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 Nov. 1st:** 5 p.m.: 73; 8 a.m.: 183; 11 a.m.: 236: Total 492

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Nov. 8th, 2026

Monday	**The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Feast)**	
Nov 9	**8:00 a.m**.	+Jim Stewart by Rick & Jane
	5:00 p.m.	Intentions of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College
Tuesday	**St. Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor**	
Nov 10	**8:00 a.m.**	+Stanley, Irene & David Palubeskie by Zigmund & Jennifer
Wednesday	**St. Martin of Tours, Bishop [Remembrance Day]**	
Nov 11	**8:00 a.m.**	+ Mieczyslaw & Danuta Baklinski by Baklinski family
	12:00 p.m.	+ For the Souls in Purgatory by Edmund & Dorothy
Thursday	**St. Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr**	
Nov 12	**8:00 a.m.**	+Julie Herron and John & Marie Herron
Friday	**Ferial**	
Nov 13	**8:00 a.m.**	+All the deceased members of the Kuiack & Bielawski family by Michael
	5:00 p.m.	**Confessions**
Saturday	**Our Lady's Saturday**	
Nov 14	**8:00 – 8:45 a.m. Confessions**	
	9:00 a.m.	+Basil Gutoskie; deceased family members & friends by Helen

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Nov. 15th 2026

Saturday	**4:00 – 4:45 p.m. Confessions**	
	5:00 p.m.	+Theresa & Sylvie Glysinskie by Jackie Stoppa
Sunday	**8:00 a.m.**	+Jackie Blank by Etmanski family
	11:00 a.m.	Intentions of the Parishioners

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Nov. 15th, 2026)	**5:00 p.m.**	**8:00 a.m.**	**11:00 a.m.**
Readers of the Word	Altar Server	Marek Milan	James Shaw
Ushers	Duncan Barber (crew captain) and ushers	Stanley Rumleskie (crew captain) and ushers	Daniel Shalla (crew captain) and ushers

Offerings Nov. 1st : Sunday: $4,171.00; Building Maintenance: $1,436.00; Heat/Fuel: $510.00; Flowers: $20.00

Let us remember in prayer those who are sick especially Michael Stoppa.

2027 Mass Requests: We are now accepting Mass requests for next year **during office hours**. Requests are open to **registered parishioners only** for now, and are limited to 3 Masses per household and only one on the weekend. Please have your requests written down, clearly legible, and ready prior to dropping off. Please ensure your name and phone number are included.

All Soul's Day Remembrance: Special envelopes are available at the back of the church for the Remembrance of Souls in the month of November. Fr. Michal will be including those listed on the envelopes for Mass intentions in the first week of November and also in his own private masses. There is no set fee for these Mass intentions. Envelopes may be placed in the Sunday collections, or may be placed in the drop box at the office. This replaces the book previously left at the back of the church. All proceeds will go to the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate (OMI).

Euchre: The next euchre games will be held on on November 15th & November 29th at 7:00 p.m. Cost is $5.00.

Thank You: Thank you ladies for cleaning the pews recently.

Advent Candles: Advent candles for sale at the office (during office hours) cost $12.00.

Christian Mothers: The Confraternity of Christian Mothers (and all women with motherly hearts) is meeting the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the church basement. New members are welcome. Date of next meeting: November 17th. The guest speaker is Fr. Lucas Casta.

Domestic Church Sunday Social: Domestic Church families are inviting everyone to Sunday Social immediately after the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday November 15th. Refreshments will be provided. Donations to support this event would be appreciated.

Craft & Bake Sale: The Sacred Heart League will be holding their Craft & Bake Sale in the church hall on **Sunday, November 29th following the 11:00 a.m. Mass.** We are requesting raffle prizes, donations and baking for this event. There also will be a 50/50 draw. Religious items will be available for sale. Vendors wanting to rent a table, may contact Susan Coulas for further details at 613-585-0859. Delivery of raffle prizes, donations and baking to the Church hall will be **Saturday November 28th, between 10 am to 2 pm.** Other arrangements, by contacting Barbara Dombroskie at 613-281-5091. Thank you for your continued support.

Sacrament of First Communion & Confirmation: Registration for Confirmation classes is open. The deadline to sign up is Friday, January 8, 2027. Confirmation by the Bishop will take place in April 18th, 2027. Details for First Communion have not been finalized.

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.

Pope's Prayer Intention for November 2026

For the proper use of wealth *– Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.*

From Fr. Michal: **32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

1) Wisdom 6:12-16 2) 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18 or 4: 13-14 3)Matthew 25: 1-13

Today's first reading personifies Wisdom as a woman who is sought by those who love her. In fact, if we pay careful attention to this text, there's a lot of reference to seeking. Perhaps the question that we might ask is, who is doing the seeking? At first glace, it seems like people are the ones seeking after wisdom. And yet, Wisdom is described as a gracious woman who *hastens to make herself known* and who sits by the gate of those who seek her. The passage even says that Wisdom herself makes her rounds, *seeking those worthy of her*, appearing to them on their way and meeting them with *all solicitude*.

It would seem, then, that Wisdom is not only sought; she is also the one who seeks. The mystery revealed here is that our search for Wisdom, for God, is always a response to God's prior search for us. Because he draws near, we can seek him; because he seeks us, our seeking is never in vain.

And yet, we must search. As we turn to the Gospel, we hear a parable about five wise virgins who prepare themselves, watching for the bridegroom's return. In a word, they are seeking the bridegroom. These virgins are the ones who diligently prepare their lamps and, when the bridegroom returns, are ushered into the wedding feast with him. In contrast, the five foolish virgins become drowsy and fall asleep, and are caught unprepared when the bridegroom returns. To them, the bridegroom says, *Amen, I say to you, I do not know you*.

With these two readings, the Church is inviting us to consider the necessity that we, too, actively seek the Lord. This requires a conscious response from us; it is not passive. We must desire a relationship with Christ and actively seek him by preparing our hearts for his coming.

When we are seeking something we really desire, our hearts experience *longing.* One sign that our spiritual life needs renewal, that our "oil" has run out, is when our desire for the Lord has grown weak or dormant. Today's psalm invites us to take as our own the words of King David: *O God, you are my God whom I seek; for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.* If we find ourselves in a place where our thirst for earthly things is greater than the Lord, then we must ask him to awaken us from our spiritual slumber, that he may give us the grace to rekindle in us the flame that burns for love of him.

The good news is that our God doesn't play "hard to get." Just as Lady Wisdom in our first reading draws near to those who seek her, the Lord comes to us in the Eucharist, drawing near to all who seek him with sincerity and faith. And all who sincerely seek the Lord will find a place at his heavenly banquet.

