

SAINT HEDWIG'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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
Last Week's Attendance: 5 p.m.:124; 8 a.m.:138; 11 a.m.:235: Total: 497

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feb 8th 2026

Monday

February 9

Ferial

8:00 a.m.

+Leonard Trader by the Sacred Heart League

4:30 p.m.

Intentions of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College

Tuesday

February 10

St. Scholastica, Virgin

8:00 a.m.

Intentions of Robert Zilney by a Friend

Wednesday

February 11

Our Lady of Lourdes

8:00 a.m.

Br. Grzegorz Loska Intention

12:00 p.m.

+Joseph & Lorraine Luckasavitch by Zigmund & Jennifer

Thursday

February 12

Ferial

8:00 a.m.

+Charlie Packer by Teresa Chapeskie

Friday

February 13

Ferial

8:00 a.m.

+Fr. Norbert Cybulskie by Andrew & Catherine Etmanski

6:00 p.m.

Confessions

Saturday

February 14

St. Cyril, Monk, and St. Methodius, Bishop

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

9:00 a.m.

+Joseph Dombroskie by the Family

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feb 15th 2026

Saturday

4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Confessions

5:00 p.m.

+Agnes & Phil Surnoskie by Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Yeretch

Sunday

8:00 a.m.

+ Frank & Frances Zelney by David & Ruth Lockhart

11:00 a.m.

Intentions of the Parishioners

Sunday (Feb 15th, 2026) Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Readers of the Word	Denise Lobo-Pryce	Marek Milan	Gregory Shaw
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: \$4,221.70; Building Maintenance: \$2,240.00; Heat & Fuel: \$487.00;
New Year's Day: \$20.00; Initial: \$110.00

Tax receipts are now available at the back of the Church.

Special Invitation From Fr. Michal:

We joyfully invite you to the Dedication of our new Altar on Saturday, February 14th , during the 5:00 pm Mass, celebrated by Bishop Michael Brehl.

Thank You!: A special thank you goes out to the ladies who cleaned the pews!

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.

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

Altar-Server Training: Altar-server training begins on Saturday February 14th after the morning Mass, at 10am. All altar-servers are encouraged to attend, especially senior servers who will be asked to help with the training. The meeting will conclude with a pizza lunch. Altar-server training will continue each second Saturday of the month and starting in March it will happen after the 5pm Mass and will include pizza dinner and a movie in the church hall. New servers welcome.

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 this month due to the Family Pancake Supper and dance.

Shrove Tuesday Family Pancake Supper & Dance: The Knights of Columbus 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 music will create a festive evening before Lent begins. Following the Pancake Supper, all are invited to a Family Dance beginning at 7:30 p.m. in St. Hedwig's basement. This is an evening of traditional family folk dances where everyone participates — parents, children, and single people of all ages. These beautiful dances are taught on the spot and include both male and female roles. No experience is necessary. All are welcome! Come celebrate faith, family, and fellowship through an evening of music and dance. Admission is by donation. All are welcome! Bring your family and friends and join us for good food and fellowship!

Knights of Columbus: Due to Ash Wednesday, the regular meeting will be rescheduled to Feb 25th at 7:00 p.m.

Lent Preparation Talk: Seat of Wisdom College is presenting a talk on Wednesday, February 11th at 8:00 pm in the church basement. All are welcome to a talk in preparation for lent by John Paul Meenan: "The Benefits of Suffering, Voluntary and Involuntary."

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.

Pro-life News and Other Social Issues: There is a very alarming bill before the Canadian parliament, Bill C-9. If you wish a copy of this letter expressing the opinion and concerns of the Canadian Bishops regarding Bill C-9, it is available on the tables at the back of the church. You can also sign a CLC petition on-line. Just google "Campaign Life Coalition on-line petition for Bill C-9".

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:

Reflection about the Holy Mass - Active Participation

One of the most quoted phrases of the Second Vatican Council is this: that the faithful should take part in the liturgy with "full, conscious, and active participation. "But what does that really mean? And just as importantly—what does it not mean?

To understand this, we must remember a simple truth: the liturgy is not something we watch—it is something we enter.

From the very beginning of God's people, worship was never passive. In the Book of Nehemiah, Ezra proclaims the Law of God before the assembly. The people stand, they listen attentively, they respond "Amen," they bow down, and they worship. God speaks—but the people answer. That is already active participation.

St. Peter takes this even further when he reminds us: "You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation." By baptism, every one of us shares in Christ's priesthood—not the ministerial priesthood of the ordained, but the baptismal priesthood, through which we offer our lives, our prayers, our sufferings, and our praise to God.

And this is exactly what the Mass makes visible.

For many centuries, especially after the Council of Trent, the Mass was celebrated in a way that emphasized—rightly—the sacred role of the priest and the sacrificial nature of the Eucharist. But in practice, the people often became silent observers. The priest prayed for them, while they prayed privately on their own. Participation was real, but it was mostly interior and individual.

The Second Vatican Council did not reject this tradition. It purified and completed it.

Vatican II taught that the Mass is the action of Christ and His whole Church—Head and Body together. The priest still presides, still offers the sacrifice in the person of Christ, but the people are no longer spectators. They respond, they sing, they listen, they stand, kneel, and pray together. They offer themselves with Christ.

This is why the Council insisted on "full" participation—not partial. "Active"—not busy, not chaotic, but truly engaged. And "conscious"—not confused or distracted, but understanding what is being prayed and done.

This does not mean everyone does everything. It does not erase the difference between priest and people. And it certainly does not mean constant noise or loss of silence. In fact, silence itself is one of the highest forms of participation—when it is shared, intentional, and prayerful.

If we look at the Book of Revelation, we see the model for our worship. Heaven is not silent, but it is not disorderly either. There are acclamations, hymns, gestures, incense, elders kneeling, angels singing "Holy, Holy, Holy"—and there is also profound silence before the throne of God. Every Mass on earth is meant to mirror that heavenly liturgy. So when we respond "Amen," when we sing the Sanctus, when we listen attentively to the Word of God, when we stand and kneel together, and above all when we receive Holy Communion—we are not just doing rituals. We are offering ourselves. As the Church teaches, the faithful offer the sacrifice not only through the hands of the priest, but together with him.

Brothers and sisters, active participation is not about doing more—it is about being more present. Present to Christ. Present to the Church. Present to the mystery unfolding on the altar.

May every Mass draw us more deeply into that mystery, until one day we join the worship of heaven itself, where Christ lives and reigns forever. Amen.