

SAINT HEDWIG'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Office hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9 a.m. - Noon & 1 - 2 p.m.



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 September 20th:** 5 p.m.: 95; 8 a.m.: 153; 11 a.m.: 288: Total 536

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sept 27th, 2026

Monday Sept 28	St. Wenceslaus, Martyr 8:00 a.m. +Fr. Ronald Krafchik by the Martin family 5:00 p.m. Intentions of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College
Tuesday Sept 29	St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St. Raphael, Archangels 8:00 a.m. +Michael Milan by Marek Milan & family 10:30 a.m. Funeral Mass for Julian Pristanski
Wednesday Sept 30	St. Jerome, Priest, Doctor 8:00 a.m. +Dennis Palbiski by Robert, Joyce & family 12:00 p.m. + Peter Brotton by Clementine
Thursday Oct 1	St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor 8:00 a.m. Intentions of Karen Hanlon by Holmquist family
First Friday Oct 2	The Holy Guardian Angels 8:00 a.m. Deceased members of the Lockhart family by Dave & Ruth Lockhart 12:00 noon Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Nocturnal Adoration 3:00 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy 5:00 p.m. Confessions 6:00 p.m. Raymond Biernaskie on his 100th birthday by Monica Kulas & Juanita Leonard
First Saturday Oct 3	Our Lady's Saturday 8:00 – 8:45 a.m. Confessions 9:00 a.m. Intentions of Donald Dombroskie by Dorothy Dombroskie

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 4th, 2026

Saturday	4:00 – 4:45 p.m. Confessions
	5:00 p.m. +Mary & Tony Stoppa and Frances, Dorothy & Alphonse by the family
Sunday	8:00 a.m. +Thomas & Tessie Yakabuskie by Edward & Marla
	11:00 a.m. Intentions of the Parishioners

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Oct 4, 2026)	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Readers of the Word	Altar Server	Nicholas Rumleskie	Peter Baklinski
Ushers	Duncan Barber (crew captain) and ushers	Stanley Rumleskie (crew captain) and ushers	Daniel Shalla (crew captain) and ushers

Offerings September 20th: Sunday: \$4,816.15; Building Maintenance: \$535.00; Heat/Fuel: \$60.00; Needs of CAD Church: \$60.00

Let us pray for the Repose of the Soul of Dominic Kosnaskie brother of Dorothy Dombroskie, Theresa Prince & Rosie Yantha.

First Friday Visits: Fr. Michal will be visiting the sick and housebound on Friday October 2nd. If you have to cancel his visit, please call the office, thank you!

Euchre: The next euchre games will be held on on October 4th & October 18th at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$5.00.

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 more information, contact Julie Culshaw at (613) 756-1136 or at julieculshaw5@gmail.com

Men's Rosary: Come for Rosary prayer open to men on Monday, October 5th, 7:00 p.m. in St. Hedwig's Church. Men are invited, fathers bring your sons as well.

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

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.

Life Chain 2026: On Sunday, October 4th from 2 – 3 p.m. - Come and join us on the street in downtown Barry's Bay for a peaceful, prayerful, silent hour of public witness in solidarity and defense of the inviolable dignity of Human life from conception to natural death.

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

Divine Mercy Pilgrimage – St. Faustina Feast Day: Join Fr. Marcus Schonnop and Fr. John Ogbaje in Wilno, on Saturday, October 3rd. Cost: \$100 (includes transportation and lunch). To register or for more information please contact Stan and Maria at mhbielec@gmail.com or 613 914-0427.

16th Annual Autumn Pilgrimage to St-Joseph's Oratory: This year's pilgrimage will include a special visit after leaving the Oratory to the Shrine of St-Kateri Tekakwitha in Kahnawake, where pilgrims will have the blessed opportunity to pray at the site of her tomb on Sunday, October 18, 2026. Departures available from various locations throughout the Dioceses of Ottawa-Cornwall, Gatineau, Pembroke, and Kingston. For information or reservations, please email Mike Budge at mikebudge2021@gmail.com or call 613 224-8110. Space is limited. Please reserve as soon as possible!

Marriage Preparation Program: The Fall Diocesan Marriage Preparation Program is coming up on Saturday, October 17th and Saturday, October 31st, 2026 (Location to be determined). Register online at <https://www.jotform.com/yvettebourque/marriageprep>. E-transfers of \$150/couple can be made to donnabiggs@pembrokediocese.com, or mail cheques to Diocese of Pembroke, 284 Trafalgar Road, Pembroke, ON K8A 5A8. Deadline to register is October 15th. For inquiries, please contact Patrick Sullivan at family@pembrokediocese.com or call 613 732-7933 ext. 208. Space is limited. Don't delay!

Pope’s Prayer Intention for September 2026

For the care of water – Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

From Fr. Michal: 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 1) Ezekiel 18:25-28
- 2) Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5
- 3) Matthew 21:28-32

In our Gospel today, we hear the parable about two sons who are called by their father to work in the vineyard. The first says I will not, but changes his mind; the second says Yes, sir, but doesn't go after all.

Part of the message in our readings today is that it is not enough for us to say we are following Christ; our actions must match what we say we will do. Our "yes" must mean "yes." That's why the son who said he would go into the vineyard, but then did not, does not do the will of his father. It is not enough to say we are following Christ; our actions must match what we say we will do.

Of course, there is ultimately only one Son who does the will of the Father perfectly: Jesus Christ. Saint Paul calls us to have the same attitude as Jesus, who humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death. Jesus' "yes" to his Father was complete and absolute, and he followed through even though that "yes" would lead to the cross. So often in our lives we want to obey, but when obedience becomes difficult, we falter from our initial commitment. In order to persevere in obedience, we need the humility to recognize that we cannot do it on our own; we need God's grace to remain faithful.

At other times in our lives, we may more readily see ourselves in the son who initially says he will not go to work in the vineyard and then changes his mind. Perhaps we have gone through life opposing God's will, only to find that it's a path that leads nowhere. Sometimes we're the son who goes our own way, only to realize that our Father's way is better. When we repent and change our ways – returning to the path of the Father – we will find life. If he turns from the wickedness he has committed, and does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life, the prophet Ezekiel tells us.

Jesus' response about sinners entering the kingdom of God ahead of the religious leaders should give us hope. The son who changed course, overcoming his initial hesitation to do what the father asked him, was closer to the path than the son who ultimately only paid lip service to the father's command. Jesus' words remind us that even great sinners can enter the kingdom of heaven first, if they repent. It is never too late to return to God and to do God's will. And perhaps paradoxically, it's often those who repent who are the first to find their way to the kingdom. The tax collectors and prostitutes of Jesus' day knew what their earlier "no" led to. Once they saw what saying "yes" to God offered, they became zealous in seeking it.

As we gather as disciples of the Lord at this Eucharist, we ask for the grace of humility, that we may recognize our need for the Lord's grace to say "yes" and to remain faithful in doing all the Lord asks of us. May this Eucharist also stir our hearts to repentance and hope, recognizing that despite our failures, at any moment, the kingdom lies open to all who turn their hearts back to God.