

# SAINT HEDWIG'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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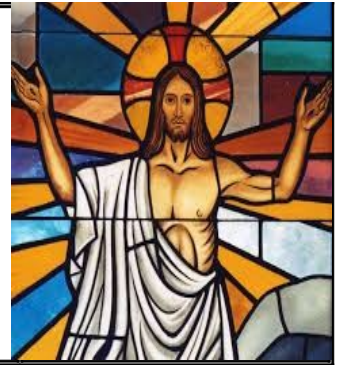
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Office hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9 a.m. - Noon & 1 - 2 p.m.



**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:** 5 pm: 85; 8 am:211; 11 am:238: Total: 534

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026

### Monday

May 11 **Ferial**  
**8:00 a.m.** +John Joe Dombroskie by Tracey, Shawn & Isaiah

### Tuesday

May 12 **St. Nereus & St. Achilleus, Martyrs**  
**8:00 a.m.** +Teresa & Leonard Golka by Russ & Rose Anne

### Wednesday

May 13 **Our Lady of Fatima**  
**8:00 a.m.** +Larry & Anthony Trader by Vernon & Roseanne Piecarskie

### Thursday

May 14 **St. Matthias, Apostle (feast)**  
**8:00 a.m.** +Deceased Stoppa Relatives by Jackie Stoppa & Family

### Friday

May 15 **Ferial** **Novena to the Holy Spirit begins today**  
**8:00 a.m.** +Carl & Caroline Yarascavitch & Grandparents by Henry & Family  
**5:00 p.m.** **Confessions**

### Saturday

May 16 **Ferial**  
**8:00-8:45 a.m. Confessions**  
**9:00 a.m.** +Winnifred & Edna Coulas by the Peplinskie Family

## The Ascension of the Lord

May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026

### Saturday

**4:00 - 4:45 p.m. Confessions**  
**5:00 p.m.** +Ambrose, Rose, & Heidi Recoskie by Tony & Lorraine Bleskie

### Sunday

**8:00 a.m.** +Mary, Anthony, Ambrose Stoppa and Frances & Dorothy by Jacqueline Wierzbicki & Family  
**11:00 a.m.** Intentions of the First Communicants [First Holy Communion Mass]

6th Sunday of Easter (May 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2026)	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<b>Readers of the Word</b>	June Szaflik	Marek Milan	John Henry Westen
<b>Ushers</b>	Duncan Barber (crew captain) and ushers	Stanley Rumleskie (crew captain) and ushers	Daniel Shalla (crew captain) and ushers

**Offerings:** Last Sunday: \$5,097.25; Building Maintenance: \$2,005.00;  
Heat & Fuel: \$110.00; Pope's Pastoral Works: \$190.00; Various Funds: \$40.00

**As Christians, we are called to defend the sanctity of life and the least of our brothers and sisters. Abortion has been permitted for 57 years and euthanasia for 10 years now in Canada. We invite you to call on Parliament to end these injustices against the innocent by marching for life in Ottawa on Thursday May 14<sup>th</sup>, alongside thousands of other pro-lifers. This is an important way to put our faith into action.**

**Euchre:** The next Euchre game will be held on Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. Cost: \$5.00.

**DATE CHANGE: Sunday Social this weekend, Mother's Day!** 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 May 10<sup>th</sup>**. Come enjoy a hot drink and something to eat while getting to know your fellow parishioners a little better! Coffee and snacks for this event are being prepared by members of the Domestic Church, donations are welcome. All parishioners are invited.

**First Holy Communion:** First Communion will take place at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**ADORATION HOUR:** On Thursday May 14<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. there will be a holy hour of Adoration at St. Hedwig's to pray for an end to Abortion and Euthanasia followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

**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.

**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: May 19<sup>th</sup>.

**The Knights of Columbus:** The next meeting is on Wednesday May 20<sup>th</sup>. Rosary at 7:00 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7:30 at St. Jerome's meeting room.

**29th Annual National MARCH FOR LIFE:** 2026 MARCH FOR LIFE theme "Follow Me" (Matthew 4:19): May 14 at 12:30pm on Parliament Hill: info at the back of the church & visit [marchforlife.ca](http://marchforlife.ca) for details. Let's be a voice for the voiceless and fill Ottawa with our presence, signs and prayers. There is still room on the bus with pick up locations in Pembroke, Cobden & Renfrew - see poster at the back: email [rctlife@gmail.com](mailto:rctlife@gmail.com) or call (613) 401-6482 or visit [facebook.com/RCRTL](https://www.facebook.com/RCRTL). For everyone at home or at work, please pray! Watch live coverage at [EWTN.com](http://EWTN.com)

**Catholic Family Land:** This summer, some of the parish youth are working at Catholic Family Camp in Ohio, administering to over 6,000 people. If you would like to support their mission, consider donating at <https://afc.org/donate-today/>, and please keep the missionaries in your prayers. For more information, reach out to [peter\\_a\\_shaw25@yahoo.com](mailto:peter_a_shaw25@yahoo.com).

### **Pope's Prayer Intention for May 2026**

That everyone might have food – Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

#### **From Fr. Michal:**

#### **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

1) **Acts 8:5-8, 14-17**

2) **1 Peter 3:15-18**

3) **John 14:15-21**

Today's readings speak of our call to share the Gospel. While we cannot all be missionaries to distant lands, we are all called to take the hope of the Gospel message to those around us.

We know that evangelizing is never easy, for we are never sure how others will respond. When Philip first went to Samaria, he was by no means guaranteed a positive reception. This was shortly after the martyrdom of Stephen and the beginning of the first persecution of the early Church. Philip had escaped to the northern province and found himself among the Samaritans, a mixed-race group who expected the Messiah but were considered heretics by the Jews. As our first reading tells us, there he proclaimed Christ and by his authentic witness won over the people. Through Philip's ministry people were healed and came to faith, and the Scripture tells us that there was great joy in that city.

Yet the power he drew on was not his own but the promised presence of the Spirit of truth, the Advocate, promised by Jesus in today's Gospel to all who love him and keep his word. Jesus promises us in today's Gospel that he will not leave us orphans. Like Philip, we will never have to toil alone: The promised Spirit will be there to give us courage and strength so we can share about the hope we have in Christ with joyful hearts.

So how do we effectively share the Gospel with others? Writing to the early Church, Peter advises all believers to be prepared for those moments when they will have to explain their hope and faith. His advice is as valid for us today as it was then. To have our explanation ready we first need to know our faith, which requires both ongoing prayer and faith formation, especially Scripture study. Fellowship and sharing are excellent ways to deepen that knowledge and to help us find the words to share our faith with others. But as Saint Peter cautions, our words must be given with gentleness and reverence, not allowing ourselves to be embroiled in arguments, for how we convey the Good News is as important as the words we use.

But whatever words we use, evangelization also depends deeply on how we lead our lives. If we keep Christ's commandments, we offer a compelling witness to the Gospel we proclaim.

Finally, let us not be discouraged, even if we think we have fallen short or believe we have not been the best models of Christian living. Because we can trust that it is the Spirit who will work in the hearts of others, we can safely leave the results of our efforts in the hands of the Spirit.

#### **Mass Transfers to Fr. Jerry Gauvreau:**

+Thomas, John, & Michael Yandernoll by Ramond (x4), +Percy Coulas by Amanda & Family, +Larry Trader by Eddie & Eleanor Trader, +Anna Marie Kelly by the Family, +Leonard Trader by Vernon and Roseanne Piecarskie, +Bridget Gutoskie by Teresa, +Rev. Norbert Cybulski, by Peter, Clementine, and Family, +Leonard Trader by Sally Beanish, +Ernie Dudack by Juanita Kuiack, +Orville Kulas by Andrew & Catherine Etmanski, +Phyllis Sieben by Andrew & Catherine Etmanski, For all Past Employees by Peter & Clementine Brotton, +Dowdall & Rita Murray by Peter & Clementine Brotton, +Edward, Sylvester, August & Martha Yantha by Peter & Clementine Brotton, Intentions of Rhett Smith by Elena Afelskie, Intentions of Lucia Emmons by Elena Afelskie, Godchild Nicholson by Elena Afelskie, Intentions of Clara & Chelsea Corrigan by Elena Afelskie, +Pamela George & Deceased Family Members by Constance Martin, +Dianne Smaglinski by the Sacred heart League, +Rita Keating (Mintha) by the Sacred Heart League, +Irene Mask by the Sacred Heart League, +Stanley Shulist by the Sacred Heart League, +Percy Coulas by Eddie & Diane Etmanski, +Percy Coulas by David Yakabuskie, +Percy Coulas by Roseanne & Linda