

SAINT HEDWIG'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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:** 5 pm: 87; 8 am:155; 11 am:189; Total: 431

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

May 31st, 2026

Monday

June 1

St. Justin, Martyr

8:00 a.m. For a Special Intention

Tuesday

June 2

St. Marcellinus & St. Peter, Martyrs

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Trader & Luckovitch families by Eddy & Eleanor

Wednesday

June 3

St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs

8:00 a.m. +Dominic Maika by Tony Chapeskie

Thursday

June 4

Ferial

8:00 a.m. +Michael & Rose Zelney by Dave & Ruth Lockhart

First Friday

June 5

St. Boniface, Bishop, Martyr

8:00 a.m. +Marcella & Isadore Utronkie & Patrick Yaskolskie by Valerie Petrik

12:00 noon **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Nocturnal Adoration**

5:00 p.m. **Confessions**

6:00 p.m. Living Sacred Heart League Members

First Saturday

June 6

St. Norbert, Bishop

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

9:00 a.m. +Sernoskie family by Rose Sernoskie & family

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

June 7th, 2026

Saturday

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

5:00 p.m. All Living Family Members by Jim & Maureen O'Malley

Sunday

8:00 a.m.

+Tony Trader, parents, siblings & Larry by Theresa

11:00 a.m.

Intentions of the Parishioners

Solemnity of the Most Body & Blood of Christ (June 7 th , 2026)	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Readers of the Word	Deacon Probert	Nicholas Rumleskie	John Henry Westen
Ushers	Duncan Barber (crew captain) and ushers	Stanley Rumleskie (crew captain) and ushers	Daniel Shalla (crew captain) and ushers

Offerings: Last Sunday: \$3,957.90; Building Maintenance: \$985.00; Heat & Fuel: \$70.00; Pope's Pastoral Works: \$90.00; Various Funds: \$10.00

Procession with the Blessed Sacrament: Next Sunday is the Solemnity of the Most Precious Body and Blood of Jesus. A procession with the Blessed Sacrament to the four altars will take place after the 11:00 a.m Mass.

Important Adoration Announcement: There will be no Adoration on Mondays over the summer break starting June 15th and reuming on to Sept 14th. Additionally, there will be no Adoration on June 16th through the 18th as Father & Brother are away.

Maintenance Staff Changes: We would like to take this opportunity to thank Paul Kluge for his many, many years of dedicated service maintaining the grounds, cemeteries, and buildings of our parish! We wish Paul all the best with his 'retirement'. We welcome Michael Blank as our new caretaker.

First Friday Visits: Fr. Michal will be visiting the sick and housebound parishioners on Friday June 5th from 9:00 a.m.-noon. Please call the office if you or a family member would like to be added to the visit list.

Gentle Reminder: For parents with young children, please make use of the cry room at the main entrance of the church in order to minimize the distractions to others at Mass. Thank you!

Euchre: The next Euchre game will be held on Sunday May 31st, and June 14th at 7:00 p.m. Cost: \$5.00.

Men's Rosary: Come for Rosary prayer open to men on Monday, June 1st , 7:00 p.m. in St. Hedwig's Church. Men are invited, fathers bring your sons as well.

Celebration of Retirement: Open House for Rev. Patrick M. Dobec hosted by Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Staff on Sunday, June 7, 2026 from 1 to 3 pm. You're invited to celebrate with us at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Hall, 11 Mohns Ave, Petawawa. Best wishes only.

Memorial Mass for Sister Rosenda Brady: This will be held at St. Lawrence O'Toole Church on Friday, June 12th at 11:00 a.m. for Sister Rosenda Brady. After the Mass the CWL will be hosting a reception in the Church Hall. *Please RSVP to bhildebrandt@sympatico.ca if you plan to attend.*

"Be Not Afraid": The Church's Call to Mission in a Post-Christian World.":

Strengthen your faith and enjoy the Ottawa Valley! Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College, located in Barry's Bay, Ontario invites you to their annual Wojtyla Summer Institute from August 6-9, 2026.

Keynote Speaker is Archbishop Marcel Dampousse (Ottawa-Cornwall Archdiocese).

For more information and to register: <https://www.seatofwisdom.ca/news/summer-institutes/wojtyla2026/>

Pope's Prayer Intention for June

For the values of sports – Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

Pope Leo XIV's First Encyclical Letter: Magnifica Humanitas: Pope Leo XIV's Encyclical Letter, Magnifica Humanitas, was released today. It focuses on safeguarding the human person in the time of artificial intelligence. The letter is dated 15 May, to commemorate the 135th anniversary of Pope Leo XIII's Encyclical Letter, *Rerum Novarum*. <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/encyclicals/documents/20260515-magnifica-humanitas.html>

From Fr. Michal:

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

1) Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9 2) 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 3) John 3:16-18

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity. The Holy Trinity is called a mystery because it is a divinely revealed truth that surpasses our understanding. Finite human minds, even the most brilliant, cannot fully comprehend an infinite God.

That being said, we can mention a few things about the topic. For example, we know that God exists as the Holy Trinity. God is one Divine Being and three distinct Persons. We believe in one God, not three gods. We hear the invocation of the three Persons of the Holy Trinity in Paul's farewell at the end of today's second reading: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

The Church has tried over the centuries to teach the concept of God as "three in one" through analogies. For example, Saint Patrick famously used the shamrock as an image. He pointed out that there are three lobes but only one shamrock. The image of a triangle has also been used to demonstrate how there are three sides but only one triangle. These, and other analogies, ultimately fall short, however, because the Divine Persons cannot be reduced to mere parts of Godlike lobes of a shamrock or sides of a triangle. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are each fully God.

Although God far exceeds our limits of understanding, the existence of a triune God does teach us something quite significant, namely, that God himself is a loving relationship. Sacred Scripture tells us that God is love (1 Jn 4:8). The opening line of our Gospel contains one of Scripture's most famous passages about God's love: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son. Because the three Divine Persons are distinct, they can love one another, and because God is one, this love remains unified. The Holy Trinity forms a perfect community of love: the Father loves the Son; the Son loves the Father; and the love between the Father and Son is the Holy Spirit.

Like the Holy Trinity, we also are meant to exist in relationship with others. Our human relationships provide us with fundamental experiences of giving and receiving self-sacrificial love. When we understand that it is God who gives us the capacity to love others, these same relationships give us an opportunity to experience deep fulfillment. In fact, the Church goes so far as to state the following: "Man, who is the only creature on earth which God willed for itself, cannot fully find himself except through a sincere gift of himself" (Gaudium et Spes 24). We discover our authentic selves when we choose to bring God's love to the people who share our journey. The gift of self we make to them then becomes, in a real way, our gift of self to God.

Therefore, the existence of a triune God teaches us something vitally important and practically instructive: Since God is a community of love in his very nature, we, too, as human beings created in God's image, are meant to build and become a community of love.