

# 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.:93; 8 a.m.:131 ; 11 a.m.: 219; Total: 443

## 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Feb 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### Monday

February 10

#### St. Scholastica (Memorial)

8:00 a.m. +Clara & Florian Coulas by Faye & Greg Mask

4:30 p.m. For the Intentions of Seat of Wisdom College

### Tuesday

February 11

#### Our Lady of Lourdes (Optional Memorial)

[World Day of the Sick]

8:00 a.m. +Charlie Packer by Theresa Chapeskie & Family

### Wednesday

February 12

#### Ferial

8:00 a.m. Intentions of Robert Zilney

12:00 Noon +Pecarski & Beanish Parents by Sally

### Thursday

February 13

#### Ferial

8:00 a.m. +Mark Golka by Rose Anne & Russell

### Friday

February 14

#### St. Cyril, Monk, & St. Methodius, Bishop

8:00 a.m. +Pauline, Martin, & Leonard Konaskie; Edgar, Edward, & David Wright by Rose Yantha

6:00 p.m. Adoration Ends

### Saturday

February 15

#### Our Lady's Saturday

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

10:30 a.m. Special Intentions

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

## 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Feb 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### Saturday

5:00 p.m. +Edward Yakabuskie by David Yakabuskie & Family

### Sunday

8:00 a.m. +Bernadette 'Bunny' Recoskie by Noelle & Martin Recoskie

11:00 a.m. For the Intentions of all Parishioners

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Feb 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2025)	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<b>Readers of the Word</b>	Mary Yantha	Nicholas Rumleskie	John Paul Shaw
<b>Holy Communion</b>	Deacon Robert Probert	Deacon Jean-Nil Chabot	Bro. Grzegorz Loska, OMI
<b>Ushers</b>	Duncan Barber (crew captain) and ushers	Stanley Rumleskie (crew captain) and ushers	Daniel Shalla (crew captain) and ushers

**Offerings:** Sunday: \$3,375.00; Building Maintenance: \$1,840.00; Carpet: \$155.00; Heat/Fuel: \$375.00; Initial Offering: \$35.00; 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, Dennis Yeretch*

### Please Note:

- Fr. Michal is away from February 13<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Fr. Jerry will be filling in for him.
- Mass on February 17<sup>th</sup> (Family Day) is scheduled for 9:00 a.m.

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

**Thank You:** The efforts of the ladies who cleaned the pews recently are greatly appreciated by everyone!

**Looking for Feedback:** Fr. Michal is thinking about changing the 10:30 a.m. Saturday morning Mass to 9:00 a.m. due to the increased demand for Saturday funerals. (They would be scheduled around 11:00 a.m.) He would like to hear from you, especially from those who regularly attend the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

**Euchre:** The next Euchre games will be held on Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup>. 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 16<sup>th</sup>. 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 18<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**Sacrament of Holy Communion:** Parents who think their children are ready for the Sacrament of Holy Communion, classes will start on the first Sunday of Lent, March 9<sup>th</sup> 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. First Reconciliation will take place on May 31<sup>st</sup> and First Holy Communion on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**St. Hedwig's Confirmation Mass:** Bishop Michael Brehl will be here on Sunday, May 18 for the Confirmation Mass. Classes will be taught by Hannah Afelskie and Katrina Hamon. The first class will take place on Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> from 7-8pm in St. Hedwig's Church Basement; subsequent classes will occur weekly on Thursdays from 7-8pm. Materials used for the Confirmation program will be a combination of 'Youcat' and 'Chosen' by Ascension Press. The registration cost is \$25 and covers the cost of the Student workbook.

**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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:coopdrama@proton.me)

**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:

In today's readings, Isaiah and Simon Peter encounter God, and their immediate response is to acknowledge their own sinfulness. Isaiah declares his lips unclean, and Peter calls himself a sinful man. When we confess our sinfulness, we also acknowledge God's power to forgive us. To recognize that God is God, and we are not, is an act of praise. And it is this attitude of humility that puts us in a position to be forgiven and healed.

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah sees God seated on a throne. The seraphim above him cry out, Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts! During Mass, we join the angels in this refrain just before the Eucharistic Prayer. Isaiah says he is doomed because it was believed that no one could see God and live. Upon seeing God, Isaiah acknowledges his unworthiness, declaring he is a man of unclean lips. After he makes this confession, one of the seraphim touches his mouth with an ember from the altar to remove his wickedness and purge his sin. Through this action, Isaiah is made worthy of his call to be God's prophet. At Mass, the celebrant references this event before proclaiming the Gospel. He prays quietly, "Cleanse my heart and my lips, almighty God, that I may worthily proclaim your holy Gospel."

In today's Gospel reading, Simon Peter also witnesses God's mysterious power. Simon has been fishing all night without catching anything. He has cleaned his nets. His work is finished. But when he follows Jesus' instructions to cast his nets one more time, he catches an astounding number of fish. In response to the miraculous sight, Peter falls to his knees and says, Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man. Peter simultaneously acknowledges Jesus' identity as Lord and his own sinfulness. In response, he will leave everything behind and follow Christ. Referencing both of these passages, the Catechism says: "Because God is holy, he can forgive the man who realizes that he is a sinner before him" (CCC 208). When we confess our sinfulness in God's presence, we put ourselves in a position to be forgiven. It is this attitude that we take when we pray the Confiteor at Mass. We dare not approach the altar, where the Lamb of God is seated on his throne, without first confessing our own sinfulness. We leave everything behind to follow the one with the power to make us worthy to receive him.