

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: 107; 8 am:147; 11 am:273: Total: 527

Pentecost Sunday

[Solemnity]

May 24th, 2026

Monday

May 25

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

8:00 a.m.

+Percy Coulas by Joanne Stewart & family

Tuesday

May 26

St. Philip Neri, Priest

8:00 a.m.

+Tony Yantha by Zigmund & Jennifer Norlock

Wednesday

May 27

St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

8:00 a.m.

+Robert MacDiarmid by John & Katherine Longo

Thursday

May 28

Ferial

8:00 a.m.

In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary by Clementine Brotton

Friday

May 29

St. Paul VI, Pope

8:00 a.m.

+Frank & Mary Glofcheskie & Peter & Annie Peplinski by Rita & family

5:00 p.m.

No Confessions

Saturday

May 30

Our Lady's Saturday

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

9:00 a.m.

+Danny, Kevin, Dominic & Bernard Kluge by Esther & family

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

May 31st, 2026

Saturday

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

5:00 p.m.

+Stanley Beanish & all the deceased family members by Bev & family

Sunday

8:00 a.m.

+Robert Biernaskie by Biernaskie family

11:00 a.m.

Intentions of the Parishioners

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (May 31 st , 2026)	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Readers of the Word	Mary Yantha	Marek Milan	Peter Baklinski
Ushers	Duncan Barber (crew captain) and ushers	Stanley Rumleskie (crew captain) and ushers	Daniel Shalla (crew captain) and ushers

Offerings: Last Sunday: \$3,907.00; Building Maintenance: \$415.00;
Heat & Fuel: \$50.00; Pope's Pastoral Works: \$1028.00; Reno Fund: \$40.00

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.

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.

Sacred Heart League: The next meeting is being held in the Church Hall on Tuesday, May 26th, at 2pm

Christian Mothers: Please note the Christian Mothers date change! We will have one last meeting on Tuesday May 26 at 7:00 p.m. before we break for the summer. This meeting will be instead of our regularly scheduled meeting on the 19th of May. All mothers and all women with motherly hearts are welcome!

Bible Study: There will be a Bible Study held on Thursdays, May 14th to June 18th, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the back meeting room of St Casimir's Parish, Round Lake Centre. Topic: **Atonement in the Bible.** Why do Catholics believe in confession? Why does St. Paul talk about presenting one's bride as a pure offering and what is all that about the red heifer and scapegoat? We'll talk about this and more in our course. Bring your Bible and be ready to take notes! Instructor: Patrick Sullivan, M.Div. All are welcome.

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.

From Fr. Michal:

Sacred Vestments

Sacred Vestments are not simply religious clothing. They are visible signs that the liturgy belongs to God and not merely to us. In every Mass, the priest and deacon step into a sacred mystery, and their vestments remind us that something heavenly is taking place before our eyes. Just as sacred music, incense, silence, and gestures lift our hearts toward God, sacred vestments speak to the eyes and reveal the beauty and dignity of divine worship.

The roots of sacred vestments reach back to the Old Testament. In the Book of Exodus, God commanded Moses to make holy garments for Aaron and his sons "for glory and for beauty" (Exodus 28:2). These garments were not ordinary clothing. They were signs of consecration, holiness, and service before God. The priest could not enter the sanctuary without them. Scripture emphasizes not only their sacredness but also their beauty—gold, purple, crimson, fine linen, precious stones, and embroidered designs. Worship offered to God was meant to reflect the splendor of heaven.

The Church inherited this understanding of sacred worship. Over time, the garments of the Roman world were transformed into sacred vestments reserved for the liturgy. The priest's chasuble, the deacon's dalmatic, the stole, alb, and cincture all gradually took on profound spiritual meaning. Medieval writers saw these vestments as symbols of the virtues that the minister must "put on" before approaching the altar. The chasuble, which covers the priest almost completely, became a symbol of charity—the love of Christ that must surround every priest who offers the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

The changing colors of the vestments also teach us the mysteries of the liturgical year. White proclaims joy, purity, and the Resurrection. Red recalls the blood of martyrs and the fire of the Holy Spirit. Green symbolizes hope and the life of grace during Ordinary Time. Violet calls us to repentance during Advent and Lent. Even these colors preach silently to the faithful, reminding us where we are in the journey of salvation.

Most beautiful of all are the traditional vesting prayers prayed quietly by the priest before Mass. As he puts on each vestment, he asks for purity, holiness, and strength against sin. The vestments are not about personal honor or appearance. They are reminders that the priest himself must be clothed spiritually in Christ.

In a world that often values casualness and simplicity above all else, sacred vestments remind us that the Mass is no ordinary gathering. Heaven touches earth at the altar. The beauty of the vestments directs our attention beyond the priest himself to the mystery he serves—the sacrifice of Christ made present for the salvation of the world.

PENTECOST SUNDAY - SOLEMNITY

1) Acts 2:1-11

2) 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

3) John 20:19-23

Today we celebrate Pentecost, known to be the birthday of the Church. Birthdays are a time of celebration and recognition of our beginnings. It is a time to reflect on identity. Our Liturgy of the Word today reveals important elements of what it means to be Church.

In the first reading, the Holy Spirit is described as a strong driving wind that fills an entire house. Imagine the power in this imagery. It is inescapable and full of energy. We can see this same vitality in the Church's work as a force for good in the world. Parishes bring together people of all different walks of life to share lives of faith. Works of mercy are undertaken to meet the needs of communities around the world. Individuals find healing and hope in the grace of the sacraments. In each of these areas and in so much more, we can feel the rush of the Spirit, swirling around us and moving us forward together.

The first reading also describes the Holy Spirit as resting on each of the disciples. Indeed, all of us, especially those who have received the sacrament of confirmation, have received the Holy Spirit. We each have a part to play in the Church. This is affirmed by the second reading today. As Saint Paul reflects, There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. God has deliberately given each of us our own spiritual gifts to serve the world. Although our gifts are different, we are one in the Spirit.

In the Gospel, Jesus appears after his death and resurrection to his disciples, offering peace and the Holy Spirit. Let us take peace and the Holy Spirit with us as we celebrate the Church's birthday. Let us take stock of the gifts we have been given and thank God for them. Let us also give thanks for the gifts he has given to others. Perhaps there are even gifts we feel called to put into practice, but we have not acted upon yet. Let us have the sense of peace and courage to move past fear and use them as God calls us.

As we celebrate the birth of the Church, let us remember that it began with disciples going out into the world. Today, we are those disciples with that call. May we find peace in our ongoing discernment of what gifts God has given to us. May we remember that he is always with us, including in a special way in the Eucharist. May we share this beautiful Spirit with all of those around us.