

SAINT HEDWIG'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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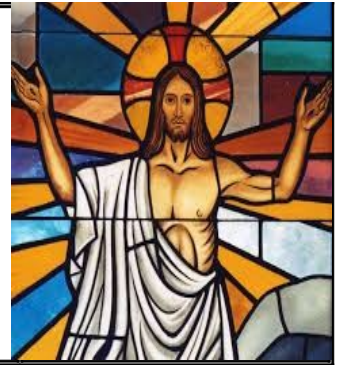
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Office hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9 a.m. - Noon & 1 - 2 p.m.



Confessions: 20 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:** 5pm: 100; 8:00 a.m.:158; 11 a.m.:274; Total: 532

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26th, 2026

Monday

April 27

Ferial

8:00 a.m.

+Fr. Norbert Cybulski by Andrew & Catherine Etmanski

4:30 p.m.

Intentions of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College

Tuesday

April 28

St. Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr

8:00 a.m.

Intentions of Maria Kerr by Elena Afelskie

Wednesday

April 29

St Catherine of Sienna, Virgin, Doctor

8:00 a.m.

+Tony Yantha by Theresa Trader

12:00 p.m.

For a Special Intention

Thursday

April 30

St. Marie de L'Incarnation, Religious

8:00 a.m.

+Charles 'Mickey' Silliker by Richard

First Friday

May 1

St. Joseph the Worker

8:00 a.m.

+Catherine Yakabuskie by the S.H.L.

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.

+Edward Joseph Yantha by the S.H.L.

First Saturday

May 2

St. Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor

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

9:00 a.m.

+Jacek Ratajczak by Helen

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3rd, 2026

Saturday

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

5:00 p.m.

+Marian, Lucy & Glen Surnoskie by Valerie Petrik

Sunday

8:00 a.m.

Intentions of Dorothy by the family

11:00 a.m.

Intentions of the Parishioners

5th Sunday of Easter (May 3 rd , 2026)	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Readers of the Word	Mary Yantha	Nicholas Rumleskie	Carl Schingten
Ushers	Duncan Barber (crew captain) and ushers	Stanley Rumleskie (crew captain) and ushers	Daniel Shalla (crew captain) and ushers

Offerings: Last Sunday: \$3,590.00; Building Maintenance: \$1,100.00;
Heat & Fuel: \$60.00; Easter: \$10.00

*Let us remember in prayer those who are sick and housebound, and those in hospital and hospice.
May they feel God's comfort, strength, and healing in their difficult moments.*

Please Note: The priest must leave the confessional at least 10 minutes before Mass.

College & Wednesday Noon Masses: This is the last week for the college and noon masses. Resumes in September.

Euchre: The next Euchre game will be held on Sunday May 3rd and 17th at 7:00 p.m. Cost: \$5.00.

Girls' Choir Club: Girls ages 7+ are invited to join a parish choir and social group. Learn to sing (including Polish hymns) and have fun with friends! Practices will be on Thursday evenings beginning at 6:05 pm in the choir loft. For more information please call or text Bridget at 613-281-1610.

Sacred Heart League: The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 28th at 2 p.m. in the parish hall.

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 are welcome to attend.

Apostolic Blessings: If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary this year and would like an Apostolic Blessing, please contact the parish office, well in advance of the anniversary date.

LOST and FOUND!: Please take a look through the lost and found items inside the main doors of the church (cry room area). There are many items from eyeglasses to books to winter mitts & hats, etc. Please collect your missing items!

Marriage Preparation Program: Due to popular demand, an extra Spring Diocesan Marriage Preparation Program will be offered on Saturday, May 9th and Saturday, May 30th at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Petawawa. Deadline to register: May 5th. Register online at Clone of Marriage Preparation Course. E-transfers of \$125/couple can be made to donnabiggs@pembrokedioocese.com, or mail cheques to Diocese of Pembroke, 284 Trafalgar Road, Pembroke, ON K8A 5A8. For inquiries, please contact Patrick Sullivan at family@pembrokedioocese.com or call 613 732-7933 ext. 208.

29th Annual National MARCH FOR LIFE: "Follow Me" Join thousands of Canadians on Thursday, May 14, 2026, as we gather on Parliament Hill to be a voice for the voiceless. Inspired by this year's theme, "Follow Me," we are called to witness to the sanctity of life from conception to natural death. The day includes the Rally on the Hill, the March through downtown Ottawa, and the evening Rose Dinner Gala.

Let us stand together to demand legal protection for the unborn and the vulnerable. For a full schedule of the week's events, including the Candlelight Vigil and youth summit, please visit the National March for Life website: marchforlife.ca. If you are driving to the March, kindly consider car pooling with fellow parishioner(s) and friends! Alternatively - BUS transportation has been organized by Renfrew County Right to Life with pick up points in Pembroke, Cobden & Renfrew - to reserve seats: see the poster - email rcrtlife@gmail.com or call (613) 401 6482 - for more info: facebook.com/RCRTL.

Smile Cookie Week: Smile Cookie Week is back at the Barry's Bay Tim Hortons! From April 27 to May 3, 100% of the sales of each Smile Cookie will go to the St. Francis Valley Healthcare Foundation for local healthcare needs at St. Francis Memorial Hospital, Madawaska Valley Hospice and the Valley Manor.

From Fr. Michal:

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

1) Acts 2:14a, 36-41

2) 1 Peter 2:20b-25

3) John 10:1-10

Today, as we continue to revel in the glories of the Easter season, we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday. Today's readings reflect on the love Jesus has for us and his deep concern for each one of us individually. The focus is on Jesus, the *shepherd and guardian* of our souls, as Saint Peter describes him.

Even if we don't have a direct experience of sheep, we may know that sheep do not have the reputation for being particularly smart. It takes a certain amount of humility for us as humans who pride ourselves on our independence and intelligence to compare ourselves to sheep in Jesus' flock. Still, Jesus' parable in the Gospel demonstrates the wisdom of sheep. The sheep are wise enough to recognize the voice of their shepherd, who has taken care of them and in whom they trust. They follow their shepherd and refuse to follow the voice of a stranger, whom they don't know or trust.

As Christians, we are called to recognize the voice of our Good Shepherd, Jesus, and to follow him in our daily lives. One way to recognize the voice of the shepherd is to stay with the other members of the flock, the Church. In the past two thousand years, the Church has echoed down to us the voice of Jesus through the Scriptures and Tradition. When we attend Mass regularly, receive the sacraments, and reflect on the Scriptures, we hear Jesus telling us how to live in our own particular circumstances. We are open to hearing his words of love, encouragement, and comfort in difficult times, as well as his commands to live out the Gospel message in our love for God and our care for our neighbor in need.

Jesus came to earth, suffered, and died so that we might have abundant life. As we strive to follow him, do we know in our hearts as well as our heads of the love that our Shepherd has for us? Do we trust him in our daily lives, in times of struggle, sadness, or doubt? Do we realize that, as we try to live out our daily call as Christians, Jesus wants to bring us comfort and take us to safe pastures in his presence?

As we strive to follow the Good Shepherd, let us pray for the grace to imitate sheep in their recognition of the Shepherd's voice and in their absolute trust of his love and concern for us. And let us pray for members of Jesus' flock, and for those not yet of his flock, that all might faithfully follow him and inspire others to join the fold of the Good Shepherd.

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Mass Transfers to Fr. Jerry Gauvreau:

Repose of the Soul of Pat (x2), Carmen & Gilles Dubeau (x2), John Savage by Josie & Phil Zylstra, Phyllis Boyd by Josie & Phil Zylstra, Intentions of Ronald Trottier (x2), Intentions of Lucia Emmons; Annika Nicholson; Maggie Baklinski & Clara & Chelsea Corrigan by David & Elena Afelskie, Repose of the Soul of Bruce Joubert & Repose of the Soul of Eva Kulas by David & Elena Afelskie, Intentions of Elizabeth Kerr & Family by Ted & Theresa Baklinski