

Third Sunday of Advent

ST. HEDWIG CHURCH

PARISH PRAYER

December 16 thru December 20, 2009

Wednesday 7:00 PM Florian Pawlak
 Saturday 5:00 PM Parish Family
 Sunday 10:00 AM Leona & Floyd Wagner
 Worship Aid Dedication: In memory of the
 Keit & Buczek Families

IN THE LORD'S SERVICE

Saturday, December 19, 5:00 PM Mass

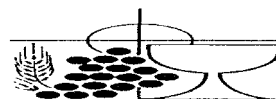
Mass Server: Susan Kendall
 Lector: Kathy Bigelow
 E. Ministers: Joan Petcher
 Cathy Wachowiak
 Greeters: Dan & Joann Tomczak

Sunday, December 20, 10:00 AM Mass

Mass Servers: Tom Schultz
 Lectors: Jennifer Swiecicki
 Mary Schoberth
 E. Ministers: Troy & Sandy Houghtaling
 Crystal Houghtaling
 Paul Radlinski
 Greeters: Pat Sampson
 Judy Carroll
 Tizz Ciaciuch
 Nichole Novak
 Shut-in- Minister: Bob Kienbaum

Liturgies for the Week

St. Mary's -Tue. - Fri. Mass 8:00 AM, Sat. 4:00 PM Sun. 8:30 AM & 11:00AM
St. Hedwig -Tue. Mass 7PM, Wed. 7:00 PM, Sat. 5:00 PM & Sun.10AM
Holy Trinity -Tue. Noon, Sat. 4:30 PM, Sun. 8:30 & 10:30AM



Stewardship Thought: Today's Gospel provides a blueprint for good stewardship: "Let the man who has two coats give to him who has none. The man who has food should do the same."

Today's Reading

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Zephaniah 3:14-18a
 Philippians 4:4-7
 Luke 3:10-18

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Micah 5:1-4a
 Hebrews 10:5-10
 Luke 1: 39-45

Last Week's Collection....\$ 3,743.60

-30% Bay Area Catholic Schools Assessment . . .	\$ 1,122.00
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Parish Total	\$ 2,584.60
Children's Collection . .	11.00
Flower Collection:	401.00

Sponsor of the Week

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Special prayers or intentions:
 Rose Marie 684-1052

This Week in the Parish

Sunday, Dec. 13 - Mass 10:00 AM
 Reconciliation Service 1:00 PM
Monday, Dec. 14 -Faith Formation &
 Good Shepherd Class 6:15 - 7:30 PM
 Choir Practice Youth 5:45 &Adult 6:30 PM
Tuesday, Dec. 15- Kiesel's Pearls Party
 Cocktails @ 1:00 PM & Dinner 2:00 PM
 RCIA 5:20-6:30
 (Sacraments of Initiation)
Wednesday, Dec. 16 - Mass 7:00 PM
Thursday, Dec. 17- Bake Sale Work
Friday, Dec. 18 - Bake Sale Work & Drop Off
Saturday, Dec. 19 - Bake Sale 9:00 AM - Noon
 Mass 5:00 PM

From Sr. Joann, The Third Sunday of Advent is a day of joy in the midst of a penitential season. We continue our Advent journey, but we come to a vantage point from which we can see what lies ahead—Christmas joy. This Sunday is called *Gaudete Sunday* (meaning "rejoice"). The word *rejoice* comes up again and again in the readings and prayers for today.

This Sunday at 1:00 PM we will have our **Communal Advent Reconciliation Service**. This helps us to meet Christ at Christmas with a clean conscience and a joyful heart. During our celebration eight our children will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time.

I hope you haven't forgotten about your **Capital Improvement Raffle Tickets**. They make a great gift to slip into a Christmas card to "someone special." If you need more tickets call or stop by the parish office.

Dear Parishioners,
THANK YOU for your prayers, cards, notes and expressions of sympathy in the recent death of my Mother. They are a source of great comfort. My family and I appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness. Just know that I hold you tenderly in my heart.
Gratefully, Fr. Kevin

A big Thank You to all who attended the Rosary/Altar Sodality Christmas Party. A fun time was had by all. Thanks to group # three, and a special thanks to Marie Holsapple, Audrey Wagner, Autumn Dabrowski, Mary Ann Marciniak, Lori O'Shea and Mary Kajdan.

Kathy Marquardt & Jan Marchlewicz

We offer our prayers and sympathy to Leonard Szczepanski on the death of his wife Agnes. May she enjoy her new and eternal home.

Our Holiday Bake Sale . . . Saturday, December 19 from 9AM - Noon. We are in need of workers, baked goods and raffle prizes. Workers are needed on Friday and Saturday. If you can help please call Elaine @ 686-3887 or the Parish Office during business hours.

Thank you to all parishioners who use their Meijer Rewards card. Please continue your support of this program as you plan your holiday dinners and gift giving.

Faith Formation

First Reconciliation will take place on Sunday, December 13 at 1PM in church. The following children will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time: Charles Ackley III, Haila Ackley, Mya Ackley, Jacob Bidwell, Jacob Harrison, Gavin Swiecicki, Collin VanDorn & Nolan Zalucha. Congratulations!

There will be **NO** Faith Formation classes on Monday, December 21 & Monday, December 28.

Reminder . . . If the Bay City Schools are closed due to poor weather conditions, there are NO Faith Formation classes. If schools are in session and the weather deteriorates during the day cancellations will be announced on TV5.

BACS Fast Facts

The Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee was held at Holy Trinity School. Nikole Sajdak, a St. John's student, won the 4-6 grade contest while Michael Wright, All Saints Middle School student, earned first place in the 7-9 grade competition.

Up-Coming Events in Our Parish

Kiesel's Pearls Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday, December 15. Refreshments at 1PM with a dinner served at 2 PM. Entertainment will be provided by Denise Davidson.

St. Hedwig's "Fun"-Raisers are planning a bus trip to Greektown Casino in Detroit on Monday, February 1, 2010. Cost is \$35 and you receive \$15 back at the casino. To reserve your seats please call Joan @ 667-9262 or Mary Ann @ 893-0768.

Helping Hands

We will decorate church for Christmas on Sunday, December 20 after the 10AM mass. This is a big project and there are many jobs. If you can spare an hour please consider helping us to prepare your Worship Space for Christmas.

Please return the Giving Tree items unwrapped by December 20.

Cluster Corner
Communal Penance Services
St. Hedwig's – December 13, 1:00 PM
St. Mary's – December 14, 7:00 PM
Holy Trinity – December 15, 7:00 PM