Family
Int. 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

Joe Dorsey
(8th Anniversary)

Requested by:

Wife, Dot



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 przesylamy naszym parafianom, ludzior chorym, starszym, samotnym I zatrosakanym.

Niech Nowonarodzony Pan nieba ziemi blogoslawi Wam I obdarza Was licznymi laskami.

Niech nowy rok 2024 bedzie dla Was szczeniwy I radosny.

*Zyczy,
Ks. Andrzej & Ks. Adam*

