

SAINT HEDWIG'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Confessions: 20 minutes before Mass and other times (see below) • **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Monday 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 August 30th:** 5 p.m.: 88; 8 a.m.: 215; 11 a.m.: 286: Total 589
Attendance Sept. 6th: 5 p.m.: 115; 8 a.m.:212; 11 a.m.:323: Total 650

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		Sept 13 th , 2026
Monday Sept 14	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Feast) 8:00 a.m. +Fr. Norbert Cybulski by Noelle & Martin Recoskie 5:00 p.m. Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College (Bishop's Mass)	
Tuesday Sept 15	Our Lady of Sorrows 8:00 a.m. Special Intention by Eddy & Eleanor 7:00 p.m. Intentions of the Confraternity of Christian Mothers	
Wednesday Sept 16	St. Cornelius, Pope, and St. Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs 8:00 a.m. Intentions of Maggie Baklinski by Elena Afelskie 12:00 p.m. NO NOON MASS	
Thursday Sept 17	St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop, Doctor and St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin, Doctor 8:00 a.m. +Fr. Mervin Coulas by Clementine & family	
Friday Sept 18	Ferial 8:00 a.m. +Lawrence Chapeskie by Teresa Chapeskie 5:00 p.m. Confessions	
Saturday Sept 19	St. Januarius, Bishop, Martyr 8:00 – 8:45 a.m. Confessions 9:00 a.m. Ciesielka Family on their 60 th Anniversary in Canada by Andre	

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		Sept 20 th , 2026
Saturday	4:00 – 4:45 p.m. Confessions	
	5:00 p.m. +Rita Bielawski by Michael Bielawski	
Sunday	8:00 a.m. +Bernard, Danny, Dominic & Kevin Kluke by Agnes	
	11:00 a.m. Intentions of the Parishioners	

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Sept 20, 2026)	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Readers of the Word	Karen Yakabuski	Marek Milan	Gregory Shaw
Ushers	Duncan Barber (crew captain) and ushers	Stanley Rumleskie (crew captain) and ushers	Daniel Shalla (crew captain) and ushers

Offerings August 30th: Sunday: \$4,411.05; Building Maintenance: \$1,060.00; Heat/Fuel: \$60.00; Special Mission: \$40.00; Parish Supper: \$60.00

Offerings Sept. 6th: Sunday: \$5,271.15; Building Maintenance: \$2,020.00; Heat/Fuel: \$70.00; Various Funds: \$20.00; Needs of CAD Church: \$190.00; Evangelization Fund: \$500.00

Monday Adoration: will resume on Monday September 14th.

Euchre: The next euchre games will be held on on September 20th & October 4th at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$5.00.

Confraternity of Christian Mothers: Our next meeting is on Tuesday September 15th. It is the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, who is the patroness of the Confraternity. We will start out with a mass at 7:00 p.m. for the intentions of the Confraternity, followed by an enrollment of new members.

Sacred Heart League Meeting: The next meeting is on Tuesday, September 29th at 2pm in the Church hall.

The Bible Timeline: St. Hedwig's will offer the second part of The Bible Timeline:The Story of Salvation beginning Wednesday Sept. 30th at 7:00-8:45 p.m. until Nov. 11th, 2026 (7 weeks). There will be a group discussion on assigned Scripture readings for the session, followed by an engaging high production video on the material. For those who have not taken the first session, there will be a short review of that part offered on Wed Sept 23. For more information, contact Julie Culshaw at (613) 756-1136 or at julieculshaw5@gmail.com.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS): Registration is now open for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. The weekly program runs from mid-October to the end of May. Level 1 (ages 3-5) will run Wednesday morning from 10:00-11:40 am. There will be two sessions for Level 2 (ages 6-8): Tuesday or Wednesday 3:00-4:45 pm. Children new to CGS are welcome into level 2. The cost for St. Hedwig's parishioners is \$150, with a discount for siblings, and \$200 for non-parishioners with a discount for siblings. Please register at the parish office during regular office hours by September 25, 2026. For questions about St. Hedwig's program, please contact Maria Reilander at st.hedwigs.cgs@gmail.com. To learn more about CGS, visit: www.cgsac.ca

Choir Practice: Practices resume at 6 p.m. Thursdays in the choir loft. All are welcome.

Thank you: Thank you to the ladies who cleaned the pews recently.

PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR: Fridays at St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish at 9:45 a.m. (shortly after the 9:00 a.m. Mass) - praying together for the sanctity of life, marriage and family.

St. Alphonsus Parish Supper: Sunday September 20th from 12 to 6 p.m. Turkey and all the trimmings. Homemade beans and pies. Take-out is available. Wheel-Chair Accessible. Everyone Welcome!!

Knights of Columbus: Gentlemen, Council 6894, is active in Barry's Bay, Palmer Rapids and Combermere. We are a group of Catholic men who gather for charitable causes, fellowship and spiritual growth. We would like to encourage all Catholic men to consider joining the Knights, for their good and the good of others. For more information or to discuss joining, please contact the Grand Knight, Dennis Buonafede, at: kofc6894@gmail.com

Mass Transfers to Fr. Jerry Gauvreau C.C.: +Thomas & John & Michael Yandernoll by Raymond (x5), +Peter Brotton by Julien, +Peter Brotton by Percy & Francis Coulas, +Peter Brotton by Marilyn Macmillan, +Peter Brotton by Clementine & family (x3), +Percy Coulas by Tommy Coulas, +Percy Coulas by Karen Yakabuski, +Percy Coulas by Richard & Lorna Strack, +Percy Coulas by Eddie & Eleanor Trader, +Deceased Shalla & Burchat family members by Robert & Joyce (x2), +Deceased Cybulski & Palbiski family members by Robert & Joyce, +Nick Vandergragt & Sylvie Barrett by Alison, +James Hanlon by Holmquist family

From Fr. Michal: 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 1) Sirach 27:30–28:7
- 2) Romans 14:7-9
- 3) Matthew 18:21-35

Today's readings on forgiveness may be challenging and unsettling. Not only are we exhorted to avoid anger and wrath, we hear from Jesus a warning about what may happen to us if we fail to forgive others. Reflecting on the parable of the unmerciful servant helps us understand how the greatness of God's mercy challenges and enables us to forgive those who have sinned against us. As God has forgiven us, so must we also forgive one another; as God has loved us, so can we also love one another.

In our fallen world where sin strains and breaks our relationships with God and one another, we will all suffer hurt and harm from others' choices – some more gravely than others. When people sin against us, we will feel real emotional pain. On the topic of forgiveness, the Catechism says: "It is not in our power not to feel or to forget an offense, but the heart that offers itself to the Holy Spirit turns injury into compassion and purifies the memory in transforming the hurt into intercession" (CCC 2843).

When we find ourselves fixating on memories of the hurt that has been inflicted upon us, we are invited to bring that to the Lord. He, in turn, can give us the grace to look upon the person who has harmed us with compassion. As we come to recognize the brokenness likely present in their life that led to their harmful action, the Spirit moves us to pray for them. This already is a powerful movement toward forgiveness.

In this light, the exhortation from our Lord to forgive not seven times but seventy-seven times (Mt 21:22) points us toward what is possible for us with God's help. We are capable, through God's grace, not only of forgiving once, or a handful of times, but an unfathomable number of times. If we reflect on the patience and compassion God has shown to us, we will be equipped to show the same mercy to others.

How is this kind of tireless forgiveness possible? Only through God's love. Our merciful king does not sit back on his throne, far apart from us, and expect us to forgive others on our own strength. God, our merciful king, is close to those who have suffered harm and who have been sinned against. God knows human pain in the suffering of his Son, Jesus. Moved with compassion, the Lord has reconciled us with him in baptism and patiently forgives our sins in the sacrament of reconciliation. By partaking in the Eucharist and sharing in our Lord's Body and Blood, we are reconciled with one another and strengthened as we strive to continue to forgive. Close especially to the brokenhearted, our merciful king reveals his love to us in our daily lives, especially when we bring our troubles to him in prayer.

As we gather around the table of the Lord at this Eucharist, may we become the Communion we receive, abiding together in harmony through the Father's mercy and our acts of forgiveness.