

SAINT HEDWIG'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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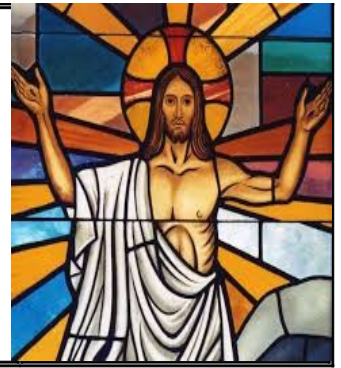
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Office hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9 a.m. - Noon & 1 - 2 p.m.



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: 91; 9:00 a.m.:143; 11 a.m.:251: Total: 485

Third Sunday of Easter

April 19th, 2026

Monday

April 20

Ferial

8:00 a.m.

Intentions of Fr. Michal Pajak, O.M.I.

4:30 p.m.

Intentions of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College

Tuesday

April 21

St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor

8:00 a.m.

+Victor & Rose Stoppa & Stanley & Martha Brotton by Clementine & family

Wednesday

April 22

Ferial

8:00 a.m.

+Henryk Trzeszkowski by Ewa Wojdyna

12:00 p.m.

+Anne Armeni by Josie Zylstra

Thursday

April 23

St. George, Martyr

8:00 a.m.

Br. Grzegorz Loska Intention

Friday

April 24

St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest, Martyr

8:00 a.m.

+Agnes & Vincent Golka & Domenica & Stephen Yantha by Roseanne

5:00 p.m.

Confessions

Saturday

April 25

St. Mark, Evangelist [Feast]

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

9:00 a.m.

+Percy Coulas by Darrell Luckovitch

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26th, 2026

Saturday

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

5:00 p.m.

+Catherine Yakabuskie by Dave & Irene

Sunday

8:00 a.m.

+Stanley Peplinski by Rita & family

11:00 a.m.

Intentions of the Parishioners

4th Sunday of Easter (April 26th, 2026)	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Readers of the Word	Karen Yakabuskie	Marek Milan	Mark Westen
Ushers	Duncan Barber (crew captain) and ushers	Stanley Rumleskie (crew captain) and ushers	Daniel Shalla (crew captain) and ushers

Offerings: Last Sunday: \$3,999.15; Building Maintenance: \$1,915.51;
Heat & Fuel: \$60.00; Easter: \$360.00; Good Friday: \$50.00; Various Funds: \$320.00

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

Parish Financial Statement: The Parish Financial Report can be found at the back of the Church.

Euchre: The next Euchre game will be held on Sunday April 19th and May 3rd at 7:00 p.m. Cost: \$5.00.

Domestic Church Sunday Coffee: 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 April 19th. 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.

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: April 21st.

The Knights of Columbus: The next meeting is on Wednesday April 22nd. Rosary at 7:00 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7:30 at St. Jerome's meeting room.

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. First choir practice and parents' information night @6:05 pm April 23rd, followed by pizza and games in the parish hall. 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.

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.

Pope's Prayer Intention for April 2026

For priests in crisis – Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

From Fr. Michal:

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

1) Acts 2:14, 22-33

2) Peter 11:17-21

3) Luke 24:13-35

In this story of two disciples on their way to Emmaus, we hear that *Jesus himself drew near and walked with them*. Since they did not recognize Jesus, they explained to him all of the things that had been happening regarding *Jesus the Nazarene*. And then Jesus, *beginning with Moses and all the prophets...interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures*.

Throughout salvation history, God in all his power draws near. God, having called Abraham to a new land, draws near to promise him that he will be the father of a great people. God, having drawn the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt, draws near to his people to give his commands and lead them in the pillar of fire. God, having given his people the judges and King David, draws near to speak to his people through the prophets. God, having promised a Messiah, draws near to his people in the Incarnation. Christ, having defeated death, draws near to the disciples as they journey.

Jesus meets the disciples in their confusion and pain and speaks to them, interpreting the Scriptures so they can see God's plan and God's work more clearly. God has spoken to his people through the prophets, and now he speaks through his very Son. The disciples respond, begging Christ, *Stay with us*. Christ joins them at the table, takes the bread, says the blessing, breaks it, and gives it to them. They recognize him in the breaking of the bread and then he disappears. They share with each other how their hearts were burning within them, and they hurry to share this Good News with others.

In a moment, Christ will give himself to us in the breaking of the bread. Now, the question remains: Will we recognize him? Will we notice our hearts burning within us? As Bishop Barron says in his *Word on Fire Biblecommentary* on this Gospel passage: "The Eucharist is Christ himself, personally and actively present ... This is why it is through the lens of the Eucharist that Jesus comes most fully and vividly into focus."

So let us turn our focus to Jesus, who draws near to us here today He is truly present in this liturgy – surrounding us in the community gathered, speaking to us in the Scriptures proclaimed, giving himself to us in the Blessed Sacrament.

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