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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Hello Everyone!

This week sees the celebration of the glory of the Cross of Christ, the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The sign of the Cross is something so familiar to us, it is the reason why we worship. Jesus gave His life for us on the cross to save us from sin and darkness. It is from the cross that we receive Christ in the Eucharist. The cross, once an instrument of a horrible death sentence, is now a symbol of victory, of salvation.

In the paschal mystery, the life, death, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus, we find salvation. The cross on which Christ died has ever since been a constant reminder to every Christian of the price the redeemer paid for our sins. Let us celebrate His total victory over sin and death by living His law of love.

The next day sees the celebration of Our Lady of Sorrows. It was she, the Mother of Jesus who stood beneath the cross to see her only child die and intense death. Mary accompanied the Lord during His Passion, but from a distance. No doubt she would have wanted to save her child and comfort and console Him in the midst of His pain, but she knew that this was the will of God and it had to happen for the salvation of mankind. We honor Our Lady of Sorrow for the immense courage and willingness to witness the plan of God at work.

Devotion to Our Lady of Sorrow and the observance of this feast were already practiced by the Servite Order. Pope Pius VII extended this feast to the entire Church in 1817. The day after the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross we are reminded of how Mary took part in Jesus' sacrifice on Calvary. This feast tells us of all the compassion the Mother of God feels for the Church which is still suffering. Let us increase in love for and devotion to the Mother of God.

The gospel this week, we seek Jesus asking us a question, “Who do you say that I am?” Who is Jesus for us? He is one of many wonderful things, a friend, consoler, merciful, forgiving, healer. Jesus is all these things and more. We who live our faith have invited Jesus into our lives and we share in Peter's confession, “You are the Christ.” As we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we too must accept the fact that their will be some level of suffering involved. We are called to share in the suffering of Christ as He makes His way to the Cross. Jesus shares in our sufferings as well, for He has taken on the greater burden so that we do not become hopeless.

Jesus predicts His Passion. It's not news we want to hear, but it is necessary in God’s plan of salvation. Peter, who just a few moments ago said, “You are the Christ,” screws it all up when he chides Jesus for His prediction of the Cross. In a sense, he says, “no Lord, that can’t happen. You’re too good for that.” This upsets Jesus because Peter still doesn't quite get it. Peter is acting as an obstacle to the plan that God has laid our for Jesus. Peter does not think as God does, but as men do.

Let us follow Christ. It may lead us to where we do not want to go, but God has His reasons, whatever they may be. We need not fear, for God will only bring us to what is good, He could never lead us astray. Faith, prayer, and good works will guide and strengthen us as we everyday proclaim, “You are the Christ.”

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:

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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
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Weekly Giving

Donations received, August 21 - 27, 2021
Weekly Offerings $1,153.00
Online giving $100.00 Total: $1,253.00

Donations received, August 28 - September 3, 2021
Weekly Offerings $1,516.00
Online giving $100.00 Total: $1,616.00

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.

Pray FOR THE SICK

Please pray for the sick and homebound of our parish:

Shirley Stemska, Rita Haskins, Emily Menczywor, Walter & Vera Gorski, Joseph Heleniak

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.

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.
Saturday, September 11, 2021
4:00 pm.  +S.p. Walter Szafarz  from the Family

Sunday, September 12, 2021  24th Sunday of Ordinary Time
10:00 am.  +S.p. Emilian Turczyk, 10th Anniv.
            from Daniel & Ken Cooper
+S.p. Helene (Polchlopek) Laurendeau, Birthday Remembrance
            from Judy Laurendeau

Monday, September 13, 2021  St. John Chrysostom
5:30 pm.  +S.p. Barbara Dooley  from the Szulc Family

Tuesday, September 14, 2021  Exaltation of the Holy Cross
9:00 am.  +S.p. Samuel Rundquist  from the Williams Family

Wednesday, September 15, 2021  Our Lady of Sorrows
5:30 pm.  For peace in the world

Thursday, September 16, 2021  Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian
9:00 am.  +S.p. Karen Jelley  from Pam Harvey

Friday, September 17, 2021  St. Robert Bellarmine
5:30 pm.  +S.p. Walter Szafarz, Anniv.  from the Family

Saturday, September 18, 2021
4:00 pm.  +S.p. Michael Charest  from the Szulc Family
+S.p. Maria Plumpton, 1st Anniv.
            From Deena & David Lachance

Sunday, September 19, 2021  25th Sunday of Ordinary Time
10:00 am.  For the repose of the soul of Richard Radlinski
            from the Felician Sisters
+S.p. Richard Radlinski  from Molloy Family

Pope Benedict XVI, Vatican Gardens, 5 July 2010: The espousals between Joseph and Mary are an episode of great importance. Joseph was of the royal line of David and, in virtue of his marriage to Mary, would confer on the Son of the Virgin - on God's Son - the legal title of "Son of David," thus fulfilling the prophecies. The espousals of Joseph and Mary are, because of this, a human event, but determinant in the history of humanity's salvation, in the realization of the promises of God; because of this, it also has a supernatural connotation, which the two protagonists accept with humility and trust.

St Albert the Great: Here is the name of Joseph which deserves the homage of virtue, because Mary was espoused to the just Joseph, but not united to him in concupiscence. Reflect on the vow of virginity of both these spouses, for it is stated that the angel was sent by God to a virgin espoused to a man named Joseph. And this is said because she was found to be with child before they were united. Since therefore she had been espoused before this was revealed to her that is since she had been entrusted to his care, up to the time when, because of her physical condition, she was found to be with child, this union would not have continued unless, by mutual consent, they had already made a vow of virginity.
Readings of the Week

**Monday:** 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9; Lk 7:1-10

**Tuesday:** Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

**Wednesday:** 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

**Thursday:** 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10; Lk 7:36-50

**Friday:** 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20; Lk 8:1-3

**Saturday:** 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 8:4-15

**Sunday:** Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6, 8; Jas 3:16 — 4:3; Mk 9:30-37

**Sunday Readings**

*The Twenty-fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time*

**Reading I:** Isaiah 50: 4c-9a

Even though he has experienced much suffering, the prophet exudes confidence because God is his help.

**Reading II:** James 2: 14-18

This famous passage makes an obvious observation. If a person accepts the facts of God’s revelation, then a certain way of life, his/ her “works,” should reflect that belief, with all its expected consequences.

**The Gospel:** Mark 8: 27-35

The first self-originated “poll” from Jesus seeks to know what the outside world thinks of Him. Then comes the first Passion prediction and its consequences for authentic discipleship.
Let us pray. Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, that the most blessed Virgin Mary, thy Mother, may intercede for us before the throne of Thy mercy, now and at the hour of our death, whose most holy soul was transfixed with the sword of sorrow in the hour of Thine own Passion. Through Thee, Jesus Christ, Savior of the world, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

**Wedding Anniversaries Mass**

Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2021, and those recently unable to participate due to COVID-19, to attend the Fall Wedding Anniversary Mass. This celebration will be held on Sunday, October 17, 2021 at 2:00 p.m., at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester. To register, please contact your parish office by September 22, 2021. The parish office will gather and submit all necessary information. Once registration has been completed by the parish office, all registrants will receive an invitation to this special celebration. To all you married couples, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you at this fall’s Wedding Anniversary Mass!

(Please note that this celebration may be subject to change and that any in place diocesan COVID-19 protocols will be observed. Registration will remain open until we have reached capacity; please no guests.)

**Catholic Charities**

Our parish goal for this year’s appeal is $3,000. So far we have contributed $1,860. Thank You!

Let’s keep up the good work. Please be sure to pick up a Catholic Charities envelope if you have not yet picked one up. Please consider making a donation to support their good works.

**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!

**St. Hedwig Religious Education classes will be commencing in October, to prepare our children for the reception of First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation. More details to follow soon! Be on the lookout.**
Humor

A Teaching From the Catechism of the Catholic Church

“1877. The vocation of humanity is to show forth the image of God and to be transformed into the image of the Father's only Son. This vocation takes a personal form since each of us is called to enter into the divine beatitude; it also concerns the human community as a whole.”

Wisdom of the Saints

When we teach our children to be good, to be gentle, to be forgiving (all these are attributes of God), to be generous, to love their follow men, to regard this present age as nothing, we instill virtue in their souls, and reveal the image of God within them.

St. John Chrysostom
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