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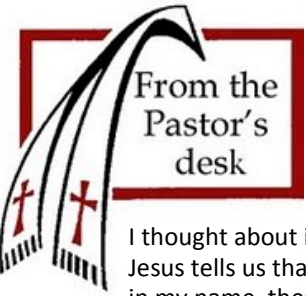
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September 25, 2011— The 26th Week in Ordinary Time



I want to take a moment to say **Thank you** to all of you who attended our first weekend of services here at Saint Hedwig's!

Last week, a friend asked me, "What if no one comes to the new church? What do you do?"

I thought about it for a moment, and I reminded him that Jesus tells us that "...where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them." [Mt. 18:20]

Likewise, the fourth Eucharistic prayer has us praying that God "Remember all those who take part in this offering, those here present, and all who seek you with a sincere heart."

You see, it doesn't matter how many of us there are (*although we want lots of people to come!*) – we are here and so is Christ. And for those who are not here with us this week or next week– we pray for them too, for in a sincere heart, you will always find God. *-Bishop Michael*

Worship Schedule

- ◆ **Sunday Mass** is at 9 AM.
- ◆ **Holy Days** and **Holidays** are as announced.
- ◆ **Confession** is offered 30 minutes before Mass, and by appointment.
- ◆ **Baptisms** and **Weddings** should be arranged with the clergy of your choice at least six weeks in advance.
- ◆ **Funeral** arrangements should be made as soon as possible by calling the office.

Parish Staff

Clergy & Staff

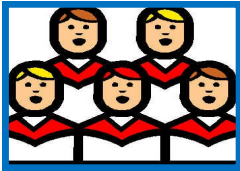
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Matthew Albritton



Join the Choir!

If you would like to join our choir, or wish to serve as a Cantor, and can commit to weekly practice and to singing at Mass on Sundays and Holidays, please contact Joey DiGuglielmo at music@sainthedwigs.org



	Last Week	This month	This year
Donations	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00
Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Amount needed each week: \$125.00

Thank you for your continued support of the parish. If you would like to make your weekly, monthly, or annual contribution via credit card, please call the church office.



Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council is where clergy and members of the parish come together to plan the course of the parish, and maintain its health.

To volunteer on the council, contact Matt Velic at mrvelic@naoldcatholic.com



Bake Sale

At the Yard Sale on October 1, we will have a table and sell cupcakes, candy apples and other baked goods.

If you want to bring a baked good to sell, or volunteer to be at the table, let us know!

Liturgical Ministers needed!

If you are interested in serving at the altar as a *reader/lector*, *Altar Server*, *Usher*, or *Eucharistic Minister*, please contact the Church office.



October 2, 2011

World Communion Sunday

World Communion Sunday, celebrated the first Sunday in October, is one of the most venerable of "special Sundays." The day has taken on

new relevancy and depth of meaning in a world where globalization often has undermined peace and justice – and in a time when fear divides the peoples of God's earth. On this day we celebrate our oneness in Christ, the Prince of Peace, in the midst of the world we are called to serve – a world ever more in need of peacemaking.



Mass Intentions

Sunday, Sept. 25:

Philomena Cusimano

and

William Walker, Jr.

To arrange for a Mass to be offered in memory of someone, or to remember an anniversary or birthday, please contact the parish office.



Our friends and hosts Palisades Community Church are having a church yard sale on **Saturday, October 1st from 9 am to 2 pm** at the church. Lunch will be sold in the church hall.

It's \$10 to rent a space, \$20 to rent a space and use a table from the parish hall.

For more info email paliscomch@verizon.net



The Torture of Persons

As a Christian Church that follows and worships a God that was tortured, crucified, and died, we are adamantly opposed to the death penalty and torture.

Although we understand the temptation to torture those who threaten a community's well-being, we believe such behavior defies God's commandment to love one another and our human responsibility of finding ways to work towards healing and resolution. In particular, we believe the usage of torture by governments is a heinous sin, especially in those instances where freedom and goodness are supposedly sought.

Our denominations commitment to the eradication of torture done in the name of the United States is absolute. Our Pastor, Bishop Michael Seneco, sits on the participating council of the National Religious Campaign Against Torture, a national organization of religious leaders and progressive denominations that advocate our countries leaders to make torture illegal in the United States.



The men and women serving in our nation's military, and for an end to war and violence in the name of freedom... the homeless, hungry... for increased vocation to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life... for the success of our new parish... for our new deacons as they embark on their journey... for our benefactors... for the needs of our members, friends...for those who come to the parish looking to meet God again...



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