

# 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.:105; 8 a.m.:104 ; 11 a.m.: 222; Total: 431

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Jan 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025

<b>Monday</b> January 6	<b>Ferial</b> <b>8:00 a.m.</b> <b>4:30 p.m.</b>	( <i>Roman Martyrology:</i> St. Andrew Corsini, Religious & Bishop) Ela & Stan Sokolwski on their 35 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary For the Intentions of Seat of Wisdom College
<b>Tuesday</b> January 7	<b>St. André Bessette, Religious (Memorial)</b> <b>8:00 a.m.</b>	+Ronnie Shalla, David Coulas & Veronica Murack by David & Mary Yantha
<b>Wednesday</b> January 8	<b>St. Raymond de Penyafort, Priest (Optional Memorial)</b> <b>8:00 a.m.</b> <b>12:00 Noon</b>	+Kuiack & Dombroskie Deceased Family Members by Isadore & Audrey In Thanksgiving of 35 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Kris & Agnes Sibiga
<b>Thursday</b> January 9	<b>Ferial</b> <b>8:00 a.m.</b>	( <i>Roman Martyrology:</i> St. Adrian, Abbot) +Pamela Margaret George by Constance Martin
<b>Friday</b> January 10	<b>Ferial</b> <b>8:00 a.m.</b> <b>6:00 p.m.</b>	( <i>Roman Martyrology:</i> St. Gregory of Nyssa, Bishop) +Ambrose & Jean Palubiski & Joan Lambert by Carmen <b>Adoration ends, please note the change of time.</b>
<b>Saturday</b> January 11	<b>Our Lady's Saturday</b> <b>9:30 - 10:15 a.m.</b> <b>10:30 a.m.</b> <b>4:00 - 4:45 p.m.</b>	<b>Confessions</b> Special Intentions <b>Confessions</b>

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Jan 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	+Thomas & Tessie Yakabuskie by Edward & Marla
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b>	+Joan, Michael, & Christopher Chapeskie by Tony Chapeskie For the Intentions of all Parishioners

The BAPTISM of the LORD (January 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2025)	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<b>Readers of the Word</b>	Karen Yakabuskie	Denise Lobo-Pryce	J.P. 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: \$4,417.55; Building Maintenance: \$1,795.00; Carpet: \$645.00; Initial Envelopes \$1,109.00; Christmas: \$5,159.00; Heat/Fuel: \$565.00; Reno Fund \$30.00; Flowers \$20.00; New Year's Day \$2,290.00

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 Mary Margaret Kelly who died this week.

Let us also pray for Endellion Hildegard Kluge, daughter of John & Nicole who was welcomed into the church through the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Men's Rosary Group:** Come for Rosary prayer open to men on Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., at St. Hedwig's Church. Men are invited, fathers bring your sons as well.

**Movie Night for Altar-Servers:** Father Michal is planning a movie night on Thursday January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m. in the church hall. The movie is "The Greatest Miracle". **Parents and siblings are welcome to attend!**

**Euchre:** The next Euchre games will be held on Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$5:00

**Knights of Columbus Meeting:** Our next meeting is on Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Rosary at 7 p.m., followed by the meeting at 7:30 p.m. at St. Jerome's Meeting Room in the basement of St. Hedwig's rectory.

**Christian Mothers:** The Confraternity of Christian Mothers (and all women with motherly hearts) is meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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: January 21<sup>st</sup>. Guest speaker to be announced.

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Falling Ice:** A reminder to please keep your distance from church walls when walking and parking your vehicle.

### Jubilee Prayer for 2025

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:

These winter days, light is in short supply. The days are at their shortest, and the weather its coldest. But in these long, dark nights when it is clear, we can see the stars. However bright they might be, they are a beautiful sight – a vibrant, twinkling, stark contrast to the night sky. Throughout human history the stars and the heavens have offered a tapestry of shapes and forms for stories and myths, and have provided maps for navigation and guidance. One star in particular takes center stage in today's Gospel.

Matthew tells us that the Magi are overjoyed at seeing this star. They believe it will bring them to the newborn king of the Jews. We are not told in the Gospel how they came to determine that this star was the light that would lead them to him, nor the extent to which they understood him to bring salvation to the world, but we see how steadfast their faith is in its purpose. They journeyed far and brought gifts with them in order to pay homage to this child.

Saint Augustine calls the Magi "the firstfruits of the Gentiles. The shepherds were Israelites, the Magi Gentiles; the first were near, the latter far off; yet both converged on the cornerstone" (Sermon 202). Even as people from far away, and not of the covenant, the Magi knew this star was about much more than the light it provided in the night sky. This was the star that illuminated the one who would finally cast out the darkness that seeped into the world; the one who would bring hope, justice, and mercy to those in great suffering; the one who entered into humanity to reveal God the Father so that we might find His Kingdom. It is no wonder that the Magi are overjoyed at seeing this star!

This intuitive grasp of reality, the recognition of the essential truth of the birth of the newborn king, was an epiphany unlike any other in human history. The Church honors this with today's celebration. This Epiphany, with a capital "E," was the first manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. It announced God's salvation for all people. The Magi have been awakened to a new reality, and in encountering the Christ Child they are moved to pay him honor and homage.

As we near the end of this Christmas season, we can follow the example of the Magi and take great joy in what has been revealed to us. We have celebrated again the beauty of Christmas – that God the Father sent his Son to be with us and bring light to cast out the darkness of the world. Our salvation calls us to go out and share the Good News. The joy of the Christmas season cannot be contained in this season, but sends us out to share that light with others.

Soon we will give thanks for God's revelation and saving love through the breaking of the bread. May this Eucharistic thanksgiving strengthen our joy, and allow it to be a light for others.