

# SAINT HEDWIG'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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



**Confessions:** 15 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  
**Last Week's Attendance:** 5 p.m.:125; 8 a.m.:117; 11 a.m.:254: Total: 496

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jan 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026

### Monday

January 19

#### Ferial

**8:00 a.m.** +Ambrose & Jean Palubiski and Joan Lambert  
**4:30 p.m.** Intentions of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College

### Tuesday

January 20

#### St. Fabian, Pope, Martyr

**8:00 a.m.** +John Joe Dmbroskie by Tracy, Shawn, & Isaiah

### Wednesday

January 21

#### St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr

**8:00 a.m.** +Joseph Lobo by Denise Lobo-Pryce  
**12:00 p.m.** +Nick Scarangella by Nancy Scarangella

### Thursday

January 22

#### St. Vincent, Deacon, Martyr

**8:00 a.m.** +Bonnie Coulas & Shawn O'Malley by David & Mary Yantha

### Friday

January 23

#### Ferial

**8:00 a.m.** +Bronis & Clifford Blank by Frances & Tony Etmanski  
**No Confessions at 5:00 p.m.**

### Saturday

January 24

#### St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor

**8:00 – 8:45 a.m. Confessions** [Please Note Time Change]  
**9:00 a.m.** Special Intentions of Ronald Wood by Anne

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jan 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026

### Saturday

**4:00 – 4:45 p.m. Confessions**  
**5:00 p.m.** +Fr. Mervin Coulas by Andrew & Catherine Etmanski

### Sunday

**8:00 a.m.** +Maria & Albert Gerritsen & Family Members by Maria Reilander  
**11:00 a.m.** Intentions of the Parishioners

Sunday (Jan 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2026) Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<b>Readers of the Word</b>	Karen Yakabuskie	John Boskill	Peter Baklinski
<b>Holy Communion</b>	Br. Grzegorz Loska, OMI	Deacon Jean-Nil Chabot	Deacon Robert Probert
<b>Ushers</b>	Duncan Barber (crew captain) and ushers	Stanley Rumleskie (crew captain) and ushers	Daniel Shalla (crew captain) and ushers

**Offerings:** Last Sunday: \$3,868.45; Building Maintenance: \$1,190.00; Heat & Fuel: \$90.00;  
 New Year's Day: \$125; Initial: \$95.00

*Let us remember in prayer those who are sick, at home and in hospital.*

**Please Pray:** Fr. Michal and Fr. Grzegorz will be attending their Oblate retreat in Mississauga from Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>. Pray for them in their time of prayer and reflection.

**Sacrament of Holy Communion:** Parents who think their children are ready for the Sacrament of Holy Communion, classes will start on the first Saturday of Lent, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Please register at the Parish Office as soon as possible, so course materials may be ordered. Cost is \$25.00. First Reconciliation will take place on May 16<sup>th</sup> and First Holy Communion on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Candles:** Please note that the 5-day Vigil candles have increased in price to \$5.00 due to increased supplier costs. Thank you for your understanding.

**Adorers Needed:** This is an invitation to come and Adore Christ one hour per week in reparation for the sins of the world, for world peace, conversion of sinners, those who are sick, near death, dying, our families, communities, our Consecrated Religious and Apostolic Church throughout the world.....for healing, perseverance, strength and many Graces. We have some hours in need of covering. The following times are available: Tues. 12-1pm; Thurs. 12-1pm and 2-3pm; Fri. 1-2pm and 4-5pm. If these times don't work for you, it may be possible to exchange a time with another parishioner.

**Domestic Church Sunday Coffee:** Coffee and snacks will be served in the church basement by the Domestic Church group immediately after the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday January 18<sup>th</sup>. Come enjoy a hot drink and something to eat while getting to know your fellow parishioners a little better! Coffee and snacks for this event are being prepared by members of the Domestic Church, donations are welcome. All parishioners are invited.

**Christian Mothers:** The Confraternity of Christian Mothers (and all women with motherly hearts) is meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. New members welcome. Date of the next meeting: January 20<sup>th</sup>.

**The Knights of Columbus: Knights of Columbus Meeting:** The next meeting is on Wednesday January 21<sup>st</sup>. Rosary at 7:00 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7:30 at St. Jerome's meeting room.

**Angel Choir:** The Angel Choir meets in the hall at 10am-11am on the 4th Saturday of each month. Next practice is January 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Euchre:** The next Euchre games will be held on Sunday January 25<sup>th</sup> & February 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Cost: \$5.00.

**The Secular Franciscan Order:** Would you like to learn about becoming a Secular Franciscan? The Secular Franciscan Order holds their monthly meeting on the last Sunday of the month in St. Jerome's Room in the basement of St. Hedwig's rectory at 1:00 pm. All are welcome.

**Sacred Heart League:** The next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. in St. Jerome meeting in the hall.

**Musical Theatre:** Join Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College this February 6, 7 (at 7:30 pm) and 8th (at 1 pm) 2026 at the Madawaska Valley High School in Barry's Bay for our musical Anastasia, the story of an orphaned amnesiac who is unaware she is the only surviving sovereign of Imperial Russia, the Grand Duchess Anastasia Romanov. Journey with her as she discovers her true identity in her escape from tyranny, finding love, family and friendship amidst the tragedy of her past and that of Russia's. Tickets: \$25 general admission, students \$12, families \$60. For advance ticket reservations, please email [drama@seatofwisdom.ca](mailto:drama@seatofwisdom.ca)

**Diocesan Lenten Retreat:** The Office of Faith Formation and Leadership Development invites you to the next Diocesan Lenten Retreat on Saturday, February 21, 2026 from 9:30am to 2:00pm (Registration at 9:00am) at St. James the Less Parish, Eganville. Author and speaker: Patrick Sullivan. Cost: \$15.00 (lunch provided). To register please contact Deacon Adrien Chaput at [dcadrienchaput@pembrokediocese.com](mailto:dcadrienchaput@pembrokediocese.com) or 613 732-7933 ext. 206. Deadline to register: Wednesday, February 18th.

**Pembroke Diocese Parishioners:** Parishioners of Pembroke Diocese are invited to attend one of the pastoral planning information meetings that will be held in all five deaneries of the diocese during the first weeks of Lent. Bishop Brehl and members of the diocesan steering committee will present relevant pastoral, statistical and financial data to help equip parishioners in ongoing dialogue and discernment on the future of the diocese. If you cannot make the local meeting in your home deanery, please feel welcome to attend any of the scheduled meetings. **Barry's Bay Deanery:** Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at John Bosco School, Barry's Bay - 2:00pm to 4:00pm.

### **Pope's Prayer Intention for January 2026**

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives  
and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

**From Fr. Michal:**

### **SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

1) Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

2) 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

3) John 1:29-34

Anyone here who has ever been a part of a pickup basketball, football or baseball game as a youth and was not overly athletic knows the anguish of hoping and praying not to be the last one chosen. Now, on the other hand, if the boss was looking for someone to take on a large project that would involve a lot of time and energy, our hope and prayer might be the opposite – stare at the ground and try to become invisible.

In our three readings today, first the prophet was called, and then Paul, and finally, Jesus was called. There was no staring at the ground in hopes of being overlooked – no worries they would be the last one tapped to be God's servant. In each case, the invitation to service was boldly embraced.

So, today, let us talk about each of us being chosen to be God's servant. Is this a welcomed call? In an ideal situation we would all say "yes" – yes this is a welcomed call. But on this side of heaven, we do not live in an ideal world, so our answer to the invitation to be God's servant may cause us to hesitate in boldly saying "yes." This is quite normal and understandable given all the demands placed upon our time. There are, after all, only 24 hours in a day, right?

It is important here to remember that Isaiah dealt with hardheaded people, and Paul started out persecuting Christians before he became one. Jesus was tempted in the desert and agonized in the garden before he accomplished the Father's will. We are in good company with our hesitations and difficulties. While we might hesitate for what we think are good reasons, as believers, as followers of Jesus, we can never excuse ourselves from our responsibility to be God's servants.

Being God's servant does not necessarily mean running to the nearest seminary, convent or monastery to become a religious or ordained minister of the Church. Although those are indeed good things! What it does mean is seriously reflecting on how God is calling each of us to be his servants.

Yes, some are being called from among our number here to serve the Church as priests, sisters or brothers. Many more are called to marriage. And apart from those vocations, and no matter our state in life, we are all called to holiness.

Let there be no mistake. By virtue of our baptism, we have been called to be servants of the Lord. There are no excuses or exemptions from this call. Our task, therefore, is to live out the call to serve, by growing in faith and holiness. According to the catechism, Christians are "sanctified ... [and] called to be saints" (CCC 1695). Nurses serve, accountants serve, maintenance staff serve, parents serve. Our "job" does not preclude, or improve, the opportunity to serve. As long as we have the love of Christ alive and well within us, then we will be good and faithful servants. And with God's mercy and grace, we will one day join the communion of saints giving glory to God, forever.