

Fourth Sunday of Advent

ST. HEDWIG CHURCH

PARISH PRAYER

December 23 thru December 27, 2009

Wednesday **NO MASS**
Thursday 9:00 PM Parish Family
Friday 10:00 AM Parish Family
Saturday 5:00 PM Gerald Graczyk
Sunday 10:00 AM Parish Family
Worship Aid Dedication: In memory of the
Jacob & Rose Jankowiak

IN THE LORD'S SERVICE

Saturday, December 26, 5:00 PM Mass

Mass Server: Nathan Vorwerck
Lector: Dick Balwinski
E. Ministers: Anne Laskowski
Susan Kendall
Greeters: Don & Mary Ann Gradowski

Sunday, December 27, 10:00 AM Mass

Mass Servers: Jamie Middleton
Lectors: Diane Middleton
Steve Krakowski
E. Ministers: George Thomas
Marsha Thomas
Marie Holsapple
Nathan Nelsen
Greeters: Greg & Re Marciniak
Betty Padgett
Keleen Marciniak
Shut-in- Minister: Marsha Thomas

Last Week's Collection.....\$3836.00

-30% Bay Area Catholic Schools
Assessment . . . \$1,152.00
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Parish Total \$ 2,646.00
Children's Collection . . 8.00
Religious Retirement \$1,083.00

Sponsor of the Week

Vienna Pastry & Bakery

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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 - Thur. 9:00 PM, Fri. 10:00 AM, Sat.
5:00 PM & Sun. 10:00 AM
Holy Trinity -Tue. Noon, Sat. 4:30 PM, Sun. 8:30
& 10:30 AM



The Gospel today tells of the Virgin Mary, pregnant herself, hurrying off to help her cousin Elizabeth. The model of good stewardship, she who had given herself to bear the Savior gave her time and love to others as well.

Today's Reading

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

Holy Family

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28
1 John 3:1-2, 21-24
Luke 2:41-52

Special prayers or intentions:
Rose Marie 684-1052

This Week in the Parish

Sunday, Dec. 20 - Mass 10:00 AM
Monday, Dec. 21 - **NO** Faith Formation &
Good Shepherd Classes
Choir Practice Youth 5:45 & Adult 6:30 PM
Wednesday, Dec. 23 - **NO** Mass
Thursday, Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Mass 9PM
Friday, Dec. 25 - Christmas Day Mass 10AM
Saturday, Dec. 26 - Mass 5:00 PM

From Sr. Joann, Advent is drawing to a close: Christmas is near. Each year no matter which cycle of readings we are using the liturgy for the Fourth Sunday of Advent focuses on Mary. On this Sunday, so close to Christmas, we hear the Visitation of Mary to announce the Good News to her cousin Elizabeth. The next few days will likely be rather hectic but try to take some time to ponder the gift of Christ becoming one of us. Wishing you a blessed Christmas filled with family and friends. May the coming of Christ be reflected in the peace and joy of our lives.

2009 Contributions

To receive credit on your 2009 income tax returns you can mail donations to the parish office or drop them in the collection basket.

Last-minute Christmas shopping?

Remember your **Capital Improvement Raffle tickets**. They make a great gift! If you need more tickets call or stop in at the parish office.

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.

Our Holiday Bake Sale . . .

A big heartfelt thank you to everyone that donated baked goods, candy and prizes, and to all of the workers. We couldn't have done it without you! The profit and prize winners will be listed in an upcoming bulletin.

We offer our prayers and sympathy to Pat Wenglikowski on the death of her sister, Dorothy Sniecinski. Dorothy was also the aunt of Marsha Thomas. May she enjoy her new and eternal home.

Dear Parishioners,

THANK YOU for your prayers & cards that I received during my recent surgery and hospital stay. I'll be back soon. Rita Sprywa

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.

Faith Formation

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

We wish our children/ youth, catechists and aids, parents and grandparents a very Merry Christmas. St. Hedwig Faith Formation

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 staff, students and parents of BACS wish you a Merry Christmas.

Up-Coming Events in Our Parish

The next Euchre/ Smear Card Night will be Thursday, January 7 at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center. All are welcome!

Soup Supper: Wednesday, January 20, 2010. Serving will begin at 4:00 PM and continue until the soup is gone. More details next week.

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.

The Choir will start singing ½ hour before all Christmas Masses. Come a little early and enjoy the music.

Merry Christmas



Cluster Corner

Christmas Mass Schedule

St. Hedwig's – December 24 – 9:00 PM

December 25 – 10:00 AM

St. Mary's – December 24 – 6:00 & 8:30 PM

December 25 – 9:30 AM

Holy Trinity – December 24– 7:00 & 11:00 PM

December 25 – 10:30 AM

St. Mary's Parish has made a decision to cancel the 8AM week day Mass when the Bay City Schools are closed due to inclement weather. St. Hedwig Parish will cancel the Wednesday 7PM Mass when the Bay City Schools are closed.