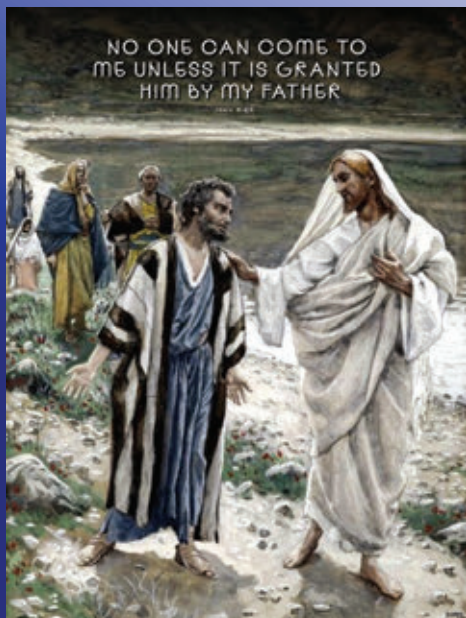




St. Hedwig Parish

Manchester, New Hampshire

August 22, 2021



Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dwudziesta Pierwsza Niedziela Zwykła

All Masses live streamed at sainthedwighn.org

Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday 4:00 pm.
Sunday 10:00 am.

Weekday Mass Times:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 5:30 pm.
Tuesday, Thursday 9:00 am.

Holy Day Masses

Vigil Mass 6:00 pm.
Mass of the Day 8:00 am.

Confessions:

Saturday 3:00 pm. - 3:30 pm.

Eucharistic Adoration:

After the Thursday Morning Mass

Divine Mercy Devotion: Friday 5:10 pm.

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St. Hedwig Cemetery

Old Bedford Rd.
Bedford, NH.

For cemetery inquiries, call the parish number.



Pastor's Letter

Hello Everyone!

After celebrating the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we return to the Bread of Life discourse from the Gospel of John. Things are now intensifying with Jesus' claims that He is the bread come down from heaven, and those who partake of this will have everlasting life. We as Catholics enjoy this beautiful gift from the Lord as we receive Him in Holy Communion, we are receiving the promise of eternal life with Him. The audience to which Jesus is addressing is having a difficult time trying to understand. What is he offering us? How can we eat of His body and blood? For some, this can come across as barbaric. So how do they respond? Some walk away from Jesus and give up, going back to their old way of life, instead of embracing the new way that Jesus is offering. Well, they are taking Jesus too literally and not seeing the spiritual meaning of what Jesus is telling them.

It is Jesus' desire that all people be one with the Heavenly Father. He wants us to live in peace, happiness, and joy. To be with the Father is to have Him dwell within us, allowing God to guide us in good ways, to what God knows is right for us. In a life with God, we can only hope for the good things yet to come, and to keep our sights on the Kingdom that awaits us.

When we look at the world around us, there is a lot that will discourage us. Sin, war, violence, division, and many other things that will try to turn us away from God. So many people suffer in so many different ways, that it can be easy to give up on God, even give up on life and see no way of trying to find any semblance of joy. Many turn away from the faith and give up on worship. Many will question, "Why do I want to worship a God who allows violence to happen, and seems to do nothing about it?" Some give up praying, saying, "Does God even hear my prayers?" The devil likes it when we are discouraged, when we turn away from God. He may even get us to curse God.

It takes great courage and strength to pull ourselves out of our slumps in life, to be able to raise ourself up to God and ask Him simply to help us. We should cry out to God for His mercy, love, forgiveness. Healing begins when we are able to open up our lives to God, to bear ourselves completely to Him, all who we are, our faults, shortcomings, our sins. We give all this to God, and in His great love and mercy, He can take them away from us and begin to instill a sense of hope in our lives. When God's peace breaks in, then we can begin to listen more intently to what Jesus is saying to us in the gospels. Jesus tells us, in so many words, "I am your friend, your mercy, and salvation. I am the One whom you can receive and take me into your hearts for I promise you many wonderful things."

This all we need to do. Listen to Jesus. Let Him work in you to bring the healing and the peace we desire. Do not let yourselves be discouraged by what is going on around us, God is indeed working and listening, responding to the hurts of the world by calling us to be one with Him, to find in Him our true source of peace. Let us not turn away from the Lord, for He will never turn away from us. He is the Bread of Life come down from heaven, let us partake of this promise of eternal life with Him.

Fr. Eric





Parish Staff

Rev. Eric T. Delisle
Pastor

Sr. M. Thomas Lesniak
Pastoral Assistant

Scott Bergendahl
Music Director

Dan Felch
Parish Maintenance

Ellie Felch
Parish Secretary



Welcome

Are you new to the parish?

We are glad you can worship with us at St. Hedwig Parish. Please register at the rectory or in the Sacristy after Mass. If you haven't already, please take a parish registration form at the entrance of the Church and fill it out. On the reverse side of the form, you can make a choice of joining any of the Parish Ministries available at St. Hedwig. When complete, please drop the form in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office at:

147 Walnut Street, Manchester, NH 03104



Please pray for the sick and homebound of our parish:

***Shirley Stemska, Rita Haskins, Emily Mencywor,
Walter Gorski, Richard Radlinski***

If you know of any other members of St. Hedwig's who are homebound and could be added to this list, please let Fr. Eric know or leave a message on the parish voice mail. Thank you.

A Prayer for the Sick of our Parish

May you be wrapped up in God's love found deep in His everlasting wings. Carried and kept, safe and cherished. May the healing power of Christ breath across your being now.



Parish Information

St. Hedwig Cemetery

Old Bedford, Bedford, NH 03103

Phone: 603-623-4835

Sacraments:

Baptism

Please contact the parish if you wish to have your child baptized. Baptisms are celebrated after the 10 am Mass on Sundays, except during the Lenten season.

Marriage

Marriages are booked six months in advance.

Convent

Sr. Mary Thomas Lesniak, CSSF

Sr. Jacqueline Mary Kazanowski, CSSF

147 Walnut Street, Manchester, NH. 03104

603-232-3115



Weekly Giving

Donations received, August 7 - 13, 2021

Weekly Offerings \$ 1,399.00

Online giving \$ 120.00

Total: \$ 1,519.00

Thank You!

Bóg Zapłać

Wisdom of the Saints

If only mortals would learn how great it is to possess divine grace, how beautiful, how noble, how precious. How many riches it hides within itself, how many joys and delights! No one would complain about his cross or about troubles that may happen to him, if he would come to know the scales on which they are weighed when they are distributed to men.

St. Rose of Lima

August 23



Saturday, August 21, 2021

4:00 pm. **+S.p. Mildred Kazanowski, Birthday Remembrance**
from the Family

Congratulation, Elaine & Richard Peruse, 45th Wedding Anniversary
from the Family

Sunday, August 22, 2021 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

10:00 am. **+S.p. Rose Houle** *from the Family*

Monday, August 23, 2021 St. Rose of Lima

5:30 pm. **For the protection of the unborn**

Tuesday, August 24, 2021 St. Bartholomew

9:00 am. **+S.p. Anne McDonald** *from the Williams Family*

Wednesday, August 25, 2021 St. Louis of France

5:30 pm. **+S.p. Oscar Onil Cote** *from Lyndi Cote*

Thursday, August 26, 2021 Weekday

9:00 am. **Increase of vocations to religious life**

Friday, August 27, 2021 St. Monica

5:30 pm. **+Moran & Szafarz Families, living & deceased**
from the Family

Saturday, August 28, 2021

4:00 pm. **+S.p. Francis Stacey** *from Lyndi Cote*

Sunday, August 29, 2021 22 nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

10:00 am. **+S.p. John Cleary** *from the Williams Family*




Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

The Vision of St. Joseph to Blessed Catherine de St. Augustin

Blessed Catherine de St. Augustine: I saw a very august procession of blessed souls... St John the Baptist was at the head and carried a white banner, white as snow, on which was written in large red characters these words: *Ecce Agnus Dei, ecce qui tollit peccata mundi.* ... This procession seemed to rise in the air, and the King of glory, in the centre of this entire troop, was taken up in an admirable way by His proper virtue. I followed as much as I could and my spirit accompanied Him... St Joseph was the closest at the entrance of the eternal gates, and it was he, it seemed to me, who spoke first to the Most August Trinity; and addressing himself to the person of the Father, after the most sacred Humanity was put into its appointed place, said to Him in a language of the blessed: "This talent has profited so much that not only do I return it to You doubled, but You see this multitude that it has acquired; I return all to You and offer it to You."

The Eternal Father then not only set him over a great many people, but even said to him: "Faithful servant! Since you were the steward of My house on earth, I want you to command here and to have all power." The Son Himself gave him power over Him, all King of glory that He was, and wanted him to have the honor of commanding Him.

Then, hence, turning to Saint Joseph, I said to him: "Great saint, I am one of yours; ask of the King of glory that through all eternity I not be separated from His love. He will refuse you nothing on His ascension."



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Parish Devotional Life

“Nie zrozumiesz jednego języka, dopóki nie zrozumiesz co najmniej dwóch”

You can never understand one language until you understand at least two..



Readings of the Week

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14, 17; Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Mt 25:14-30

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Eucharistic Adoration on Thursdays



Come spend some quiet time with our Lord, present in the Holy Eucharist.

**Thursdays after the 9:00 am Mass
(9:30 am)**

“In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host. Be assiduous in the prayer of adoration and teach it to the faithful. It is a source of comfort and light, particularly to those who are suffering.”
Pope Benedict XVI

*Adoration is also available at St. Joseph Cathedral,
Wednesdays 7:30 am - 6:00 pm.in the chapel (Lowell St.)*

Join us every Sunday for the recitation of the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet before Mass at 9:15 am.



“Love the Madonna and pray the Rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today. All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother.”

St Padre Pio



Sunday Readings

The Twenty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time

Reading I: Joshua 24: 1-2a, 15-17, 18b

The prophet confronts the 12 tribes with the question: will you keep your covenant with Yahweh or not? They agree to stay united in a bond with Yahweh rather than desert Him.

Reading II: Ephesians 5: 21-32a, or 5:2a, 25-32

Paul first presents a code of conduct for a Christian household that includes a hierarchical order from husband on down. Then he presents the notion of Christ’s identity with His Church to which He gave His all.

The Gospel: John 6: 60-69

Following on last week’s announcement of the Holy Eucharist, this section gives us the crowd’s reaction and that of the Twelve. In the latter, St. Peter gives the classic response.

Sw. Stanisława Kostka



Stanisław Kostka S.J. (28 October 1550 – 15 August 1568) was a Polish novice of the Society of Jesus. He is venerated in the Catholic Church as Saint Stanislaus Kostka (as distinct from his namesake, the 11th-century Bishop of Kraków Stanislaus the Martyr). He was born at Rostkowo, Przasnysz County, Poland, on 28 October 1550; died at Rome during the night of 14–15 August 1568. He entered the Society of Jesus in Rome on his 17th birthday (28 October 1567), and is said to have foretold his death a few days before it occurred.

The Holy See ratified his beatification in 1605; he was canonized in 1726. St. Stanislaus is a popular saint of Poland and many religious institutions have chosen him as the protector of their novitiates. The representations of him in art are very varied; he is sometimes depicted receiving Holy Communion from the hands of angels; sometimes receiving the Infant Jesus from the hands of the Virgin; or he is shown in the midst of a battle putting to flight the enemies of his country. At times he is depicted near a fountain putting a wet linen cloth on his breast. He is invoked for palpitations of the heart and for dangerous cases of illness (Cahier, “Caractéristiques des Saints”). St. Stanislaus’ feast-day is November 13th.

Many thanks for the generous donations towards the refurbishing of the chalice!



Before



After

This chalice is dedicated to all the parishioners of St. Hedwig Parish, living and deceased, and that all their prayers and intentions will be offered at the celebration of Mass.

Chalice donations were received from:

Pamela Harvey

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Terry Makara

David & Deena LaChance

John Golabiewski, Jr. in memory of parents

Walter & MaryAnn Skwierz

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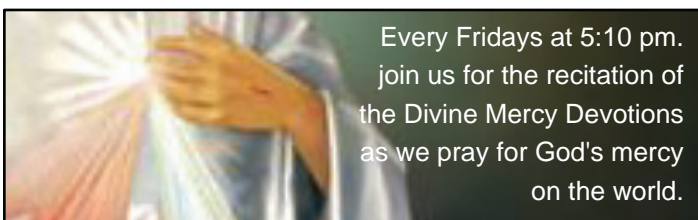
Walt & Dian Kalisz

Helen Swierz

Lisa Farmer in memory of George & Helen Farmer

St. Hedwig Ladies Guild

In total \$1,220.00 was received in donations.



Every Fridays at 5:10 pm.
join us for the recitation of
the Divine Mercy Devotions
as we pray for God's mercy
on the world.



The Saint Cecilia Choir is back!

The choir is seeking additional members. If you enjoy singing, can read music (at least at a basic level), you are encouraged to seek more information. The Saint Cecilia Choir rehearses weekly on Fridays at 6:30 pm starting September 3 and sings every week at the 10 am Mass on Sundays, as well as special liturgies throughout the year. If you are interested in using your gifts for the glory of God, please contact Scott Bergendahl (scott.bergendahl@gmail.com) to set up a time to meet in person for a vocal assessment. We hope many can join us!



Golabki Dinner (Stuffed Cabbage)

September 11, 2021

These will be to go meals and can be picked up at the St. Hedwig Parish Hall after the 4:00 pm. Mass until 7:00 pm. **Dinners are \$10.00.**

This is to help fund and support George and Nick Farmer's Eagle Scout Projects. Let us show them our support and appreciation!

Orders with payment must be placed by September 5th, 2021 and can be put in the collection box or orders and payment can be made online at:

<https://troop118wreaths.square.site/>

Stuffed Cabbage with the following choices:

Drinks:

Coke Diet Coke Sprite
 Water None

Desert:

Brownie Chocolate Chip Cookie Bar

Sauce:

Tomato Sauce None

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Humor



"When we say grace, do we look up at Heaven, or down at the food?"

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