

## Third Sunday of Advent

**St. Hedwig Catholic Church**  
**Bay City, Michigan**

Liturgies for the Week

### Parish Prayer

December 14 -December 18, 2011

Wednesday 7:00pm Jill Skornia  
 Saturday 5:00pm Gerald Sr. &  
 Bernadette Graczyk  
 Sunday 10:00am Parish Family  
 Worship Aid Dedication: In Memory of  
 Bernadette Graczyk

St. Mary's – Tue. – Fri. 8:00pm, Sat. 4:00pm  
 Sun 8:30am & 11:00am  
St. Hedwig – Wed. 7:00 pm, Sat. 5:00pm &  
 Sun. 10:00am  
Holy Trinity- Sat. 4:30pm,  
 Sun. 8:30am & 10:30am



**Stewardship Thought:** All of the people in today's readings –the prophet Isaiah, the Virgin Mary, St. Paul, St. John the Baptist – seemed to understand clearly and rejoice in what God was calling them to be and to do. Do I?

### In The Lords Service

**Saturday, December 17, 5:00 PM Mass**

Mass Server: Evan Vorwerck  
 Lector: Ron Christie  
 E. Ministers: Joann Tomczak  
 Renee Vorwerck  
 Greeters: Fred & Barb Mandley

**Sunday, December 18, 10:00 AM Mass**

Mass Server: Jensen Taylor  
 Lectors: Tom Schultz  
 Jen Swiecicki  
 E. Minister: Marsha Thomas  
 Crystal Houghtaling  
 Troy & Sandy Houghtaling  
 Greeters: Tizz Ciaciuch  
 Nichole Novak  
 Shelly & Nicole Provo  
 Shut-in-Minister: Alice Anderson

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Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11  
 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24  
 John 1:6-8, 19-28

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16  
 Romans 16:25-27  
 Luke 1:26-38

Prayers or Special Intentions  
 Rose Marie 684-1052

**Weekly Parish Collection \$3,516.10**

-30% BAC's Assessment . . . . \$1,056.00  
 -1% Tithing . . . . . 35.00  
 PARISH TOTAL . . . . . \$2,425.10  
 Children's Collection . . . . . \$33.50  
 Envelopes used . . . . . 126  
 Envelopes given . . . . . 222  
 Extra Expense: Postage \$176.00

Sponsor of the Week

**Edwin's Decorating**  
 Painting, Interior & Exterior  
 Paper Hanging

Ron Buchalski 989-686-5833  
 Owner/Parishioner After 5:00 PM

**This Week in the Parish**

**Sun. Dec. 11-** Mass 10:00 am  
 Communal Penance  
 & First Reconciliation 1:00 pm  
**Mon. Dec. 12-** FF, CGS or JH 6:15 pm  
 Choir Practice 6:30 pm  
**Tue. Dec. 13-** Kiesel's Pearls  
 Christmas Party @1:00 pm  
**Wed. Dec. 14-** Mass 7:00 pm  
**Thu. Dec. 15-** Bake Sale Prep Work  
 Leadership Party 6:00 pm  
**Fri. Dec. 16-** Bake Sale Prep Work  
 Staff Party 6:00 pm  
**Sat. Dec. 17** – Bake Sale 9 am --1:00 pm  
 Mass 5:00 pm

*From Sr. Joann:* This Sunday at 1:00 six of our youngsters will be making their First Reconciliation at our Advent Communal Penance Service. Please keep these youngsters in your prayers.

I hope you have not forgotten about your **Capital Improvement Raffle Tickets**. They make great gifts to slip into Christmas cards to "someone special." If you need more tickets, call or stop by the parish office.

Last Thursday we buried Florence Rezler. Florence was a parishioner of St. Hedwig's all of her 90 years of life. She was baptized, made her First Communion and was married in our church. May her soul rest in peace.

### **Death Touches our Parish Family**

We offer our prayers and sympathy to Jennifer Scherzer on the loss of her mother, Hulda Hahn. May Hulda and all the faithful departed rest in peace.

### **Mark Your Calendars!!**

**Our Holiday Bake Sale & Raffle** will take place on Saturday, December 17. If you can help in any way please call Elaine @ 686-3887. Workers are needed on Friday and Saturday. If you can help, please call Elaine @ 686-3887.

### **Thank You Notes**

Thanks to Mike Weber for picking up and stuffing the inserts in the bulletins every week. Great stewardship Mike!

Dear Sr. Joann,  
Please extend my thanks to the good people of St. Hedwig's for their donation of \$743.20 in response to the mission appeal on behalf of the PIME Missionaries. Thank you again for the hospitality given to Fr. Manohar Jyothi.  
Very Rev. Ken Mazur, NA Regional Superior



### **Wednesday Evening Mass Policy**

Please remember that when Bay City Public Schools are closed on Wednesdays because of inclement weather there will not be a Wednesday evening Mass.

### **Faith Formation**

FF, CGS and JH meet Monday, December 12 at 6:15 pm. This will be the last class of 2011. **Classes will resume on January 2, 2012.**

**Reminder** - Please remember that when the Bay City Public Schools are closed on Mondays due to inclement weather we will have no Faith Formation programs.

Junior High students please don't forget to call Phyllis to sign up for gift wrapping for Habitat for Humanity at the Bay City Mall.

All Saints Super Raffle tickets will be sold after the Masses next weekend (Dec. 17 & 18). Cost is \$20. Call Larry Dabrowski @ 893-6617 for more details.

All Saints Central Drama Department presents the classic musical, My Fair Lady, on Saturday, Dec. 10 at 7:00 pm and Sunday, December 11 at 3:00 pm. Tickets are \$10 and available at the door (The Little Theatre, 217 S. Monroe St).

The next **St. Hedwig's "Fun"-Raisers Bus Trip** is scheduled for February 6, 2012. We are going to Greektown Casino. Cost is \$30. You will receive \$20 in free play. Please call Joan @ 667-9262 or Mary Ann @ 415-4012 for info.

### **Giving Tree & Food Baskets**

All Giving Tree gifts are due by December 11. The items collected will be donated to the Good Samaritan Rescue Mission. Please do not wrap the items. If you forgot your item please drop it off at the parish office on Tuesday Dec. 13.

We are in need of food for our Christmas Baskets. If you could bring a non-perishable food item to church next weekend it would help us provide a meal for someone in need. Thank You. St. Hedwig Christian Service Committee

### **Cluster Corner**

#### **Reconciliation Services**

**St. Hedwig's** – Sunday, Dec. 11 @ 1:00 pm

**St. Mary's** – Monday, Dec. 12 @ 7:00 pm

**Holy Trinity**- Wednesday, Dec. 14 @ 7:00 pm