

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, also on the radio at 88.5 FM (locally) • Attendance: 5 p.m.: 104; 8 a.m.:139; 11 a.m.: 222: Total: 508

Sunday	The Ascension of the Lord	[Solemnity]	June 1st, 2025
Monday <small>June 2</small>	St. Marcellinus & St. Peter, Martyrs 8:00 a.m. +Albert Cybulski by Doris Peplinskie		
Tuesday <small>June 3</small>	St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs (Memorial) 8:00 a.m. +Raymond Gough and Deceased Family Members by Alison and Family		
Wednesday <small>June 4</small>	Ferial 8:00 a.m. +Michael J. Zelney & Deceased Family Members by David & Ruth Lockhart		
Thursday <small>June 5</small> Lorbetskie	St. Boniface, Bishop, Martyr (Memorial) 8:00 a.m. +Paul & Martha Lorbetskie, & Deceased Family of Stanley & Anna Mary		
First Friday <small>June 6</small>	St. Norbert, Bishop (Optional Memorial) 8:00 a.m. Living Sacred Heart League Members 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. +Patsy Mask by the Sacred Heart League		
First Saturday <small>June 7</small>	Ferial 8:00 - 8:45 a.m. Confessions 9:00 a.m. In Honour of the Holy Family by Paul & Immaculata Thanase		

Pentecost Sunday	[Solemnity-Season of Easter Ends]	June 8th, 2025
Saturday	4:00 – 4:45 p.m. Confessions 5:00 p.m. +Winnifred & the Coulas family by Edna Coulas	
Sunday	8:00 a.m. +Felix, Monica, & Garry Pecarski by Veron & Rosanne Piecarskie 11:00 a.m. Intentions of the Parishioners	

Sunday (June 8th, 2025) Pentecost Sunday	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Readers of the Word	Eleanor Trader	Nicholas Rumleskie	John Boskill
Holy Communion	Deacon Robert Probert	Deacon Jean-Nil Chabot	Bro. Grzegorz Loska,OMI
Ushers	Duncan Barber (crew captain) and ushers	Stanley Rumleskie (crew captain) and ushers	Daniel Shalla (crew captain) and ushers

Offerings: Sunday: \$3,604.00; Building Maintenance: \$975.00; Carpet: \$215.00; Heat & Fuel:\$50.00; Pope's Pastoral Works: \$885.50; Various Funds: \$25.00

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

The Month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus: Devotion to the Sacred Heart was an essential component of Pope John Paul II's hopes for the "new evangelization" called for by the Church. "For evangelization today," he said, "the Heart of Christ must be recognized as the heart of the Church: It is He who calls us to conversion, to reconciliation. It is He who leads pure hearts and those hungering for justice along the way of the Beatitudes. It is He who achieves the warm communion of the members of the one Body. It is He who enables us to adhere to the Good News and to accept the promise of eternal life. It is He who sends us out on mission. The heart-to-heart with Jesus broadens the human heart on a global scale."

We are going to say the Litany of the Sacred Heart after each daily Mass.

Prayer of the Month:

An Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Most sweet Jesus, humbly kneeling at Thy feet, we renew the consecration of our family to Thy Divine Heart. Be Thou our King forever! In Thee we have full and entire confidence. May Thy spirit penetrate our thoughts, our desires, our words and our deeds. Bless our undertakings, share in our joys, in our trials, and in our labors. Grant us to know Thee better, to love Thee more, to serve Thee without faltering.

Pastoral Appointments: The Most Reverend Michael Brehl, C.Ss.R., announces the following pastoral appointments:

Reverend Daniel Janulewicz, O.M.I., concludes his ministry in the Diocese of Pembroke, effective 31 August 2025 to assume a new assignment from his religious community. Bishop Brehl wishes to thank Father Daniel for his ministry in Round Lake and Wilno.

Reverend Miroslaw Olszewski, O.M.I., is appointed as Pastor of St. Mary Parish, Wilno and St. Casimir Parish, Round Lake. This appointment is effective September 1, 2025.

Bishop Brehl confers the office of Pastor, effective June 1, 2025, on the following priest assigned as parish administrator in summer 2024 during the vacancy of the diocese:

Reverend Michal Pajak, O.M.I.: St. Hedwig Parish, Barry's Bay, Ontario.

Euchre: The next Euchre games will be held on Sunday, June 1st and 15th at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$5.00

Pizza Party for the Altar-Servers: Fr. Michal is inviting the altar-servers to a pizza party after the 9:00am Mass on Saturday June 7th.

Workshop: "Share the Faith", Saturday, June 14th, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the St Hedwig's rectory basement meeting room, Barry's Bay. Three sessions: The Power of Testimony, The Power of the Gospel, Spirit Led Faith Sharing. Open to men and women with a heart for evangelization. For information and to register email Terry Vanderheyden at: doctrv@gmail.com

Sacred Heart League Annual Luncheon: This year's annual luncheon will be held on June 17th at Le Belge Euro Bistro (formerly the Balmoral Hotel) @noon. Please RSVP to Rose Kulas at 613-756-3247 by June 10th.

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: June 17th.

Knights of Columbus Meeting: The next meeting is on Wednesday, June 18th. 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.

Bequest from Gerard O'Malley: We are grateful to announce and acknowledge a generous bequest from Gerard O'Malley who passed away last year. This donation will be used to fund some future projects that are in the early planning stages for our parish, which will be announced at a future date. Let us all remember Gerard in prayer, and in thanksgiving for his generosity.

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.

ProLife Holy Hour: Fridays at 9:45 a.m. following the 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish, as we continue to pray together for the sanctity of life, marriage and family.

Jubilee Pilgrimage in Pembroke: St. Columbkille Cathedral is the designated place for the Jubilee pilgrimage on Monday, June 9th, the Memorial of Mary Mother of the Church and the Feast of St Columbkille (Columba), our diocesan patron. The Most Reverend Michael Brehl, C.Ss.R. will celebrate Mass at 12:30pm at which time the Apostolic Blessing with Plenary Indulgence will be administered. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at the end of Mass with the praying of the Rosary at 3:45pm and Sung Vespers and Benediction at 4:00 pm. For more information on the graces of the Jubilee Indulgence, please visit <https://pembrokediocese.com/article/jubilee-2025-indulgence-en/>.

From Fr. Michal: THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - SOLEMNITY

1) Acts 1:1-11 2) Ephesians 1:17-23 or Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23 3) Luke 24:46-53

"The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew". (*Evangelii Gaudium* 1). These words from Pope Francis, penned in the first year of his pontificate, truly were an apostolic exhortation to all of us in the Church: understand that the Good News of Jesus Christ is one of abundant joy!

We have heard this before, surely. We know we are not talking about an emotion, or a feeling. We are talking about a fruit of the Spirit. A fruit whose seed may be sown through knowledge of Jesus and his mission, but whose growth and flourishing occurs in the rich soil of a life of faith. Through the Holy Spirit we encounter the Divine Person of Christ, who forgives us and sets us free from sin. Our life then takes on a new direction animated by a relationship with God and the resultant pursuit of the good. All of this, together, bears fruit that is joy.

Thus, it is no surprise that, in the Gospel, after Jesus ascended to heaven before his disciples, the disciples immediately went back to Jerusalem with great joy, praising God in the temple unceasingly. After everything they have seen, they are driven to be persons full of joy and praise. They have seen and interacted with the risen Christ and now they have seen him glorified in his ascension, knowing of the promises he has made and fulfilled. Their encounters with – their relationship with – Jesus has transformed them, and through the grace of the Holy Spirit this transformation has borne great fruit.

The joy of the disciples is the type of joy that Pope Francis is referring to in his apostolic exhortation. It echoes and reflects the words of his predecessor: "Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction (Pope Benedict XVI, *Deus caritas est*). It sets us free from the chains of sin. It comforts us in our sorrow. It fills our inner emptiness and loneliness.

We are also sent forth in this joy. It drives us to accompany those who feel cast in the shadow of sin. It shows us the way to be God's merciful presence in the world. It compels us to be with those who are suffering or in sorrow. It is what gives us strength to be with those who feel emptiness or loneliness for whatever reason. When we do these things, something new is created. To follow God's way is to renew ourselves in the joy of the Gospel. We are disciples with joy to bring. To truly evangelize in this world, we must start by bringing joy to others. This joy is inexhaustible.

We are not alone on this journey. The Eucharist, our holy feast, renews our joy with God's real presence with us. May we give thanks and praise God unceasingly.