

SAINT HEDWIG'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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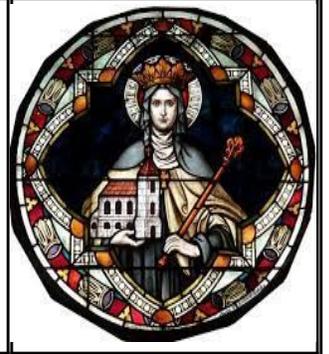
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Office hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9 a.m. - Noon & 1 - 2 p.m.



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.:112; 8 a.m.:132; 11 a.m.:232: Total: 485

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feb 1st, 2026

Monday

February 2

The Presentation of the Lord [Feast Day & World Day for Consecrated Life]

8:00 a.m. +Bernice Cote by Josie & Phil Zylstra

4:30 p.m. Intentions of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College

Tuesday

February 3

St. Blaise, Bishop, Martyr

8:00 a.m. +Richard Sernoskie by Rose Sernoskie & Family

Wednesday

February 4

Ferial

8:00 a.m. Deceased Parents, Brothers & Sisters by Andrew Maika

12:00 p.m. +Sharon Tanguay by Faye & Greg Mask

Thursday

February 5

St. Agatha, Virgin, Martyr

8:00 a.m. +Doreen Tessier by Michael & Debbie

First Friday

February 6

St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

8:00 a.m. +Percy Coulas by Frances Coulas

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. Intentions of Sr. Maria Immaculata by Irvin & Darleen

First Saturday

February 7

Our Lady's Saturday

8:00-8:45 a.m. **Confessions**

9:00 a.m. Ward & Probert Family, Living and Deceased By Deacon Bob & Mary Lois Probert

11:00 a.m. Funeral Mass for Charles 'Mickey' Silliker

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feb 8th 2026

Saturday

4:00 - 4:45 p.m. **Confessions**

5:00 p.m. +Mary & Paul Luckasavitch by Sally Trebinskie & Family

Sunday

8:00 a.m. Lucie & Allen Pearce on their Wedding Anniversary by the Pepler Family

11:00 a.m. Intentions of the Parishioners

Sunday (Feb 8th, 2026) Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Readers of the Word	Carl Schingten	Noah Kluge	John Henry Westen
Holy Communion	Deacon Robert Probert	Deacon Jean-Nil Chabot	Br. Grzegorz Loska, OMI
Ushers	Duncan Barber (crew captain) and ushers	Stanley Rumleskie (crew captain) and ushers	Daniel Shalla (crew captain) and ushers

Offerings: Last Sunday: \$2,964.75; Building Maintenance: \$750.00; Heat & Fuel: \$95.00;
 New Year's Day: \$20.00; Initial: \$65.00; Various Funds: \$20

Let us remember in prayer those who are sick, at home and in hospital. Let us also pray for the repose of the souls of Percy Coulas whose funeral Mass took place on January 29th, and for Mickey Siliker whose funeral Mass is on February 7th.

First Friday Visits: Fr. Michal & Br. Grzegorz will visit housebound on First Friday, February 6th. Please call the office if you are in need of a visit. 613-756-2243.

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 16th and First Holy Communion on May 17th.

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

Euchre: The next Euchre games will be held on Sunday February 8th and 22nd at 7:00 p.m. Cost: \$5.00.

Sledding Sunday: The Knights of Columbus invite you and your family to sled on the hill beside the rectory after the 11 a.m. Mass On February 15th. Bring your snow gear and sleds and enjoy an afternoon of winter fun and fellowship. All are welcome!

Domestic Church: The Domestic Church is hosting a social gathering in the basement of St. Hedwig's after the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Feb. 15th. This event corresponds with the KofC sledding event. Soup and a bun will be served along with the usual coffee and snacks.

Christian Mothers: There will be no meeting of the Christian Mothers group this month due to the KofC Family Pancake Supper. Next meeting is March 17th.

Knights of Columbus: The Knights are holding a 'Shrove Tuesday' Pancake Supper on February 17 from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Enjoy regular and potato pancakes, beans, and sausages. Live fiddle will create a festive evening before Lent begins. Admission is by donation. All are welcome! Bring your family and friends and join us for good food and fellowship!

The Secular Franciscan Order: Our Local Franciscan Fraternity, "St. Bonaventure" is pleased to announce the Profession of four new candidates to our Franciscan Secular Order to take place during 7:00 pm Mass on February 11th, 2026 at St. Lawrence O'Toole's Parish. All are welcome.

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.

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

Pancake Breakfast: St. Mary's Knight's of Columbus and St. Mary's Rosary Society are hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday February 8th 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 or 613 732-7933 ext. 206. Deadline to register: Wednesday, February 18th.

Pope's Prayer Intention for February 2026

For children with incurable diseases – Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

From Fr. Michal: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026

1) Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13 2) 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 3) Matthew 5:1-12a

It is no accident that Jesus presented his beatitudes on a mountain. God delivered the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. Those commandments were laws written on stone tablets. Jesus' beatitudes are ideals that are to be written on human hearts. Jesus did not overturn the laws of Moses. But with the beatitudes, Jesus wanted to shift the focus from external laws to be obeyed to laws of love to be lived in the kingdom he came to reveal.

The beatitudes turn this world's standards upside down. Happiness in being poor in spirit? "Nonsense!" the worldly tell us. The road to happiness is found in aggressiveness, ambition and success in competition.

Happiness, Jesus tells us, is given to us by God. We don't win it, achieve it, merit it or buy it. Everyone can have it. When it comes to happiness, everyone can be a winner. Happiness and fulfillment, Jesus teaches, will come to people with open hands, humble hearts and receptive spirits. The kingdom is God's gift; it's not ours to fashion as we wish.

Blessedness for the sorrowing? The poor? The meek? The persecuted? You won't find them on TV talk shows.

Who are the meek? They are those who have harnessed their talents and abilities to serve God's interests, not their own interests. They find happiness in serving others.

The hungry and thirsty? They continually seek a better, deeper, and richer relationship with God. They hunger for a better world in which we care for each other. The merciful? They are centered on others. They are willing to forgive and to seek reconciliation.

Now in contrast, Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche was a famous German philosopher from the nineteenth century who was instrumental in shaping the Nazi philosophy that the fittest should rise to the top, and those at the bottom should be dismissed from living. He also believed that God was dead.

Nietzsche's view is still the rallying cry of many atheists who proclaim that God does not exist, or is irrelevant to our world today. This modern perspective dismisses Christian practice and belief. But Saint Paul reminds us that when we put our faith in Christ, we cannot be deterred. As we heard in today's reading:

God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong, and God chose the lowly and despised of the world, those who count for nothing, to reduce to nothing those who are something.

The Christian belief is that Christ is our redemption and our justification, and that living a life modeled on the beatitudes leads to happiness and fulfillment. That belief is now two thousand years old, and is still strongly held by more than two billion people. Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche is very much dead, and God is quite alive in this world because of those who believe in Jesus Christ and strive to live the message of the beatitudes.