

SAINT HEDWIG'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Confessions: 20 minutes before Mass and other times (see below) • **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Tuesday 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. **Attendance July 19th:** 5 p.m.: 99; 8 a.m.: 173; 11 a.m.: 244: Total 516
Attendance July 26th: 5 p.m.:106; 8 a.m.:107; 11 a.m.:170:Total 383

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Aug. 2nd, 2026

Monday Aug 3	Ferial 9:00 a.m.	[Note Time Change] +Millie, Sally, Sylvester & Theresa by the Family
Tuesday Aug 4	St. Jean-Marie Vianney, Priest 8:00 a.m.	+Beatrice, Joseph & Mildred Brotton by the Brotton Family
Wednesday Aug 5	Blessed Frederic Janssoone, Priest 8:00 a.m.	Intentions of Edmund, Dorothy & family by the Family
Thursday Aug 6	The Transfiguration of the Lord (Feast Day) 8:00 a.m.	+Joan, Michael & Christopher Chapeskie by Tony Chapeskie
First Friday Aug 7	St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest 8:00 a.m. 12:00 noon 3:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	+Bonita Coulas by the S.H.L. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Nocturnal Adoration Chaplet of Divine Mercy Confessions +Teresa Chapeskie by S.H.L.
Saturday Aug 8	St. Dominic, Priest 8:00 – 8:45 a.m. Confessions 9:00 a.m.	+Pamela George & all Deceased Relatives by Constance Martin

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Aug 9th, 2026

Saturday	4:00 – 4:45 p.m. Confessions
	5:00 p.m. +Richard, Margaret, Bronis & Melvin Visutski by Roseanne & Family
Sunday	8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Family Members by the Yantha Family
	11:00 a.m. Intentions of the Parishioners

19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Aug 9 th , 2026)	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Readers of the Word	Gabriel Inghram	Noah Kluke	Mark Westen
Ushers	Duncan Barber (crew captain) and ushers	Stanley Rumleskie (crew captain) and ushers	Daniel Shalla (crew captain) and ushers

Monday Aug 10	St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr 8:00 a.m.	+Teresa Chapeskie by Dave & Irene
Tuesday Aug 11	Saint Clare, Virgin 8:00 a.m.	+Darcy & Jordan & living and deceased Gutoskie family members by Doreen
Wednesday Aug 12	St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious 8:00 a.m.	Andrew & Veronika 25 th Wedding Anniversary by Baklinski family
Thursday Aug 13	St. Pontian, Pope, and St. Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs 8:00 a.m.	+Norbert & Mirella Reilander & family members by Maria
Friday Aug 14	St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr 8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	For a Special Intention by a parishioner Confessions
Saturday Aug. 15	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY [Solemnity] 8:00 – 8:45 a.m. Confessions 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+Czeslaw Omielanowicz by Marek Milan Funeral Mass for Alicia Fedorowicz

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Aug. 16th, 2026

Saturday	4:00 - 4:45 p.m. Confessions
	5:00 p.m. +Percy Coulas by Barb & Darrell Luckovitch
Sunday	8:00 a.m. Healing of the Family Tree by a Parishioner
	11:00 a.m. Intentions of the Parishioners

20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Aug. 16th,2026)	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Readers of the Word	June Szaflik	Marek Milan	Peter Baklinski
Ushers	Duncan Barber (crew captain) and ushers	Stanley Rumleskie (crew captain) and ushers	Daniel Shalla (crew captain) and ushers

Offerings July 19th: Sunday: \$4,262.25; Building Maintenance: \$430.00; Parish Supper: \$60.00; Heat/Fuel: \$50.00; Reno. & Repairs: \$1,385.00

Offerings July 26th: Sunday: \$3,339.55; Building Maintenance: \$270.00; Parish Supper: \$70.00; Heat/Fuel: \$50.00; Reno. & Repairs: \$75.00

Remember in prayer those who are sick in the parish and those recovering from surgery, especially Eleanor Trader.

Visiting of the Sick and housebound Friday Aug 7th, 9 a.m.- noon.

Euchre: The next Euchre games will be held on Sunday August 9th & August 23rd at 7:00 pm. Cost is \$5.00.

Men's Rosary: Come for Rosary prayer open to men on Monday, August 3rd, 7:00 p.m. in St. Hedwig's Church. Men are invited, fathers bring your sons as well.

Upcoming Polish Brunch: Will take place on Aug. 16th at 12:00 p.m. in the Church Basement. Sausage, perogies, sauerkraut, beans, muffins, tea, coffee and juice. **Only 150 tickets will be printed.** Takeout is available. Adults \$15:00 Children under 10 \$8.00. **Tickets for the Polish Brunch are available until Sunday August 2nd:** The S.H.L. ladies will try to be available to sell tickets after mass services on Saturday evening and after the 8 am and 11 am masses on Sundays. Otherwise call for tickets: Barbara 613-281-5091 or Cathy at 613-756-3656. Proceeds go to Sacred Heart League.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast: The Knights of Columbus are inviting all parishioners and visitors to gather for breakfast after the 8:00 a.m. and 11 a.m. masses on **Sunday August 9th** in the Church basement. Cost is a good will donation. Proceeds will go to Pro-Life and Charity causes in the area.

Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College: You are invited to the Wojtyla Summer Institute Keynote Address, featuring Archbishop Marcel Damphousse (Ottawa-Cornwall) titled: "Go Out. Go Deep. Go Together": A pastoral vision for a Church in transition. August 6th at 7:00 PM in St. Hedwig's Church Hall. Archbishop Damphousse will share his pastoral vision of a Church in need of a transition from maintenance to missionary outreach driven by a desire to revitalize parishes and inspired by Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Gaudium.

"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 Damphousse (Ottawa-Cornwall Archdiocese). For more information and to register: <https://www.seatofwisdom.ca/news/summer-institutes/wojtyla2026/>

Book Sale: The Daughters of St. Paul will be attending the Wojtyla Institute at Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College August 7-9th and will come to St. Hedwig's Church to have a display of books for sale to the parishioners on Saturday August 8th and Sunday August 9th after the masses under the portico.

From Fr. Michal: **EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

- 1) Isaiah 55: 1-3
- 2) Romans 8:35, 37-39
- 3) Matthew 14: 13-21

Seeing the vast crowd that has been listening to Jesus' teaching all day, the disciples come and say to him, *This is a deserted place and it is already late; dismiss the crowds so that they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves.* The disciples probably felt they were being compassionate in making this suggestion to our Lord; they saw the hunger and weariness of the people and wanted them to be able to find something to eat.

But in the economy of grace, God doesn't ask physically or spiritually hungry people to go and find something to feed themselves. Whether people are physically or spiritually hungry, God simply provides for their needs and draws his disciples to see that they are to do the same.

Like the disciples, how often are we tempted to sidestep responsibility for our neighbors in need, wanting them (or God) to handle it on their own? But Jesus says, *give them some food yourselves.* Of course, the food we're called to give our neighbors is not really from us, but from the Lord. He simply needs people willing to step forward and be instruments of his generosity.

Jesus' invitation for his disciples to feed the masses isn't about pragmatism – about the practicalities of distributing loaves and fish to the thousands gathered. It's about transformation, about drawing them (and us) to become active participants in the outpouring of God's lavish love. It's about transforming our hearts so that, rather than looking for excuses, we feel a burning responsibility to meet the hungers of others.

What is on display in our Scriptures today is the burning desire of God's heart to feed those who hunger. And God doesn't want to just feed us in a bare-minimum way. He desires to feed us lavishly, regardless of our ability to repay him. Through the words of the prophet Isaiah, he beckons all who are hungry to come and eat: *All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk ! Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare.*

God always provides for our needs in abundance. When the prodigal son returned home, the father slaughtered the fattened calf (Lk 15:23). When the crowds were weary, the Lord fed them, with enough leftovers to fill *twelve wicker baskets.* The God who commands us to invite to our own tables those who cannot repay us (Lk 14:13), shows us the way before he ever commands it.

The overwhelming generosity of God on display in today's readings is what gave Paul the confidence to say that nothing *will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.* As we come to the table of the Lord, to feast on the richest of foods – his own Body and Blood – may this manifestation of his immense love transform us into disciples who will wholeheartedly give of ourselves to feed the physical and spiritual hungers of our world.