

SAINT HEDWIG'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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



Confessions: 15 minutes before Mass and at other times (see below) • **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Monday to Friday, from 12:00 noon • Sundays, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. **Recitation of the Rosary:** 30 minutes before each Mass, also on the radio at 88.5 FM (locally) • Attendance: 5 p.m.:109; 8 a.m.:110 ; 11 a.m.: 171; Total: 390

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dec. 22nd 2024

Monday

December 23

St. John of Kanty, Priest (Optional Memorial)

8:00 a.m. Intentions of Thomas Reilander by Maria Reilander

Tuesday

December 24

Ferial

(in the *Roman Martyrology*: commemoration of all the holy ancestors of Jesus Christ)

8:00 a.m. + Cathy Chapeskie by the Sacred Heart League

Solemnity of the Lord's Nativity - Christmas Eve (Tuesday Dec. 24th)

7:00 p.m. Vigil of Christmas Mass (Eleanor Trader, Lector)

12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass – The Nativity of the Lord (Pete Baklinski, Lector)

Solemnity of the Lord's Nativity - Christmas Day (Wednesday, Dec. 25th)

10:00 a.m. Christmas Day – The Nativity of the Lord (Richard Shaw, Lector)

Thursday

December 26

St. Stephen, The First Martyr; Octave of the Nativity

9:00 a.m. +Kevin, Danny, Dominic & Bernard Kluge by Esther & Family

Friday

December 27

St. John, Apostle, Evangelist; Octave of the Nativity

9:00 a.m. +Stanislawa & Adam Trzeskowski

Saturday

December 28

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs; Octave of the Nativity

9:30 - 10:15 a.m. Confessions

10:30 a.m. Special Intentions

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

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Dec. 29th, 2024

Saturday

5:00 p.m. +Frances Biernaski by Jacqueline Wierzbicki

Sunday

8:00 a.m. + Repose of the Soul of Johnny Longo by John & Katherine Longo

11:00 a.m. Intentions of the People

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH (December 29, 2024)	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Readers of the Word	Eleanor Trader	Marek Milan	Peter Baklinski
Holy Communion	Br. Grzegorz Loska, OMI	Deacon Jean-Nil Chabot	Deacon Robert Probert
Ushers	Duncan Barber (crew captain) and ushers	Stanley Rumleskie (crew captain) and ushers	Daniel Shalla (crew captain) and ushers

Offerings: Sunday: \$3,790.55; Building Maintenance: \$1325.00;
Carpet: \$110.00; Christmas: \$60.00; Flowers \$75.00; Heat/Fuel: \$250.00

Let us remember in prayer those who are sick, especially Andy Weatherbed, Theresa Chapeskie, Esther T. Stoppa, Tessie Spence, Suzanne Bissonnette, Anne Chabot, Albert Cybulski, Karen Barber, Callam Olver, Raymond Biernaski

Let us pray for Galen Joseph Brian Dennison, son of Ben & Louise who was welcomed into the church through the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, December 15, 2024

Bishop's Advent 2024 Message: Watch the Advent 2024 Message from Bishop Michael Brehl, C.Ss.R. on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jxmEFAOUL2Y>.

Journey Through Advent: The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) announces the online weekly video series for this year's Advent season. Designed to help the faithful prepare for the memorial of the birth of Our Lord celebrated at Christmas, these videos provide valuable resources and opportunities for faith formation. As we prepare for the Nativity of Our Lord, it is hoped that this year's Journey through Advent videos will be a source of spiritual comfort, peace, and meaningful preparation for all who watch them. The videos will be uploaded weekly during Advent. You may find additional resources at: <https://www.cccb.ca/>, and the videos at: [CCCB / CECC - YouTube](https://www.cccb.ca/)

Prayer for the Jubilee: "Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom..." (See full prayer at: <https://pembrokediocese.com/jubilee-2025/>)

The 2025 Jubilee: The 2025 Jubilee will officially open on December 24, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., with the rite of Opening of the Holy Door of the Papal Basilica of St. Peter by the Holy Father, who will then preside over the celebration of the Night Mass of the Lord's Birth inside the Basilica. Official site of the Jubilee: <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html>.

Advent Confessions: St. Lawrence O'Toole will have priests available for confession Sunday December 22nd

from 1-2 p.m.

Weekday Adoration Announcement: Please note that Adoration on Monday December 23rd will be from **2:00-4:00 p.m.** in order to set up the Nativity scene. This will be the last Adoration scheduled for the year. Adoration resumes on Jan 2nd. To sign up for weekday adoration times please contact Virginia at 613-650-7674.

Euchre: The next Euchre games will be held on Sunday, December 29th and January 12th at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$5:00

Christmas Choir Practice: There will be a choir practice on Monday Dec 23rd at 6:00 p.m. for everyone wishing to sing at the Christmas Masses. All are welcome.

Donations for 2024 Tax Year: 2024 donations must be received no later than December 30th in order to be included on your 2024 tax receipt. Any donation received after this date regardless of the date on the envelope or cheque will be credited to 2025.

Looking for a Table Tennis (Ping Pong) Table: If you have one that you are not using anymore or would like to donate one, Fr. Michal is looking for another one for the altar-servers to use for their game night/social gatherings. Please contact the office.

Poor Box: Please consider donating to the poor box in this season of Advent. Proceeds will go to support individuals and families in need in our area. Thank you!

The Wilno Heritage Society Community Choir: In collaboration with the Polish Heritage Institute Kazuby presents Kolędy, a collection of traditional Polish Christmas Carol on Fri, Dec 27th at 7 pm in St. Mary's Church, Wilno. Accompanist-Joseph Platt and Director-Peter Głofcheskie. Come join us!

BIBLE STUDY ON THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN: This study group will use the book The Gospel of John : A Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture by Fr. Francis Martin, on Wednesdays, starting January 22nd from 7:00 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. in the St. Lawrence O'Toole Hall. A typical evening begins with opening prayer, a hymn, and a conversation about the current chapter we're reading with regular attention to the Old Testament and Catechism. We close each week with intercessory prayer. These evenings are led by John Morris. Books for this study have been ordered and are \$30 each. Please contact St. Lawrence O'Toole office to reserve yours, 613-756-2037.

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God – New Year's Eve (Tuesday, Dec. 31st)

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass of Mary, the Holy Mother of God – Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God – New Year's Day (Wednesday, Jan. 1st)

9:00 a.m. New Year's Day – Mary, the Holy Mother of God – Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord

11:00 a.m. New Year's Day – Mary, the Holy Mother of God – Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord
[World Day of Peace]

From the Property & Finance Committee:

1. The Property & Finance Committee has a couple of vacancies it is looking to fill. These positions are a 1-year term with the option to renew. Ideal candidates will have the skills needed to help the committee fulfill it's building, pastoral and financial visions. The committee meets about 6 times per year. Interested candidates can send an email to office@sainthedwigchurch.com with a brief paragraph on skills and knowledge that may be an asset to the committee.

2. The Committee would also like to announce the establishment of an Evangelical Fund in the new year. It's purpose is to support parish groups in the act of sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ and our Catholic faith with others. Parish groups that might benefit from funding can reach out to the Committee through the office for funding requests. The fund may also be available for sponsoring our young adults at youth conferences. Parishioners may support this fund in the new year.

From Fr. Michal:

Christmas is the Feast of the Emmanuel (God living with us and within us): Christmas is the feast of the Emmanuel because God in the New Testament is a God Who continues to live with us in all the events of our lives as the "Emmanuel" announced by the angel to Mary. As Emmanuel, Jesus lives in the Sacraments (especially in the Holy Eucharist), in the Bible, in the praying community, and in each believer as the Holy Spirit, residing in us, makes us His "Temples." Christmas reminds us that we are bearers of God with the missionary privilege and duty of conveying Jesus to those around us by loving them as Jesus did, through sacrificial, humble, committed service. Sharing with others Jesus, the Emmanuel living within us, is the best Christmas gift we can give, or receive, today.

May Jesus fill our live with true joy and peace. May Mary Mother of our Lord lead us to Holiness.

Christmas Joke

How many people attend your Church?" one pastor asked another. "Sixty regular, and about three hundred C and E." "What's C and E?" the first asked. Came the quick answer: "Christmas and Easter. We affectionately call these Christmas-Christians Poinsettias, and Easter-Christians Easter Lilies."

From plague, famine, fire, and war – Save us, o Lord. *Od powietrza, głodu, ognia i wojny–Wybaw nas Panie.*
From sudden and unprovided death – Save us, o Lord. *Od nagłej i niespodziewanej śmierci – Wybaw nas Panie.*