

SAINT HEDWIG'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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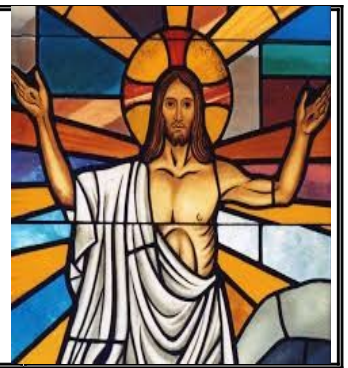
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Confessions: 15 minutes before Mass and other times (see below) • **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Monday to Friday, from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. • Sundays, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. **Recitation of the Rosary:** 30 minutes before each Mass, also on the radio at 88.5 FM (locally) • Attendance: 5 p.m.: 104; 8 a.m.: 127; 11 a.m.: 195; Total: 426

5th Sunday of Easter

May 18th, 2025

Monday

May 19

Ferial

9:00 a.m.

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+August & Anna Kuiack & Deceased Family by Pat Kuiack

Tuesday

May 20

St. Bernadine of Siena, Priest (Optional Memorial)

8:00 a.m.

+Thomas, John, and Michael Yandernoll by Raymond Yandernoll

Wednesday

May 21

St. Eugene de Mazenod, Bishop, Founder of Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

8:00 a.m.

+Martha & Harvey Linton by Rose Anne & Russell

Thursday

May 22

St. Rita of Cascia, Religious (Optional Memorial)

8:00 a.m.

+Kathleen & Bernard Norlock, deceased Parents, Siblings & Relatives by their Children

Friday

May 23

Ferial

8:00 a.m.

+Stanley & Anna, and Aloysius Ostroskie by Theresa Trader

5:00 p.m.

Confessions

Saturday

May 24

Blessed Louis-Zephirin Moreau, Bishop (Optional Memorial)

8:00 - 8:45 a.m.

Confessions

9:00 a.m.

+Sylvester Yantha by Jennifer Heustis

6th Sunday of Easter

May 25th, 2025

Saturday

4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Confessions

5:00 p.m.

+Danny, Kevin, Dominic, Bernard Kluge & Parents by Esther & Family

Sunday

8:00 a.m.

+Frank & Mary Glofcheskie by Irvin & Darleen

11:00 a.m.

Intentions of the People

6 th Sunday of Easter (May 25th, 2025)	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Readers of the Word	Karen Yakabuski	Marek Milan	Joseph Afelski
Holy Communion	Bro. Grzegorz Loska, OMI	Deacon Jean-Nil Chabot	Deacon Robert Probert
Ushers	Duncan Barber (crew captain) and ushers	Stanley Rumleskie (crew captain) and ushers	Daniel Shalla (crew captain) and ushers

Offerings: Sunday: \$2,843.80; Building Maintenance: \$1,205.00; Carpet: \$75.00;
Heat & Fuel: \$65.00

Let us remember in prayer those who are sick, especially Andy Weatherbed, Theresa Chapeskie, Esther T. Stoppa, Suzanne Bissonnette, Anne Chabot, Karen Barber, Florence Peplinskie, Raymond Biernaski, Dennis Yeretch

Let us pray for the children who will be making their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion on May 31st and June 1st, may the gift of the Holy Eucharist draw them into an unending friendship with the Lord.

Roses for Life: The Knights of Columbus will be handing out "Roses for Life" lapels before and after this weekend's Masses. The new design has a red and a white Rose, signifying our Church's opposition to abortion (red) and euthanasia (white). "Your donation supports our pro-life activities. May God bless your generosity!"

Special Thank You!: Fr. Michal would like to acknowledge and thank Hannah Afelskie and Katrina Hamon for their time and commitment to the preparation of the young adults are being confirmed this weekend. God bless you!

Wednesday Rosary at the Grotto: Come pray the Rosary at the grotto of Our Lady, next to St. Hedwig's Church, every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m., during the month of May. All welcome.

Euchre: The next Euchre games will be held on Sunday, May 18th and June 1st at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$5.00

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. Coffee, tea and social afterwards. Date of the next meeting: May 20th.

Knights of Columbus Meeting: The next meeting is on Wednesday, May 21st. Rosary at 7:00 p.m., followed by the meeting at 7:30 p.m. at St. Jerome's Meeting Room in the basement of St. Hedwig's rectory.

Sacred Heart League: The next meeting will take place on Tuesday May 27th, at 2:00 p.m. in the church hall.

Religious Store: If you are interested in purchasing items from the Sacred Heart League Religious Store, please call or text Josée Peppler at 519-215-0707.

Jubilee Pilgrimage Site for the Marian Month of May: Our Lady of Combermere (Madonna House), Combermere is the designated place of pilgrimage for the Jubilee Indulgence on Saturday 31 May 2025, the Feast of the Visitation of Our Lady. Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. in Our Lady of the Woods Chapel, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Benediction at 2:50 p.m. Confessions will be available from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The day will end with the praying of the Rosary at the statue of Our Lady of Combermere at 3:00 p.m., followed by tea. For more information on the graces of the Jubilee Indulgence, please visit <https://pembrokediocese.com/fr/article/jubile-2025-indulgence-fr/>

Life in the Spirit Seminar: A Life in the Spirit Seminar is being offered by the Spirit of the Living God Prayer Group at St Lawrence O'Toole Parish. This is a 7-week commitment (Thursdays, 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m., May 15-June 26) to more fully understand how the Holy Spirit works in our lives in order for us to grow closer to God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) and to bring God's mercy and love to others. To register or for information, call John or Elaine Boskill at 613-756-1389.

From Fr. Michal:

- 1) Acts 14:21-27
- 2) Revelation 21:1-5a
- 3) John 13:31-33a, 34-35

On this Fifth Sunday of Easter, we find ourselves once again at the Last Supper, in the Gospel of John. This is part of Jesus' farewell discourse to his Apostles. Before he suffers and dies for them, Jesus gives them a new commandment: to love one another as he has loved them. This is how all will know they are his disciples.

The Church is the Bride of Christ. Loving God and one another is the way we prepare ourselves to meet our Bridegroom when he comes again. But we cannot keep Christ's commandment to love as he loves by simply gritting our teeth and trying to imitate him. The love with which Christ loves us is far beyond the capacity of our fallen nature. Therefore, it is only through God's grace that we can love with a radical, Christlike love – even to the point of loving and sacrificing for those who oppose or belittle us.

At our baptism, we are initiated into the divine life, the love shared among the persons of the Trinity. At our confirmation, we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which strengthen us to bear witness to this love. These sacraments are sources of grace which help us grow in that radical love to which God calls us.

Paul and Barnabas were some of the first to heed the call of radical love – spreading the Good News, establishing Churches, and appointing leaders. They encouraged the early Christians to persevere in faith, saying, It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God. Their message to the world is that Jesus loved us so much that he died for us, so that we might have eternal life. This must be the message we bring to others as well.

This is the love we are called to emulate. We must remain convicted that this type of love is possible; furthermore, we must believe that it will be impossible for us to respond to God's call personally and as a society without depending on his grace to help us love like this.

Just as God worked through Paul and Barnabas to spread the Good News to the Gentiles, we must allow God to work through us, sharing the holiness, mercy, and love we receive each time we are forgiven in the sacrament of reconciliation or nourished by the body and blood of Christ in the Eucharist. In communion with Christ, we can love others not for what they have to offer, but for who they are – beloved children of God.