



St. Hedwig Church

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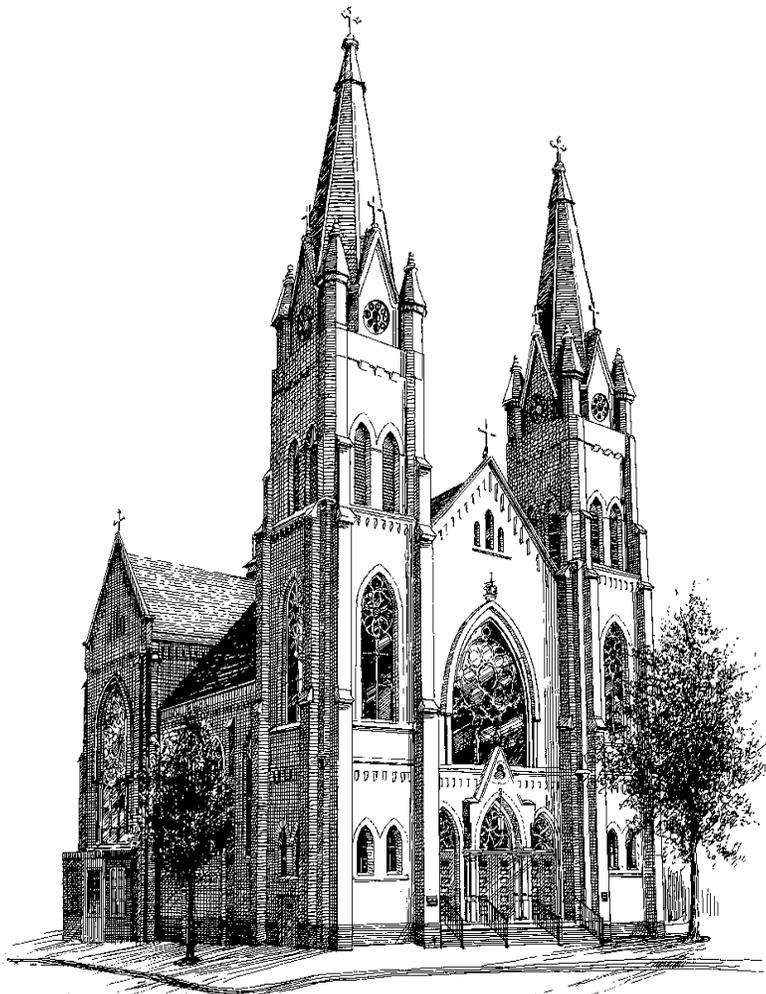
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October 4, 2020

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Parish Established 1890 ~ Church Dedicated 1905

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. Tomasz Pietrzak SChr
Assistant Pastor

Deacon Ray Zolanz

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 Thursday: 6:30 p.m.

Purgatorial Society Mass

Adoration: Sunday 3:00-4 p.m.

Weekday Mass Schedule

(in Saint Pope John Paul II Chapel)

Monday - Thursday 6:30 p.m.

Saturday 8:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confession on Saturday

from 3:00-3:45 p.m.

and weeknights before Mass

Parish Office Business Hours

Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. only



Notes from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The first reading from Isaiah consists of an allegory, which can be interpreted on several levels. The literal sense addresses an agricultural scene, in which loving care is given to a vineyard, only to produce worthless fruit. Since the passage is introduced as a love song to a friend, it could be read as an allegory of marital infidelity, similar to Hosea Chapter 2. Finally, the verses understood in the historical context address the sins of the Northern Kingdom (Israel) and the Southern Kingdom (Judah). A vineyard is a symbol for wealth, but this wealth has not produced justice (v. 7).

The second reading reminds the Philippian faithful to have no anxiety, offering two paths to peace. Believers should confidently make requests to God (v. 6-7), and they are to continue to do what they have learned, received, heard, and seen in Paul (v. 9). Paul closes his letter to the Philippians with an exhortation, reminiscent of Stoic philosophy. The believers are to adhere to the virtues of truth, honor, justice, purity, loveliness, grace, and excellence.

The Gospel reading picks up the theme of the vineyard found in Isaiah, but it is not the produce that is rotten, but the tenants. Addressing the religious leadership of Jerusalem, Jesus presents three parables in response to their criticism of him—the parable of the two sons (Matthew 21:23-32), the parable of the wicked tenants (Matthew 21:33-43) and the parable of the wedding feast (Matthew 22:1-14). These parables serve as a response to the criticism from and an indictment of the religious leadership. In today's parable, Jesus describes an absentee landowner who attempts to collect his rent on three occasions, and each time the tenants beat, stone, and kill the servants sent. Finally, the landowner sends his son, expecting that the son will be respected. Instead the tenants kill the son, assuming that they will then inherit the vineyard. The vine is often a symbol for Israel (Hosea 10:1; Jeremiah 2:21; Ezekiel 15:1-8; Isaiah 5:1-7). But here it isn't the vine that is unproductive, but the caretakers. Jesus asks what the landowner should do to the tenants. The religious leaders respond, unaware that they are condemning themselves: "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death" (Matthew 21:41). The chief priests and Pharisees recognize that Jesus is addressing them and want to arrest him (Matthew 21:45-46).

God bless,
Fr. Andrew

† Słowo Proboszcza †

Kochani Parafianie

Az w dwu czytaniach z dzisiejszej liturgii Słowa – w pierwszym i w trzecim – jest mowa o winnicy. Nie ma zadnej wątpliwości, że ta winnica symbolizuje naród izraelski, potem Kościół Chrystusowy, a w końcu nas, poszczególnych ludzi.

Winnica z pierwszego czytania jest nieużyteczna: nie przynosi żadnych plonów. Nikt nie chce pracować na darmo. Zlikwiduje się wtedy zawsze taka winnica. Nie ma się czemu dziwić. To całkiem logiczne.

Ale jakież smutne, jeśli się zwąży, że chodzi o ludzi a nie bezrozumne krzewy. Pan Bóg zawiodł się na narodzie wybranym, na ludziach Kościoła Chrystusowego i my też po dzień dzisiejszy sprawiamy Mu bolesne zawody. Znamy wszyscy z doświadczeń własnych gorzki smak naszych ludzkich zawodów. O ileż bardziej bolesne są zawody, które my sprawiamy Bogu! Ciągłe nie spełniamy Bożych nadziei.

W przeciwieństwie do pierwszej, druga winnica, ta z Ewangelii jest dobra: wydaje obfite plony, przedstawia dużą wartość. Dlatego stanowi przedmiot wielkiego pożądania ze strony nieuczciwych dzierżawców. W całej przypowieści nie chodzi zresztą o winnice, tylko o napiętnowanie braku elementarnej uczciwości ludzkiej; o potępienie bogacenia się za cenę przemocy i gwałtu.

Nic się pod tym względem nie zmieniło. Zdarzenia takie, jakby żywcem wzięte z Ewangelii, mają miejsce po dzień dzisiejszy. Wystarczy przejrzeć codzienne gazety, włączyć telewizor czy radio.

Ale też ciągle aktualna jest przestroga wypowiedziana przez św. Pawła: "Pan Bóg nie pozwala z siebie szydzić!" Oto co spotka nieuczciwych dzierżawców z Ewangelii: "Nędzników tych marnie wytraci, a winnice odda w dzierżawę innym." Pan Bóg nierychliwy ale sprawiedliwy.

Szczesc Boze,
Ks. Andrzej

Every penny counts!



Thank you for your contribution - big and small!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

September 26-27 \$3,187

Weekly Offertory Envelopes—\$2,904
& Special Collections—\$283

We thank all of you who are contributing to the support of your Parish Church and are using your weekly envelopes and our online giving program every week. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. God bless you!

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF ST. HEDWIG

**A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW
PRIEST**

Fr. Tomasz Pietrzak SChr

**WELCOME FATHER TO-
MASZ!**

Father Tomasz (Father Tom) is eager to meet all of St. Hedwig Parishioners. Therefore we will have a coffee and donut meet-and-greet to welcome Father Tomasz at all Masses this weekend, October 3rd & 4th.



We invite you to stop by and meet Father Tomasz.

Rev. Tomasz Pietrzak SChr, was born in Poznań, Poland. He was ordained to the priesthood in 2006. Until 2016 he worked in Poland (Płoty, Mórkowo, Stargard, Goleniów), then he moved to the North American Province of the Society of Christ, and spent the last four years at the Polish Parish of Divine Mercy (Parafia PW. Miłosierdzia Bozego) in Lombard, Illinois.

God bless Father Tomasz. Please keep Father in your prayers as begins his new position as Assistant Pastor here at St. Hedwig.

2021 MASS INTENTION BOOK

Mass Intentions for 2021 will be taken on Tuesday, October 13th, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the rectory basement. All intentions must be written out on paper and paid for in full before being entered into the 2021 Mass Book. Mass intentions received by mail will be entered in the Book after October 13th. There is a limit of 4 weekend Masses per family. To enable each person in line to schedule Masses on Mass Intention Day, a total limit of 10 Mass Intentions will be scheduled in the book between 9:00-11:00 a.m. If you have more than 10 Mass Intentions on your list, they will be scheduled in the book later that day to enable all parishioners the chance to schedule intentions that morning. The suggested stipend is \$10 per Mass.

SAVE THE DATE!



**FORTY
HOURS
ADORATION**

ST. HEDWIG CHURCH

OCTOBER 18-19-20

SUNDAY-MONDAY-TUESDAY

2020 Annual Catholic Appeal

Seeing Christ in the Faces of Others

The Annual Catholic Appeal, with its theme, *Seeing Christ in the Faces of Others* invites each of us to open our eyes and recognize Him in those who seek our help.

For most of us, seeing Christ in some of the people we meet during our life is challenging. However, this is exactly what we are called to do, what Jesus told us to do when He said, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Through the charitable, pastoral and educational ministries supported by the Annual Catholic Appeal, we see the face of Christ in those served – the hungry, the homeless, the unemployed, the distressed, the unchurched, our children and our elderly.

For those of you who have given to this year's Appeal, thank you for your generosity. For those who have not, please prayerfully consider supporting this important effort.

To learn more about the Annual Catholic Appeal by visiting www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal.

OUR PARISH TARGET IS \$23,000

PLEDGES TO DATE \$19,995 (86.93%)

AMOUNT COLLECTED TO DATE

\$17,755

Please help us reach our target! Every dollar counts!

BIRTHRIGHT BOTTLES FOR BABIES

Throughout October, Respect Life Month, Birthright of Delaware will hold its annual Bottles for Babies Fundraiser. Bottles will be available on the table in the back of the Church. Please take a bottle home, fill it with your loose change, cash or check and return it by November 8th in the collection basket.



**STEEPLE REPAIR
PROJECT**

\$42,419

received to date

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE DONATED!

\$125,000 is needed to complete the work to restore the exterior steeple flashings and also the roofs and lead-copper flashings and also the complete restoration of the two (2) steeple crosses at the very top.

All donations, large and small, are greatly appreciated. Thank you and God bless.

Weekly Mass Intentions



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- Monday, October 5**
6:30pm Living Intentions & Blessings for Janine, Antoni, & Joseph Juda int. Erwin J. Juda
- Tuesday, October 6**
6:30pm Joseph Kryspin int. Children
- Wednesday, October 7**
6:30pm John & Jean Pietras int. Margie, Mary Ann and Helena
- Thursday, October 8**
6:30pm Jason Miller int. Izabela Toner
- Friday, October 9**
6:30pm Bishop Michael Saltarelli (8th anniversary)
- Saturday, October 10**
8:00am Matthew & Laura Rupnick int. Family
4:00pm Helen Szperka int. Theresa Bartkowski
- Sunday, October 11 † Twenty-Eighth Sunday**
9:00am Parishioners & Benefactors of St. Hedwig Church & St. Stanislaus Kostka Church
11:30am Feliksa Bil int. Wojciech Kwiecinski
5:00pm ** Alfred Rutkowski, Sr. (anniv.) int. Wife, Children and Grandchildren

** Please note, for this week only, the Mass time on Saturday has been changed to 5:00 p.m. due to Saturday afternoon weddings this weekend. Thank you.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please remember to pray for the sick of our parish; especially those in a hospital or nursing home.

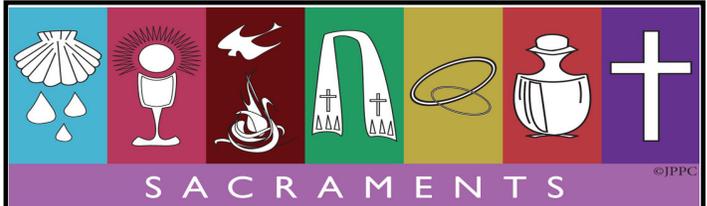
† Sanctuary Lamp †



signifying the Eucharistic Presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ, will burn this week in loving memory of

John F. Golden
(anniversary)

as requested by wife, Fran



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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—Thursday 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.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE AN "ACTIVE CATHOLIC?" Frequently, those seeking to celebrate Marriage, have children baptized or serve as sponsors for Confirmation or Baptism request a letter stating that they are parishioners. To receive such a letter, one must be registered and in our parish records, attend Mass regularly, & be committed to a stewardship of time/talent/treasure. If you would like to become a registered parishioner, please consider filling out a registration/census form located on the table in the back of the Church.

Parish Membership: We welcome new parishioners and all who wish to join our Parish Family. To register, call or visit the Parish Office. Registration forms are available on the table in the back of the Church. Please drop the form in the collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office.

Holy Rosary Society: Members attend Mass monthly on the Sunday following First Friday. Recitation of the Rosary begins one-half hour before Mass. New members are always welcome. For more information call the Parish Office at 302-594-1400, ext. 0.

Knights of Columbus, Pope John Paul Council 7608: Meets the second Tuesday of every month. Mass at 6:30 pm in the Chapel, followed by meeting. New members welcome. Contact John Kwiatkowski, Grand Knight.

Our Lady, Queen of Peace Prayer Group: Meets on Thursday evenings immediately following the 6:30 p.m. Mass in the Chapel. All are welcome to join us in prayer.

The Gift that Keeps on Giving: In your will you can remember your loved ones and the institutions that have been important in your life. We hope St. Hedwig merits your consideration.



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- ELECTRONIC GIVING •

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WHAT IS myEoffering?

- myEoffering brings the offering plate into the 21st century. Giving is so easy!
 - Schedule recurring gifts or make one-time donations from your computer or smartphone
 - Engages younger generations and encourages consistent stewardship

HOW DOES IT BENEFIT YOU?

- It's easy, convenient, and safe—it uses the latest encryption technologies to protect your private information
- Allows you to give any amount, at any time—from home or on the road—from your computer or mobile device

To sign up today, go to our parish website: stthedwigde.org and click on



For assistance in set up with online giving, you may contact online tech support at 1-877-393-3330. A flyer with detailed information about myEoffering is available for pick-up on the table in the back of the Church.

HOLY ROSARY SOCIETY ANNUAL BREAKFAST

The Holy Rosary Society annual breakfast for members and their guests will be held in the parish hall on Sunday, October 18th, immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. This is a social event only, no meeting! Menu is modified to pastries, fruit, and beverages. Mask and social distancing requirements will be followed. Please RSVP by October 15th. You can put a note in the collection basket with Holy Rosary Breakfast on the envelope or contact Sandi Murphy at 484-343-5776 or email Sandy at sreissm@outlook.com. Pay in advance or at the door \$10. The annual business meeting and election will be held in January 2021.

ST. HEDWIG PARISH FOOD DRIVE OCTOBER 3 & 4

HELP US FEED THE LESS FORTUNATE

St. Hedwig Parish is collecting canned goods and all nonperishables! Donations of food are needed to assist the increase in requests for food, especially during the novel coronavirus pandemic.

- We are collecting canned goods and all nonperishables.
No glass items will be accepted!

Parishioners are asked to leave their donated goods in the containers in the vestibule area of the back of the Church.

All foods will go directly to Ministry of Caring to assist those who are in need.

Thank you!