

SAINT HEDWIG'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Confessions: 20 minutes before Mass and other times (see below) • **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Tuesday to Friday, from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. • **Sundays**, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. **Recitation of the Rosary:** 30 minutes before each Mass. **Attendance July 21st:** 5 p.m.: 100; 8 a.m.: 167; 11 a.m.: 224: Total 491
Attendance July 28th: 5 p.m.:103; 8 a.m.:154;11 a.m.:246:Total 503

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 5th, 2026

Monday July 6	St. Maria Goretti, Virgin, Martyr 8:00 a.m. +Percy Coulas by Morris & Virginia Korneluk
Tuesday July 7	Ferial 8:00 a.m. +Luckasavitch & Trebinskie families by Sally
Wednesday July 8	Ferial 8:00 a.m. +Edna Coulas by the S.H.L.
Thursday July 9	St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs 8:00 a.m. +Paul Biernaskie by Biernaskie family
Friday July 10	Ferial 8:00 a.m. +Vincent, Agnes, Catherine & Frank Golka by Roseanne Visutski & family
Saturday July 11	St. Benedict, Abbot 8:00 – 8:45 a.m. Confessions 9:00 a.m. Intentions of Teresa Ratajczak by Helen

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 12th, 2026

Saturday	4:00 – 4:45 p.m. Confessions
	5:00 p.m. +Connie Tiedemann & Theresa Yarascavitch by Henry & family
Sunday	8:00 a.m. +Carol-Ann Zelney by the family
	11:00 a.m. Intentions of the Parishioners

15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (July 12 th , 2026)	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Readers of the Word	Logan Weir	John Boskill	John-Henry Westen
Ushers	Duncan Barber (crew captain) and ushers	Stanley Rumleskie (crew captain) and ushers	Daniel Shalla (crew captain) and ushers

Monday July 13	St. Henry 8:00 a.m. +Leonard Hudder by Susan
Tuesday July 14	St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest 8:00 a.m. Special Intentions of Richard Shaw & family
Wednesday July 15	St. Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor 8:00 a.m. +Eleanor & Des Coulas, Bill Bankhead & Ambrose Afelskie by Valerie Petrik
Thursday July 16	Our Lady of Mount Carmel 8:00 a.m. Intentions of Fr. Pawel Ratajczak by Edmund & Dorothy & family
Friday July 17	Ferial 8:00 a.m. +Helen & John Lapinski by Brenda Sabatine & family
Saturday July 18	Our Lady's Saturday 8:00 – 8:45 a.m. Confessions 9:00 a.m. +Stanley, Anna & Aloysius Ostroskie & Hudder families by Theresa Trader 1:00 p.m. Wedding of Ryan Olsheskie & Sable Kluke

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 19th,2026

Saturday	4:00 - 4:45 p.m. Confessions
	5:00 p.m. +Stanley Wierzbicki & family by Jacqueline Wierzbicki
Sunday	8:00 a.m. Dennis & Anna Mae Yeretch on their 60 th Wedding Anniversary
	11:00 a.m. Intentions of the Parishioners

16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (July 19 th ,2026)	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Readers of the Word	June Szaflik	Marek Milan	Mark Westen
Ushers	Duncan Barber (crew captain) and ushers	Stanley Rumleskie (crew captain) and ushers	Daniel Shalla (crew captain) and ushers

Offerings June 28th: Sunday: \$3,888.10; Building Maintenance: \$1,025.00; Education of Priests: \$145.00; Heat/Fuel: \$70.00; Various Funds: \$50.00

Letter from the Bishop: Please find a letter and Parish Pastoral Planning Report for distribution from the Bishop's office at the back of the Church.

Summer Bulletins: Now that summer is here we have started 2 week bulletins until early September.

Thank you: A Big thank you to the Sacred Heart League for the initiative, the fundraising, the generous offering of time and the donation made for the beautiful new flooring in the Church hall. May God Bless you abundantly for your efforts.

Upcoming Polish Brunch: Will take place on Aug. 16th at 12:00 p.m. in the Church Basement. Sausage, perogies, sauerkraut, beans, muffins, tea, coffee and juice. **Only 150 tickets will be printed.** Takeout is available. Adults \$15:00 Children under 10 \$8.00. **Tickets for the Polish Brunch are available until Sunday August 2nd.** The S.H.L. ladies will try to be available to sell tickets after mass services on Saturday evening and after the 8 am and 11 am masses on Sundays. Otherwise call for tickets: Barbara 613-756-5091 or Cathy at 613-756-3656. Proceeds go to Sacred Heart League.

"Be Not Afraid': The Church's Call to Mission in a Post-Christian World.":

The Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites: Would you be interested in discerning a secular(lay) vocation? Are you spiritually attracted to St. Therese of Lisieux or St. Teresa of Avila? Our group (not a prayer group) meets monthly at St. Andrew Parish in Killaloe, ON. For more information call Patricia at 613-756-2267.

From Fr. Michal: FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 1) Zechariah 9:9-10 2) Romans 8:9, 11-13 3) Matthew 11:25-30

You may have noticed that our first reading today includes details that remind us of Palm Sunday: *See, your king shall come to you ... meek, and riding on an ass, on a colt, the foal of an ass.* It may feel puzzling to encounter that image from sacred Scripture at this point deep in Ordinary Time. This image does more, however, than remind us of Jesus' triumphant yet peaceful entrance into Jerusalem before his passion. It reminds us that, even in the ordinary moments of our life, Jesus Christ is king.

This reading also tells us what kind of a king Christ is. For those who may harbor false images of a harsh God, or a God of earthly values, it tells us of a king who *banishes chariots and the warrior's bow*. It reminds us that ours is a king who *proclaims peace*. Yes, he is powerful – *His dominion shall be from sea to sea* – and yet his power is manifested in his coming to us in meekness. This is a king who casts down earthly assumptions of power, whose victory is revealed in the vulnerability of the cross. He is a king who triumphs in love, not control or violence.

With this in mind, we come to our Gospel reading for today, in which Jesus says, *Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.* This is more than a lovely sentiment. This is the God who defeated death, this mighty one whose *dominion shall be from sea to sea*, promising to carry our burdens with us, promising to never leave us alone in our struggles, promising to humble himself to walk beside us in our smallness and our need.

If we look at this passage carefully, we can also see another vital truth. In Christ's invitation, we can see that our rest does not come in ignoring or running away from our labors and burdens. No, our rest comes in walking side-by-side with Christ, in the midst of our labors. There, we can share his yoke and find comfort in his meek and humble heart. This God of might comes to be with us in a particular way in this liturgy. What burdens, what labor, can we offer on this altar with the gifts of bread and wine today? What struggles or worries can we share with Christ at this holy table?

Jesus doesn't only come to walk beside us in carrying our burdens. He also gives us the grace to carry them. As we receive the Eucharist, Jesus gives us a share in his divine grace and power. As Saint Paul reminds us, through our union with the Lord, the *Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead* comes to dwell in us. With the power of the Holy Spirit at work in us, we, then, are able to do things that, humanly speaking, are beyond our power. We can love our enemies, pray for those who persecute us, forgive those who have hurt us, and even carry whatever burdens we may face with serenity and peace.

May Christ, in the Eucharist, strengthen us, be ever more present in our labor, and lead us more fully into his kingdom.