

# 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.:103; 8 a.m.:126; 11 a.m.:208: Total: 437

## Baptism of the Lord

Jan 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026

### Monday

January 12

#### St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, Virgin

**8:00 a.m.** +Susan, Patsy, Peter & Raymond Jr. Mask by the Mask family  
**4:30 p.m.** Intentions of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College

### Tuesday

January 13

#### St. Hilary, Bishop, Doctor

**8:00 a.m.** +Bridget Gutoskie by Teresa Chapeskie

### Wednesday

January 14

#### Ferial

**8:00 a.m.** +Peter Brotton by Clementine & Family  
**12:00 p.m.** +Fr. Frank Kelly by John & Katherine

### Thursday

January 15

#### Ferial

**8:00 a.m.** +Martin & Annie Dombroskie by Nancy & Raymond

### Friday

January 16

#### Ferial

**8:00 a.m.** +Frank & Mary Matusheskie & deceased family by Jerome & Cathy Pecarski  
**5:00 p.m.** **Confessions**

### Saturday

January 17

#### St. Anthony, Abbot

**8:10 – 8:50 a.m.** **Confessions**  
**9:00 a.m.** Special Intentions of Gregory & Marie-Claire Krol by Ronald & Anne

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jan 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Saturday** **4:00 – 4:45 p.m.** **Confessions**  
**5:00 p.m.** +Lapenskie family by Rose Sernoskie & family

### Sunday

**8:00 a.m.** +Clara Smaglinski by Zigmund  
**11:00 a.m.** Intentions of the Parishioners

Sunday (Jan 18th, 2026) Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<b>Readers of the Word</b>	June Szaflik	Marek Milan	Peter Shaw
<b>Holy Communion</b>	Deacon Robert Probert	Deacon Jean-Nil Chabot	Br. Grzegorz Loska, OMI
<b>Ushers</b>	Duncan Barber (crew captain) and ushers	Stanley Rumleskie (crew captain) and ushers	Daniel Shalla (crew captain) and ushers

**Offerings:** Last Sunday: \$3,279.20; Building Maintenance: \$1,695.00; Heat & Fuel: \$395.00; Christmas: \$120.00; New Year's Day: \$3,718.00; Initial: \$1,711.00; Various Funds: \$105.00

*Let us remember in prayer those who are sick, at home and in hospital. Let us also pray for the repose of the soul of Mr. Thomas Holly, father of Reverend Ryan Holly, who passed away peacefully on Saturday, January 3rd at the age of 75.*

**Euchre:** The next Euchre games will be held on Sunday January 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Cost: \$5.00.

**Domestic Church Sunday Coffee:** Coffee and snacks will be served in the church basement by the Domestic Church group immediately after the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday January 18<sup>th</sup>. Come enjoy a hot drink and something to eat while getting to know your fellow parishioners a little better! Please know that the coffee and snacks for this event are being prepared by members of the Domestic Church, donations are welcome. All parishioners are invited.

**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. Date of the next meeting: January 20<sup>th</sup>.

**The Knights of Columbus: Knights of Columbus Meeting:** The next meeting is on Wednesday January 21<sup>st</sup>. Rosary at 7:00 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7:30 at St. Jerome's meeting room.

**Angel Choir:** The Angel Choir meets in the hall at 10am-11am on the 4th Saturday of each month. Next practice is January 24<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**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

**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:**

#### **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - FEAST**

1) Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

2) Acts 10:34-38

3) Matthew 3:13-17

Three of the four Gospels recall the Baptism of the Lord, each one in its own way. The version we heard today, from Matthew, is unique in recalling that when Jesus came to the Jordan, John the Baptist at first tried to prevent him, saying that he was the one who needed to be baptized by Jesus. But Jesus replies, Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.

Here, Matthew is keen to emphasize that Jesus is the fulfillment of the promises made to Israel – as found in the first reading – and the one whose sandals John is unfit to carry (Cf., Matthew 3:11). John acquiesced to Jesus' request, and upon coming up from the water, Jesus is revealed as my beloved Son through a voice from heaven, while the Spirit descends upon him in the form of a dove.

As we hear this Gospel proclaimed, we note this revelation/divine action occurs after Jesus comes up from the waters of the Jordan. We, too, have emerged from the waters of baptism, and been anointed with the same Spirit. The words of the Father are words meant for us, too, for we also are God's beloved.

If anything, this feast has as much to say about us as it does about Jesus and his identity. Yes, by going down into the waters of the Jordan, Jesus demonstrates his solidarity with our broken world, but we know that he was without sin and so his baptism is different from ours. Unlike Christ who embodied perfection, we have to choose whether or not to live up to that baptismal identity, and to continue his divine work in our world today.

We who gather here have made this choice, it seems. We may not do it perfectly, but by our profession of faith and openness to the grace available at this Mass we are, at the very least, committed to trying our best. May God bless us in our efforts, and may the Eucharist continue to transform us for the sake of the world.