

Saint Hedwig Parish



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Liturgy

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 10:00 am

Weekday Masses

Mon. Wed., Fri. 5:30 pm

Tues., Thurs. 9:00 am

Holiday Masses:

As Announced

Sacrament of Penance

Fridays 4:00 pm. - 4:45 pm.

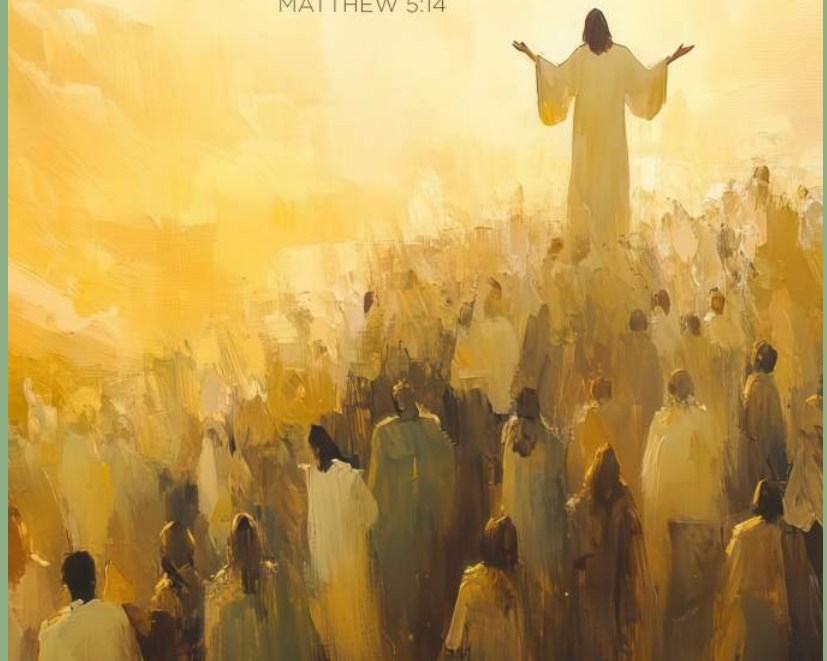
Saturday 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Eucharistic Devotion

After the morning Mass on
Thursdays.

YOU ARE THE
light of the world

MATTHEW 5:14



February 8, 2026 Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Thirty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Saint Hedwig Parish Cemetery



71 Old Bedford Rd.
Bedford, New Hampshire

*Please contact the parish office for all
inquiries pertaining to the cemetery.*

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February 8, 2026

Parish Staff

Rev. Eric T. Delisle, KCHS
Pastor

Sr. M. Thomas Lesniak
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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.*

Jan. 17 - 23, 2026

Weekly Giving:	\$ 949.00	
On-line Giving	\$ 75.00	Total: \$ 1,024.00

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.

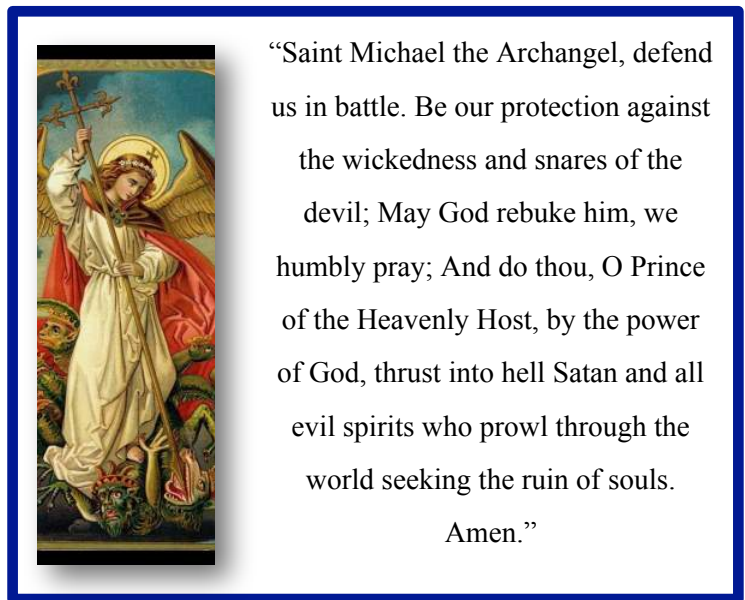
Convent

Sr. Mary Thomas Lesniak, CSSF
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Thank You Dziękuję!



“Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.”

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

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

One sure proof that the “now” is so different from the “then” is the presence of so many blue screens in our world and what you see on them. While they are small on smart phones, they grow a bit larger on various “pads.” But they reach the ultimate on those like the billboard-size screens available in stadiums and even in St. Peter’s Square at the Vatican.

Technology is so much with us that we must scratch our heads to remember when it was not. Watching a toddler imitate his elders fingering the keys of a phone can make you laugh at first, and then perhaps later make you ponder what technology lies ahead for that tiny human being. “AI” may be antique by then.

It becomes a necessity to think about the place of religion in all of this, and of our place in the world as believers. The changes that will inevitably come our way might scare us into thinking faith and religion will become obsolete.

No worries! Once you come back to reality you will quickly notice that an awful lot of our fellow travelers are in dire need. That not limited to luxuries. The plain truth is that, as humans, we all need more than the basics of

food, clothing, and shelter. Science cannot provide love. That is precisely where God and true religion enter the scene.

Nowadays we realize that there is a type of human pain that stretches beyond the obvious. Well past material needs. Sometimes that need is no more mysterious than having a fellow human being nearby who will listen to us. That is one way that we become salt and light in the world as the Lord Jesus would have us be.

What is our energy source? The “battery,” if you will? It is the love and grace of God, coming to us through the Holy Spirit that never gets outdated. We cannot neglect being “charged by Love.” We need to “think large.”

When James Garfield, later to become for a short time the President of the United States, (and the subject of a current TV series) was the principal of Hiram College in Ohio, one father asked him if the course of his son’s studies could not be shortened, so that his son might be able to complete his studies in less time. “Certainly,” Garfield replied. “But it all depends on what you want to make of your boy. When God wants to make an oak, He takes one hundred years. When He wants to make a squash, He requires only two months.”
God love you and give you, His peace.

Summary of This Weekend's Readings

Reading I: Isaiah 58: 7-10

True religion requires easing the burdens of others by providing them with the basic necessities of food, clothing, and shelter. That makes the provider a true light in the darkness.

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 2: 1-5

God saves the world through what is held to be foolish and weak. In that way God alone can be praised for the result.

The Gospel: Matthew 5: 13-16

Disciples described as “salt” means that they season and preserve the world for God. As “light” they are to bear witness to Jesus and His message so that they shine out to the world.

Readings for the Week

Monday 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 Ps 132:6-7, 8-10 Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11 Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday 1 Kgs 10:1-10 Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 Mk 7:14-23

Thursday 1 Kgs 11:4-13 Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40 Mk 7:24-30

Friday 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19 Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15 Mk 7:31-37

Saturday 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34 Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22 Mk 8:1-10

Sunday Sir 15:15-20 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 1 Cor 2:6-10 Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday February 7

Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

4:00 pm. Theo & Myles *from Papa & Grammy*

Sunday February 8

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

Monday February 9 Weekday

5:30 pm. +S.p. François Meeschaert *from Williams Family*

Tuesday February 10 St. Scholastica

9:00 am. +S.p. John Kazanowski, Jr. *from Family*

Wednesday February 11 Weekday

5:30 pm. +S.p. Kenny Sargent, Birthday Remembrance
from Ann Anger

Thursday February 12 Weekday

9:00 am. Peace in the Ukraine & Israel

Friday February 13 Weekday

5:30 pm. +S.p. Eric Cheli *from Barbara Andersen*

Saturday February 14

Vigil of the Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

4:00 pm. +S.p. Elaine Perusse *from Nancy Dudziak*

Sunday February 15

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

10:00 am. +S.p. Jacques Meerschaert *from Williams Family*

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done, and in what I have
failed to do;
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sister,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest. And on earth peace to
people of good will. We praise You. We bless You.
We adore you. We glorify You. We give You
thanks for Your great glory. Lord God, heavenly
King, God the Father almighty. Lord Jesus Christ,
Only-begotten Son. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son
of the Father: you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us. You take away the sins of the
world, receive our prayer. You are seated at the
right hand of God the Father, have mercy on us.
For you alone are holy one. You alone are the Lord.
You alone are most high Jesus Christ, with the
Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Sanctuary Candle

Theo & Myles

Reading 1: Isaiah 58:7-10

Thus says the LORD:
 Share your bread with the hungry,
 shelter the oppressed and the homeless;
 clothe the naked when you see them,
 and do not turn your back on your own.
 Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
 and your wound shall quickly be healed;
 your vindication shall go before you,
 and the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
 Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer,
 you shall cry for help, and he will say: Here I am!
 If you remove from your midst
 oppression, false accusation and malicious speech;
 if you bestow your bread on the hungry
 and satisfy the afflicted;
 then light shall rise for you in the darkness,
 and the gloom shall become for you like midday.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9***R. The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.***

Light shines through the darkness for the upright;
 he is gracious and merciful and just.
 Well for the man who is gracious and lends,
 who conducts his affairs with justice.

R. The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.

He shall never be moved;
 the just one shall be in everlasting remembrance.
 An evil report he shall not fear;
 his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD.

R. The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.

His heart is steadfast; he shall not fear.
 Lavishly he gives to the poor;
 His justice shall endure forever;
 his horn shall be exalted in glory.

R. The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.

Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

When I came to you, brothers and sisters,
 proclaiming the mystery of God,
 I did not come with sublimity of words or of wisdom.
 For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you
 except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.
 I came to you in weakness and fear and much trembling,
 and my message and my proclamation
 were not with persuasive words of wisdom,
 but with a demonstration of Spirit and power,
 so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom
 but on the power of God.

Alleluia

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
 whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus said to his disciples:
 “You are the salt of the earth.
 But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned?
 It is no longer good for anything
 but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.
 You are the light of the world.
 A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.
 Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel
 basket;
 it is set on a lampstand,
 where it gives light to all in the house.
 Just so, your light must shine before others,
 that they may see your good deeds
 and glorify your heavenly Father.”



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Ash Wednesday Masses

February 18, 2026

9:00 am. and 6:00 pm.



Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent

3:00 pm. and 6:00 pm
(after the 5:30 pm. Mass.)



Confessions available Fridays 4:00 pm. -
5:00 pm., Saturdays 3:00 pm. and by
request.



2025 New Hampshire Catholic Appeal

UPDATE as of February 8

Our New Hampshire Catholic Appeal for 2025/26 is \$12,183. So far we have raised \$9,130.

If you have not yet made a contribution, please take home a brochure and NHCA envelope.

Please prayerfully consider a generous donation to the Catholic Appeal knowing the good works that are provided by the Appeal.

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February Polish Mass

February 15, 2026

4:00 pm.

(Third Sunday of Every Month)

St. Hedwig Parish

Guest celebrant



Humor




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"I can't find what channel we're on."

First Communion and Confirmation

Any children of the parish in need of preparation for the reception of Confirmation and First Holy Communion, classes will begin February 22 and run through the Lenten season (approximately 6 sessions). Classes will be at 9:00 am. on Sunday before the 10 am. Mass and run for about 45 mins. Children must be 9 years of age and/or in the 3rd grade. Please call the office with the child's name, date of birth, date and place of baptism. If your child is enrolled in a Catholic school, there is no need to sign up for classes at St. Hedwig. The celebration of First Holy Communion and Confirmation is in May.





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.



Eucharistic Adoration and Holy Hour

Join us every Thursday following the 9:00 am. Mass (9:30 am.) at St. Hedwig parish to spend time in prayer and silence before the Lord. It will be the best hour of your life. Adoration will also be live-streamed.





MEN OF ST. JOSEPH

Bishop Peter Libasci invites all men of the Diocese of Manchester to join him in celebrating the Feast of St. Joseph

SATURDAY, MARCH 21 | 2026
ST. JOSEPH CATHEDRAL | MANCHESTER, NH
7:30 - 10:30 AM

To register for the event go to www.catholicnh.org/mosj
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