

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.:91; 8 a.m.:106 ; 11 a.m.: 178; Total: 375

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Dec. 29th, 2024

Monday

Sixth Day Within the Octave of the Nativity

December 30

9:00 a.m. +Dominic & Betty Shalla and Deceased Family by the Family

Tuesday

Seventh Day Within the Octave of the Nativity

December 31

9:00 a.m. +John Bray by Rita & John Hudder

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God – New Years Eve (Tuesday Dec. 31st)
5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God – New Years Day (Wednesday, Jan 1st)

9:00 a.m. New Years Day - Mary the Holy Mother of God -Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord

11:00 a.m. New Years Day - Mary the Holy Mother of God -Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord

First Thursday

St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors (Memorial)

January 2

8:00 a.m. +Rande Luckovitch by Karen Yakabuski

First Friday

The Most Holy Name of Jesus (Optional Memorial)

January 3

8:00 a.m. +Anita McGrath by the Sacred Heart League

12:00 noon Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Nocturnal Adoration

3:00 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy

5:00 p.m. Confessions [NOTE TIME CHANGE]

6:00p.m. +Mary Dombroskie by Rose Kulas **[NOTE TIME CHANGE]**

First Saturday

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Ferial)

January 4

8:00 a.m. Intentions of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College

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

10:30 a.m. Special Intentions

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

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Jan 5th, 2025

Saturday

5:00 p.m. +Carol Ann Zelney by Francis Zelney

Sunday

8:00 a.m. +Larry Trader by Rosanne & Vernon Piecarskie & Family

11:00 a.m. Intentions for all Parishioners

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God (January 1, 2025)	5:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Readers of the Word	Eleanor Trader	Marek Milan	John Henry Westen
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

THE EPIPHANY of the LORD (January 5 th , 2025)	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Readers of the Word	Mary Yantha	Jacob Afelskie	Mark Westen
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: \$4,462.00; Building Maintenance: \$630.00; Carpet: \$65.00; Christmas: \$1,100.00; Heat/Fuel: \$50.00; Various Funds \$15.00

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 the Repose of the Soul of Fr. Steven Ballard

Let us also 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

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>.

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

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.

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.

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 its 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. Its 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:

We celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. Interestingly, the Gospel chosen for this feast day does not include a story of togetherness and harmony in the household, but of separation and anxiety. Then again, it is in those moments when the opportunities for reliance on God and the striving for holiness are most visible and appreciated.

We know the story: Jesus remains in the temple when everyone else leaves Jerusalem to return home, and after three days of searching for him, Mary and Joseph find him sitting, listening to the teachers and asking him questions. They have been anxious and concerned.

But Jesus says, *Did you not know I must be in my father's house?* Jesus' utterance of his divine mission shows an obedience to the [heavenly] Father, while not dismissing that which was due to Mary and Joseph. They do not fully understand, but they acknowledge and love. Here, in this very statement, Jesus points to God the Father as his father. It is here that Jesus puts forth his divinity. Jesus, fully God and fully human, lays forth who he is at the age of twelve. Mary took all of this and pondered it in her heart, just as she did the prophecy of Simeon. While this statement of Jesus may not have been known to everyone, there was something in Mary that stirred her to keep it close in her heart, because her son was slowly revealing himself to the world.

Even in the midst of beginning to reveal his divinity to the world, Jesus went home with Mary and Joseph to learn from them. It was under the tender compassion, wisdom, and purity of Mary, and the chaste devotion and loyalty of Joseph that Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

Even in those early childhood years, Jesus was about the Father's business. The Holy Family models for us that holiness in families is possible. And that holiness within the home leads each of us to be about the Father's business and will in our lives.

Jesus, though he was God, obeyed Mary and Joseph in the most perfect and pure sense. When reflecting on the evangelical counsels, obedience is one of the vows that religious profess. Humble obedience allows for us to more clearly see the Father's plan for our lives. Jesus models obedience in the home of Mary and Joseph. He models what it looks like to honor father and mother and yet, at the same time, he completes the Father's will.

Mary *kept all these things in her heart* and pondered them. May we, too, find our hearts constantly pondering the mystery of Christ and his great love for us.

Thank You!: Brother Greg, Fr. Jerry and I thank you for the Christmas cards, Mass novenas and prayers, baked goods, meals, and other presents that you have so generously provided. I will celebrate the 12 a.m. Midnight Mass for your intentions and those of your loved ones. ~Fr. Michal

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.*