

# 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

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

### Monday

January 26

#### St. Timothy & St. Titus, Bishops

**8:00 a.m.** Special Intentions of David Roman & Peter Humennyj by Ronald & Anne  
**4:30 p.m.** Intentions of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College

### Tuesday

January 27

#### St. Angela Merici, Virgin

**8:00 a.m.** Intentions of the Arsenault Family by the Family

### Wednesday

January 28

#### St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor

**8:00 a.m.** Br. Grzegorz Loska Intention  
**12:00 p.m.** +Teresa Chapeskie by Theresa Trader

### Thursday

January 29

#### Ferial

**8:00 a.m.** +John Patrick McLaughlin by Mervin & Michelle Merkowsky

### Friday

January 30

#### Ferial

**8:00 a.m.** +Kuiack & Dombroskie Families by Isadore & Audrey  
**5:00 p.m.** **Confessions**

### Saturday

January 31

#### St. John Bosco, Priest

**8:00 – 8:45 a.m.** **Confessions** [Please Note Time Change]  
**9:00 a.m.** Living & Deceased Family Members by Vernon & Rosanne Picarskie

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026

### Saturday

**4:00 – 4:45 p.m.** **Confessions**  
**5:00 p.m.** +Sylvie & Johanna Yandernoll by Esther Stoppa

### Sunday

**8:00 a.m.** +Bernard & Maggie Belaskie by Sylvester & Frances Belaskie  
**11:00 a.m.** Intentions of the Parishioners

| Sunday<br>(Feb 1st, 2026)<br>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 5:00 p.m.                                  | 8:00 a.m.                                      | 11:00 a.m.                                 |
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| <b>Readers of the Word</b>                                  | Joseph Olver                               | Nicholas Rumleskie                             | James Shaw                                 |
| <b>Holy Communion</b>                                       | Br. Grzegorz Loska, OMI                    | Deacon Jean-Nil Chabot                         | Deacon Robert Probert                      |
| <b>Ushers</b>   | Duncan Barber (crew captain)<br>and ushers | Stanley Rumleskie (crew captain)<br>and ushers | Daniel Shalla (crew captain) and<br>ushers |

**Offerings:** Last Sunday: \$4,612.40; Building Maintenance: \$820.00; Heat & Fuel: \$987.50;  
 New Year's Day: \$230.00; Initial: \$62.00

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

**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 21st 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. 12-1 p.m; Thurs. 12-1 p.m; and Friday 4-5 p.m. & 5-6 p.m. If these times don't work for you, it may be possible to exchange a time with another parishioner. Please call Virginia at 613-650-7674.

**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.

**Men's Rosary:** Come for Rosary prayer open to men on Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00 p.m. in St. Hedwig's Church. Men are invited, fathers bring your sons as well.

**Cold and Flu Season:** If you are coughing, sneezing, running a fever, or are otherwise unwell, please do not come to church at this time. Please wait until your symptoms get better, and then return to common worship.

**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)

**Pancake Breakfast:** St. Mary's Knight's of Columbus and St. Mary's Rosary Society are hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday February 8<sup>th</sup> from 9-1 p.m. Homemade regular and potato pancakes with all the fixings will be served. \$15.00 for adults and students over 12, children by donation.

**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:**

### **THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

1) Isaiah 8:23-9:3

2) 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

3) Matthew 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

Zebulun and Naphtali were sons of Jacob, and the leaders of two of the 12 tribes of Israel. The lands settled by their descendants were in the most northern part of Israel. Of all the Israelites, they were the furthest from the summer sun, giving rise to Isaiah's description of the people there who walked in darkness and in the land of gloom.

Their darkness wasn't just a matter of geography, however. These were also the first lands to be invaded by the Assyrians, and the Israelites were oppressed by their pagan conquerors who practiced false worship of many gods. Isaiah prophesies of a time when a great light will shine upon these people, freeing them from darkness and bringing them abundant joy and great rejoicing. He prophesies what we know to be the coming of the Christ, who will free them from the yokes that burden them.

Matthew shows us the fulfillment of this prophecy in today's Gospel. Jesus goes to Capernaum, which is the same geographical region of which Isaiah spoke. He has come to fulfill Isaiah's prophecy, to be the great light for those who walked in darkness, and so he begins preaching the Good News: Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. This message will appeal to many whom Jesus calls, such as Simon and Andrew, and James and John who follow him. Others will hate him for it – and crucify him.

The freedom found in Christ is what impels Saint Paul's Letter to the Corinthians. He is concerned about a growing lack of unity among them, in mind and purpose. So he reminds them of the cross of Christ – the one true sacrifice made for all, into which they are baptized – that it might not be emptied of its meaning. For it is not specific people or human words that give them life. It is Christ crucified who freed them from all burdens.

To be sure, there are people who still walk in darkness, and there remains division in the Church and among Christians. Yet we are freed from our burdens by Jesus Christ, the light who came into our darkness. With the gift of faith we can cast aside the nets of doubt, and through graces outpoured we can resolve to follow Christ, our light and our salvation.