They all ate and were satisfied.

Matthew 14:20

August 2, 2026 Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saint Hedwig Parish

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Weekend Masses
Saturday: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 10:00 am

Weekday Masses
Mon. Wed., Fri. 5:30 pm
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As Announced

Sacrament of Penance

Fridays 4:00 pm. - 4:45 pm.
Saturday 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Eucharistic Devotion

After the morning Mass on Thursdays.

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. Please contact the pastor to begin marriage preparation program.

Saint Hedwig Parish Cemetery

71 Old Bedford Rd.
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Please contact the parish office for all inquiries pertaining to the cemetery.

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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 box or mail it to the parish office at:

147 Walnut Street, Manchester, NH 03104

Offertory: *We are very grateful to everyone who contributes to the weekly collection by the collection box or on-line. Your generous and steadfast support keeps our parish running.*

July 11 - 17 , 2026

Weekly Giving:	**$ 1,070.00**	
On-line Giving	**$ 55.00**	**Total: $ 1,125.00**

Thank You Dziękuje!

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

August could be called " the month for daydreamers." I say that guardedly because not all of us are on vacation. But a lot of people are. Those lucky souls have the chance to stare up into the sky from wherever they go to relax and daydream as they note the shape of the clouds. Or they could lie back on the beach sand or their backyard hammock and think deep thoughts along with their dreams. May I suggest one such thought that would not arise immediately, but it is encompassed by the famous story we read in the gospel for today? It is "the priesthood of the laity."

Obviously, there is what the Church calls "the ministerial priesthood." This is the one instituted by Christ at the Last Supper table when He told his baffled Apostles to "Do this in memory of Me." That's the priesthood of the ordained gentlemen who graduated from a seminary. But we can turn to St. Paul's writings to tell us what the Church has steadfastly taught, and still does, about another priesthood more common and fundamental namely the "priesthood of the faithful." Paul writes: "Through Baptism all the members of the Church share in the priesthood of Christ."

Now this doesn't mean that you should start shopping for Mass vestments. Or look for the nearest seminary. Rather, does this teaching give a formal name to what you have hopefully been living your whole life. That is, living as Christ would if He were in your place. It also encourages you "to share their ordained priests' anxieties and help them as far as possible by prayer and active work so that they may be better able to overcome difficulties and carry out their duties with greater success." (Vatican II, no.9)

So, you and I are in a certain partnership with Christ to continue His work here below. In that way, we are assured of a spot in the "place above." Just by your example of being here at Mass to worship God on an August Sunday when so many "so-called Catholics" who should be here are not. This priesthood we share makes us both like the boy in this closing story who is flying his kite. The boy's kite was so high that it had disappeared into the clouds. A man came by and asked, "Why are you holding on to that string?" The boy said, "I've got a kite up there." The man looked up and said, "I don't see it." The boy replied, "Well, I know it's there because I can feel the tug." That's like the tug we all feel from time to time in our hearts, which lets us know that God is for real and He cares for you. That's a fact, and not a summer daydream.

God love you and let you feel His tug this week.

Saturday, August 1

4:00 pm. Cecelia Deschambault
by Susan Hamel & Family

Sunday, August 2

10:00 am. Emily Menczywor, Anniversary by the Family

Monday, August 3

5:30 pm. Lynette Driesse, Birthday Remembrance
by Ann Anger

Tuesday, August 4 St. John Vianney

9:00 am. Mary Pawlowski by the Family

Wednesday, August 5 St. Mary Major

5:30 pm. Victoria Wojdyla, Anniversary by the Family

Thursday, August 6 Transfiguration of the Lord

9:00 am. Yvette Driesse & Yvonne Sullivan
by the Family

Friday, August 7 St. Cajetan

5:30 pm. Peace in Ukraine & Israel

Saturday, August 8

4:00 pm. Vera Carlucci by Paige Alpuche

Sunday, August 9

10:00 am. Michalina Turczyk by Daniela & Ken Cooper

Christopher LeBlanc by Szulc Family

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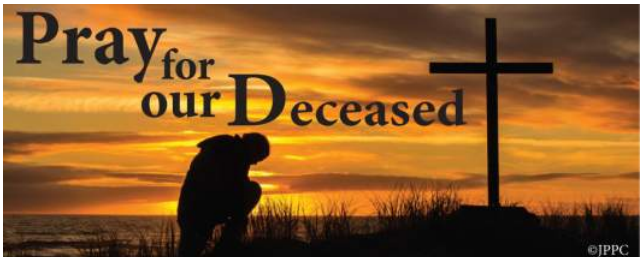
The time will come when we will need to plan for the day when God calls us home to Himself. After a life well lived, we hope to gain our place in the heavenly kingdom with God. We will also need our place of rest. Saint Hedwig Cemetery is a place of peace and beauty to bring our loved ones to their place of rest, and for ourselves as well. As a part of planning for the future, consider Saint Hedwig Cemetery. Call the parish office at 603-623-4835 for information and our very affordable prices. We will be glad to assist you.



Why Do We Pray For the Dead

Communion with the dead. "In full consciousness of this communion of the whole Mystical Body of Jesus Christ, the Church in its pilgrim members, from the very earliest dyas of the Christian religion, has honored with great respect the memory of the dead; and because it is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins, she offers her suffrages for them." Our prayer for them is capable of not only helping them, but also making their intercession fro us effective. (Catechism of the Catholic Church 985)

Reading 1 : Isaiah 55:1-3

Thus says the LORD: All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk! Why spend your money for what is not bread; your wages for what fails to satisfy? Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare. Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life. I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David.

Responsorial Psalm : Psalm 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and of great kindness.
The LORD is good to all
and compassionate toward all his works.
R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

The eyes of all look hopefully to you,
and you give them their food in due season;
you open your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.
R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

The LORD is just in all his ways
and holy in all his works.
The LORD is near to all who call upon him,
to all who call upon him in truth.
R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Reading 2 : Romans 8:35, 37-39

Brothers and sisters: What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Alleluia

One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

When Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist,
he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself.
The crowds heard of this and followed him on foot from their towns. When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples approached him and said, “This is a deserted place and it is already late; dismiss the crowds so that they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves.” Jesus said to them, “There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves.” But they said to him, “Five loaves and two fish are all we have here.” Then he said, “Bring them here to me,” and he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over— twelve wicker baskets full. Those who ate were about five thousand men, not counting women and children.

Readings for the Week

Monday Jer 28:1-17 Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102 Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22 Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday Jer 31:1-7 Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 Mt 15:21-28

Thursday Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 2 Pt 1:16-19 Mt 17:1-9

Friday Nah 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7 Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41 Mt 16:24-28

Saturday Hab 1:12—2:4 Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 Mt 17:14-20

Sunday 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 Rom 9:1-5 Mt 14:22-33

Please pray for the sick and homebound of our parish:

Vera Gorski, Jacques Parent, Kathy Philbert, Cathy Felch

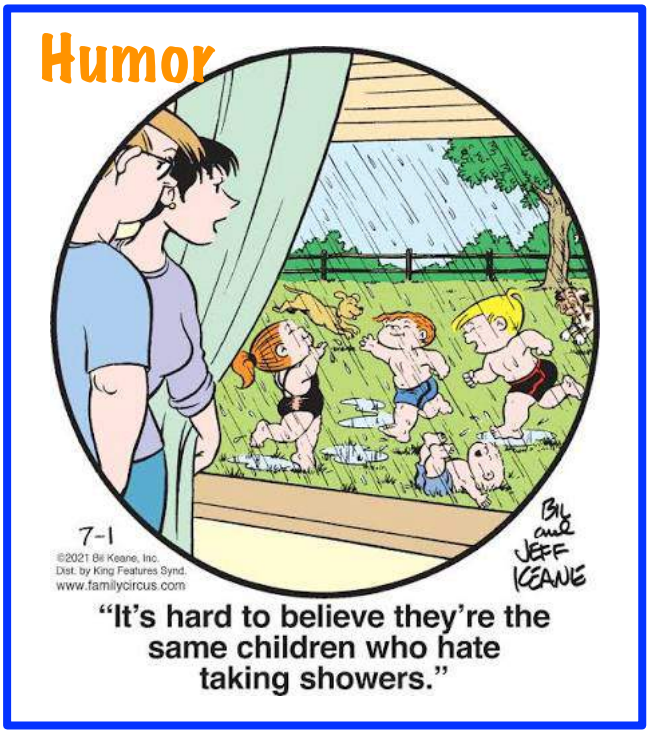
If you know of any other members of St. Hedwig's who are homebound and could be added to this list, please let Fr. Eric know or leave a message on the parish voice mail. Thank you.

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.*

2026 New Hampshire Catholic Appeal

New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: We thank all who made their gift to the **New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: Future of our Faith II** this weekend. Your gift will enable the Catholic Church in New Hampshire to meet the increasing needs of parishes, our community, Catholic schools, retired clergy, seminarians, and much more. If you were not able to make your gift yet, please visit the website at www.catholicnh.org/nhca or bring your gift envelope that includes your donor ID and parish ID and drop it in the collection basket at Mass next weekend. ***We thank you for your generosity and for helping to reflect the love of Christ throughout our state! Our parish goal for this year is $12,188.00.***

So far we have contributed $6,805.00 towards our goal.



Weekly Prayer for Your Reflection

Lord God, you love mercy and tenderness; you give life and overcome death. Look upon the many wounds of your Church; restore it to health by your risen Son, so that it may sing a new song in your praise.

The Saint we honor this week:
St. John Vianney

St. John Vianney, Priest (Patron of priests) Feast day – August 4 Universally known as the "Cure of Ars)," St. John Mary Vianney was ordained a priest in 1815. Three years later he was made parish priest of Ars, a remote French hamlet, where his reputation as a confessor and director of souls made him known throughout the Christian world. His life was one of extreme mortification.

Accustomed to the most severe austerities, beleaguered by swarms of penitents, and besieged by the devil, this great mystic manifested a imperturbable patience. He was a wonderworker loved by the crowds, but he retained a childlike simplicity, and he remains to this day the living image of the priest after the heart of Christ. He heard confessions of people from all over the world for the sixteen hours each day. His life was filled with works of charity and love. It is recorded that even the staunchest of sinners were converted at his mere word. He died August 4, 1859, and was canonized May 31, 1925.

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