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December 14, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent

# St. Patrick St. Hedwig Parish

A Ministry of the Dominican Province of St. Albert the Great



St. Patrick Church  
309 S. Taylor St. • South Bend IN 46601

St. Hedwig Church  
331 S. Scott St. • South Bend IN 46601

## Parish Office

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Monday-Thursday 9:00 am to 12 pm and  
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. **Office closed 12 pm to 1:00 pm**

## Masses (See bulletin for Holy Day Mass times)

**Saturday**  
4:00 pm.....St. Hedwig  
**Sunday**  
9:00 am.....St. Hedwig  
10:30 am, 5:30 pm.....St. Patrick

**Weekdays 12:15 pm** .....St. Patrick  
**Reconciliation**

Tuesday-Friday 11:45 –12:15pm at St. Patrick Church  
Saturday 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Mass at St. Hedwig Church  
Sunday 8:30—9:00 am at St. Hedwig Church  
After 10:30 am Mass at St. Patrick Church  
5:00 pm —5:30 pm Mass at St. Patrick Church

## Communion for Shut-Ins

**Marriage, Baptism**.....(574) 287-8932  
Marriage requires six months preparation. Baptism  
requires instruction and parents registered in the  
parish for at least six months.

## Hedwig Memorial Center Rental

Shellie Lewis, Banquet/Event Manager...(574) 298-0983  
[banquetmanager@spshsb.org](mailto:banquetmanager@spshsb.org)

## Parishioner Registration

To become a parishioner, fill out the Registration Form  
in the vestibule, call the parish office, or register online  
by going to <https://www.saintpatrickssainthedwig.church>

## Parish Mission Statement

In fidelity to Jesus Christ, in 1858 Irish and German immigrants founded St. Patrick Parish—the Mother Parish of South Bend—and in 1877 Polish immigrants founded St. Hedwig Parish—the Mother Parish of the Polish Community of South Bend. Saint Patrick Parish and Saint Hedwig Parish combined as one parish with two historic churches on August 22, 2024. The Parish sets to the western edge of Downtown South Bend in the West Washington National Historic District. As a faith community, we seek to bring the gifts of these two traditions together as one in the Roman Catholic Rite—to proclaim the Gospel and to celebrate the Eucharist in order to strengthen our resolve and to seek to live the Gospel message and so enrich our lives and the lives of others, our neighborhood, and our workplaces.

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, December 13

4:00 pm Health of Doris Milewski.....St. Hedwig  
*Req. by Bruce Wukovits*

### Sunday, December 14

9:00 am †Helen Przybylinski.....St. Hedwig  
*Req. by Michele, David, & Micky Piazza*

10:30 am For the Parishioners of St. Patrick and  
St. Hedwig Parish.....St. Patrick

5:30 pm Raquel Cruz Silva.....St. Patrick  
*Req. by Mary Santa*

### Monday, December 15

12:15 pm †Kevin Weinberg.....St. Patrick

### Tuesday, December 16

12:15 pm †Kevin Weinberg.....St. Patrick

### Wednesday, December 17

12:15 pm †Paul Grzeszyk.....St. Patrick  
*Req. by Pete Gapczynski*

### Thursday, December 18

12:15 pm Lorenzo Cruz.....St. Patrick  
*Req. by Mary Santa*

### Friday, December 19

12:15 pm †Kevin Weinberg.....St. Patrick

### Saturday, December 20

4:00 pm †Robbie Banicki Brinley.....St. Hedwig  
*Req. by Diane & Bart Frye*

### Sunday, December 21

9:00 am †Emery & Henrietta Ozdych.....St. Hedwig  
*Req. Ozdych Family*

10:30 am For the Parishioners of St. Patrick and  
St. Hedwig Parish.....St. Patrick

5:30 pm †Deceased Nyers & Antal Families..St. Patrick  
*Req. by Rose & Jim Burns*

## From the Desk of Fr. Reginald Wolford, OP

Dear friends,

We are in the homestretch of Advent, dear friends, and I pray that it has been a blessed one for you! As you know, the season of Advent is a time of preparation for the Lord's arrival. It is a time to reflect on the great mystery of God's breaking into human history to heal the wounds of our sin and foolishness, and to set us on the path back to his heart. It is a time to reflect on our great need for the Lord, for his wisdom and his mercy.

The Church provides a wonderful way of making this preparation in the ancient series of prayers known as the "O Antiphons." These are prayed during the Liturgy of the Hours on the last few days of Advent, leading up to Christmas Eve. You are probably familiar with the hymn, "O Come O Come Emmanuel," which is based on these antiphons. As beloved as that tune is, I would encourage you to also listen to the Gregorian chant version. (You can easily find it on YouTube.) There is a certain meditative and mysterious longing in the ancient chant, which you can feel even if you are not familiar with the Latin words of the prayers. The texts of the antiphons are from the messianic prophecies of Isaiah. Rather than reproduce them all here (you can look them up), I would like to offer a brief summary and reflection on each of them:

Dec. 17: O Sapientia - O Wisdom. This prayer reminds us that the wisdom we need is greater than human wisdom. Jesus Christ is the Wisdom that "cometh from the mouth of the most high."

Dec. 18: O Adonai - O Lord. In this prayer we remember the Lord's providential care for his people, as shown in his appearing to Moses in the burning bush.

Dec. 19: O Radix Jesse - O Root of Jesse. Here we remember the Lord's promise to give us a King who will silence any unjust claims made by earthly powers.

Dec. 20: O Clavis David - O Key of David. The "Key" here is the Lord's authority which will lock up the powers of darkness, and set free those who were imprisoned by sin.

Dec. 21: O Oriens - O Radiant Dawn. Christ is the Rising Sun, who will bring his light to "those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death."

Dec. 22: O Rex Gentium - O King of the Nations. Christ comes to break down the walls of hatred and unite all peoples in the bond of charity.

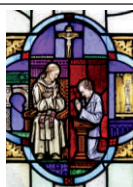
Dec. 23: O Emmanuel - O God-With-Us. This prayer, prayed on the day before Christmas Eve, sums up the mystery of the Lord's Incarnation. In Jesus Christ, God has come to be with his people.

For the rest of this Advent, in the midst of all our shopping and cooking and travelling, let us find some quiet time to pray and reflect on the Lord's coming, and on his presence and actions in our lives. The venerable tradition of praying the O Antiphons can help us do that.

God bless you,

*Fr. Reginald OP*

Fr. Reginald Wolford, OP



## Confessions

**Tuesday-Friday** 11:45am until 12:15 pm  
at St. Patrick Church

**Saturday** 3:00 until 4:00pm Mass at St. Hedwig  
Church

**Sunday:** 8:30 until 9:00am at St. Hedwig Church  
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5:00pm until 5:30pm Mass at St. Patrick Church

**The Second Collection on December 14, 2025 is for the Religious Retirement. These funds provide housing, medical assistance, and essential support for thousands of aging religious. Please consider giving in thanksgiving for their lifelong services**

## Liturgical Ministers

### St. Hedwig Church

#### Saturday, December 20, 2025

4:00pm Lector: J. Wesolowski  
Sacristan: Jessica Wesolowski

#### Sunday, December 21, 2025

9:00am Lector: W. Waymouth  
Sacristan: Nabor Camacho

## St. Patrick St. Hedwig Parish

### St. Patrick Church

#### Sunday, December 21, 2025

10:30am Lector: Esther Weber  
Sacristan: Bob/Mary Ann Weber

5:30pm Lector: John Campbell

Sacristan: VOLUNTEER



Due to holiday printing schedules, contributions will be in the next bulletin.

#### Right to Life Michiana Pro-Life Signature Ad

Please join us in standing for the dignity of human life by signing the annual Pro-Life Signature Ad appearing in the South Bend Tribune and the Elkhart Truth network January 24-25, 2026. Forms can be found by the bulletin tables or in the vestibule. Cost is \$5.00 per listing. Mail completed forms to 20004 Ironwood Circle Suite 130 inn South Bend, IN 46635. Sign Online! [Prolifemichiana.org/ad](http://Prolifemichiana.org/ad) Questions? Email Griffin at [outreach@prolifemichiana.org](mailto:outreach@prolifemichiana.org)



#### Coffee and Donuts Return in 2026

The Second Sunday of each month different parish groups and families are asked to host the Coffee and Donuts at the Hedwig Memorial Center after the 10:30am Mass. For more information on volunteering to host a Coffee & Donuts, contact Karen Horvath 574 339 2375.

#### Mass of Remembrance

Forms for the Mass of Remembrance are in the back of church and at the parish office. The cost is \$50.00 per listing, which includes the names in the bulletin for prayer five Masses throughout the year.



#### Breakfast with St. Nicholas

Sunday, December 14, 2025

at the Hedwig Memorial Center from 10am –2pm

Menu: Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs, Hashbrowns, and Coffee. Family Friendly at no cost! Door prizes and more! For more information contact Robert at 561 344 9677 or by email [Robert.Barber001@yahoo.com](mailto:Robert.Barber001@yahoo.com)

#### Sanctuary Lamp

#### Week of December 14

St. Hedwig– Gapczynski Family

St. Patrick — Church Leaders

Sanctuary Lamp for a week is \$10.00. Votive Candles are \$3.00.



Third Sunday of Advent

Oplatke is available at both churches and the parish office/St. Hedwig Rectory. The cost is \$3.00 for a pack of two.

#### CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2025

#### CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

DECEMBER 24, 2025 (WEDNESDAY)

3:30 PM CHRISTMAS CAROLS

4:00 PM MASS AT ST. HEDWIG CHURCH

#### CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

DECEMBER 25, 2025 (THURSDAY)

9:00 AM MASS AT ST. HEDWIG CHURCH

10:30 AM MASS AT ST. PATRICK CHURCH

**NO 5:30 EVENING MASS AT ST. PATRICK CHURCH**

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**DECEMBER 31, 2025 NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS (WEDNESDAY)**

5:30 PM ST. HEDWIG

**NEW YEAR'S DAY JANUARY 1, 2026 (THURSDAY)**

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

**(HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)**

9:00 AM MASS AT ST. HEDWIG

10:30 AM MASS AT ST. PATRICK

**NO 5:30 EVENING MASS AT ST. PATRICK**

(Subject to change)

Remember these following people in your daily prayers. We will offer Mass and pray for them.

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Lamenski Family  
William Brand  
R. Niezgodski Family  
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Robert & Delphine Mutchler

Berniece & Le Roy Patterson  
The Wukovits Family  
DeLee & Winnicki Families  
The Ozdych Family  
Rev. Leonard F. Chrobot, PHD

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