

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.:92; 8 a.m.:141 ; 11 a.m.: 240; Total: 473

Sunday: Presentation of the Lord/World Day for Consecrated Life Feb 2nd, 2025

Monday **St. Blaise, Bishop, Martyr (Optional Memorial)** [Blessing of Throats]
February 3 **8:00 a.m.** +Alec, Frances, Bernard & Clemance Chapeskie by Tony Chapeskie
4:30 p.m. For the Intentions of Seat of Wisdom College

Tuesday **Ferial**
February 4 **8:00 a.m.** +Perry Family by the Family

Wednesday **St. Agatha, Virgin, Martyr**
February 5 **8:00 a.m.** Intentions of Tony & Lorraine
12:00 Noon +Joseph Dombroskie by Adeline & Family

1st Thursday **St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs**
February 6 **8:00 a.m.** Intentions of Sr. Maria Immaculata by Irvin & Darleen

1st Friday **Ferial**
February 7 **8:00 a.m.** +Mary Catherine Dombroskie by the Sacred Heart League
12:00 noon **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Nocturnal Adoration**
3:00 p.m. **Chaplet of Divine Mercy**
5:00 p.m. **Confessions**
6:00 p.m. +Benedict, Veronica, Nelson & Andrew Coulas by Patsy, Basil & Nigel Golka

Saturday **Our Lady's Saturday**
February 8 **9:30 - 10:15 a.m.** **Confessions**
10:30 a.m. Special Intentions
4:00 - 4:45 p.m. **Confessions**

5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Feb 9th, 2025

Saturday **5:00 p.m.** +Mary & Paul Luckasavitch and Deceased Family by Sally & Family
Sunday **8:00 a.m.** Intentions of Mary Anne Kluge
11:00 a.m. For the Intentions of all Parishioners

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Feb 9 th , 2025)	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Readers of the Word	Karen Yakabuski	Denise Lobo Pryce	Richard Shaw
Holy Communion	Deacon Robert Probert	Deacon Jean-Nil Chabot	Bro. Grzegorz Loska, OMI
Ushers	Duncan Barber (crew captain) and ushers	Stanley Rumleskie (crew captain) and ushers	Daniel Shalla (crew captain) and ushers

Offerings: Sunday: \$3,156.10; Building Maintenance: \$1,307.00; Carpet: \$25.00; Heat/Fuel: \$660.00; Initial Offering: \$90.00; New Year's: \$25.00

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, Mary Anne Kluge

2024 Tax Receipts: The tax receipts for the year 2024 are available at the back of the church.

First Friday Visits: Just a reminder that Fr. Michal will be visiting the sick and housebound on First Friday, please let us know if you need to be added to the list.

Euchre: The next Euchre games will be held on Sunday, February 9th and 23rd at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$5:00

Choir Practice: Choir practice has moved to Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome!

Domestic Church: The Domestic Church families will be hosting a social after 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday February 16th. Come and join us for coffee, tea and treats. Donations are always welcomed or feel free to bring something to share.

K of C Sledding: The Council is hosting a sledding event on the hill beside the rectory following the 11 AM Mass Sunday, February 16th. Coffee and snacks provided by Domestic Church in the basement during the event. Dress warmly and bring your sleds!

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. Coffee, tea and social afterwards. Date of the next meeting: February 18th.

Knights of Columbus Meeting: The next meeting is on Wednesday February 19. Rosary at 7:00 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7:30 at St. Jerome's meeting room.

Sacraments of Holy Communion and Reconciliation: Parents who think their children are ready for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion, classes will start on the first Sunday of Lent, March 9th at 9:45 a.m. Please register at the Parish Office as soon as possible, so course materials may be ordered. Cost is \$15.00.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Plans are underway for the preparation for Confirmation. Parents who think their children are ready for this Sacrament may call the parish office to register. Dates, time, and location to be announced soon.

Adoration: Committed Adorers are urgently needed due to the increasing number of vacancies. While many people frequent the Church to visit and Adore for at least a short time; we need the committed Adorers (2 per hour) for safety and as a fail safe mechanism in the event of illness. Recently, many have dropped off from Adoring regularly due to various reasons . However, if we want to continue to have this access to Our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration; we need committed people to step forward. Please call Virginia Korneluk at (613) 650-7674.

Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Drama Production: Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College's Don Bosco Drama Club presents Robert Bolt's award-winning play A Man For All Seasons, which dramatizes the sixteenth century conflict between the King of England, Henry VIII and St. Thomas More, ending in Thomas's martyrdom. More, a loyal Roman Catholic, lawyer and statesman, believed that any law worthy of obedience must be imbued with moral legitimacy and defended by one's conscience. February 7-8, 7 pm. February 9, 1 pm. Royal Canadian Legion, 250 John St., Barry's Bay. TICKETS at the door: ADULT: \$25, SENIORS: \$20, STUDENTS: \$10 (cash, cheque only). Children under 6: Free; Family rate: \$50. For reservations, email: drama@seatofwisdom.ca.

Queen of the Angels Co-op: Queen of the Angels Co-op presents a Pancake Dinner followed by a performance of The Real Princess – A Princess and the Pea Story, at St. Andrew's Church Hall, Killaloe on Saturday, March 1st starting at 6 p.m. Cost: \$20 for adults – \$5 for children/students. For more information, or to reserve your tickets, please email coopdrama@proton.me

Our Church: To all parishioners, please help us to keep a watch on our church during the day, and if something looks strange or out of place, please let the parish office know. In other words, "if you see something, say something". If you are a designated adorer, please be especially conscious of what is happening during your hour of adoration, and contact the parish office if a situation needs attention. Thank you for continuing this co-responsibility for our church.

Carpet Fund: Thank you for all donations toward the carpet fund. As we are now in the planning stages for the replacement project, please continue to help us build up capital for this bigger renovation project. In the meantime, all donations marked for this fund will be saved towards this purpose.

Flu Season: If you have flu-like symptoms, please stay at home, and wait until these resolve, before returning to church.

Mass Transfers: Fr. Jerry will be saying the following Masses in February/March: Lisa MacLeod by John Longo, Joseph's Family Tree by John Longo, Souls most in need in purgatory by John Longo, Vincent & Emily Peplinskie by Tessie & Family (x3), Thomas, John & Michael Yandernoll by Raymond Yandernoll (x5), Living & Deceased George, Orme, Martin & Olver Families by Constance Martin (x2), Anna Marie Kelly by Mary Margaret Kelly (x3), Fr. Norbert Cybulski by Andrew & Catherine Etmanski (x3), Julia Coulas by the Estate of Mary C. Coulas, Michael Coulas by the Estate of Mary C. Coulas, Annie Pecarskie, Wayne Hudder & Mr. & Mrs. Ricky Yantha by Carl Zilney, Anita McGrath by Barbara Conway (x2)

Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity en-kindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

From Fr. Michal:

"The presentation of Jesus in the temple," the feast the Church celebrates today, "shows him to be the firstborn Son who belongs to the Lord. With Simeon and Anna, all Israel awaits its encounter with the Savior" (CCC529).

And what an encounter it is, rich in history and context: faithful Mary and Joseph, adhering to Mosaic Law and bringing the child Jesus to Jerusalem to present and consecrate him to the Lord; and bringing for sacrifice what they could afford – two turtledoves or pigeons rather than a lamb.

Simeon and Anna are described as *righteous and devout* (Simeon) and widowed, *advanced in years*, and living at the temple (Anna). Steadfast in faith and hope, they are waiting for the consolation of Israel: the coming of the Messiah and God's redemption of his people.

By the prompting of the Holy Spirit, Simeon knows immediately that the child is the Messiah for whom he has long waited. Luke tells us that Simeon *took him into his arms and blessed God*. Simeon, who has waited and watched for the Lord, feels the joy of sentry duty completed. He has been vigilant, assured that *he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord*. Now he beholds his salvation. Now he may depart from this life; he may die in the peace that Christ brings.

Anna, too, recognized Christ in her presence: *And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem*. She, too, discovered joy in waiting on God's promises and seeing them fulfilled.

How can we imitate Simeon and Anna, so as to recognize God's action in our lives? How can we learn to respond with the same promptness, adoration, and gratitude? Like them, a good deal of our lives is spent in this silence of waiting. But, like Simeon and Anna, we must remain steadfast – praying, fasting, and hoping in God. If we do this faithfully, we will learn to recognize the Lord when he comes.

Earlier we said that Joseph and Mary would have brought two turtledoves or pigeons for sacrifice, rather than a lamb. In truth, however, they brought both. Presenting Jesus in the temple, they brought the perfect, spotless Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. He is likewise present to us today in the Holy Eucharist. Happy are we if, like Simeon and Anna, we prepare our hearts to encounter him who is our salvation.