

Second Sunday of Advent

St. Hedwig Catholic Church
Bay City, Michigan

Liturgies for the Week

Parish Prayer

December 8 -December 11, 2011

Thursday 7:00pm Agnes Szczepanski
Saturday 5:00pm Parish Family
Sunday 10:00am Jimmy Horner
Worship Aid Dedication: In Memory of
Guzdzial & Wilson Families

In The Lords Service

Saturday, December 10, 5:00 PM Mass

Mass Server: Nancy Cusick
Lector: Chuck Cusick
E. Ministers: Paul Mrozinski
Kathy Bigelow
Greeters: Jim & Leeann Andrzejewski

Sunday, December 11, 10:00 AM Mass

Mass Server: Jamie Middleton
Lectors: Diane Middleton
Mary Schoberth
E. Minister: David Wade
Courtney Wade
Tom Schultz
Diane Schultz
Greeters: Al & Kathy Marquardt
Judy Wilson
Jill Rasmer
Shut-in-Minister: Marsha Thomas

Weekly Parish Collection \$3,587.50

-30% BAC's Assessment \$ 1,077.00
-1% Tithing 36.00
PARISH TOTAL \$2,474.50
Children's Collection \$17.53
Envelopes used 135
Envelopes given 222
Extra Expense: Staples Office Supply \$108.48

Sponsor of the Week

Vienna Pastry & Bakery

Baked Fresh Daily

205 Columbus Ave.
Bay City, MI
891-0203

St. Mary's— Tue.—Fri. 8:00pm, Sat. 4:00pm
Sun 8:30am & 11:00am

St. Hedwig—**Thu. 7:00 pm**, Sat. 5:00pm &
Sun. 10:00am

Holy Trinity— **Thu. Noon**, Sat. 4:30pm,
Sun. 8:30am & 10:30am



Stewardship Thought: John the Baptist's call to repentance is echoed in the U.S. bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship: "Christians must beg God for the grace of conversion: the grace to know who they are, to whom they belong, how they are to live—the grace to repent and change and grow, the grace to become good disciples and stewards."

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Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11
2 Peter 3:8-14
Mark 1:1-8

Third Sunday of Advent

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

Prayers or Special Intentions
Rose Marie 684-1052

This Week in the Parish

Sun. Dec. 4- Mass 10:00 am

Fam. Session 3- 11:00 am

Mon. Dec. 5—FF & CGS 6:15 pm

Choir Practice 6:30 pm

Wed. Nov. 30- NO MASS

Thu. Dec. 8- Mass 7:00 pm

Immaculate Conception

Sat. Dec. 10- Rehearsal for

First Reconciliation 10 am

Bus Trip 8:00 am

Mass 5:00 pm

From Sr. Joann: Congratulations! We did pretty well last weekend with the language changes in the Mass. Just remember—to the celebrant's, "The Lord be with you."-- we respond, "And with your spirit."

Thursday is the feast of the Immaculate Conception of our Blessed Mother. Its early name, Conception of Mary by Saint Anne, helps clarify the meaning of this feast and distinguishes the "immaculate conception" of Mary from the "Virgin birth" of Jesus. On this feast we celebrate the fact that Mary was kept sinless from the first moment of her life. We will be celebrating mass at 7 p.m. on Thursday. (No Wednesday evening mass this week.)

As most of you are aware the Diocese has initiated the program "A Future Full of Hope." This study will look at parish realignment in order to enhance the vibrancy of parish life in the Diocese of Saginaw. (Final recommendations from the study will not go into effect until July, 2013.) As a first step in this process each pastor/pastoral administrator was told to name 4 individuals to serve on a Parish Core Team. I asked Nancy Cusick, Richard Jankowiak, Jerry Marchlewicz and Diane Middleton to serve on our committee and they graciously agreed. On Tuesday we had a Core Team training session at the Center for Ministry. From my perspective two things became clear. First, every parish in the Diocese is going to be affected by this realignment. Second, we have four very talented and dedicated individuals on our Parish Core Team. The team members will be meeting again this coming week to map out how St. Hedwig's will proceed in the coming months. In the meantime, I promise to keep you informed. Please keep this entire process in your prayers.

Thank You to the family and friends of Richard (Dick) Balwinski for their donation of \$1,080 to St. Hedwig's in his memory. May Dick's soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Our Parish Reconciliation & First Reconciliation Service is Sunday, December 11 @ 1:00 pm.

Faith Formation

Family Session #3 for Reconciliation meets today, December 4 @ 11:00 a.m. in the Parish Center.

FF & CGS classes meet on Monday, December 5 @ 6:15 pm.

Rehearsal & Reflection for First Reconciliation will take place on Saturday, December 10 @ 10am.

Pictorial Directory Update

Now that the photo taking is over, if you for one reason or another did not have your pictures taken and would still like to be in the upcoming directory you can call Kelly Estes of Lifetouch Photography at 1-866-739-0317 ext. 59016. She will give you an appointment for a sitting at another local church that will then forward your photo to St. Hedwig's for our directory.

Our **Giving Tree** is in the Gathering Space. All 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, December 13.**

Our **Holiday Bake Sale & Raffle** will take place on Saturday, December 17. If you can help in any way please call Elaine @ 686-3887. We need baked goods, raffle prizes, and workers.

Retired Religious

Show your support for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have made a positive difference in so many lives. Please share in the Care and give generously to next week's second collection. There is an envelope in your monthly packet for this collection.

Cluster Corner
Immaculate Conception Masses
Thursday, December 8
St. Mary's – 8:00 AM
Holy Trinity - Noon
St. Hedwig's - 7:00 PM

VICARIATE 4

RECONCILIATION AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2011

Church	Reconciliation	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day
Holy Trinity	Wed. Dec. 14 7:00 pm	7:00 pm & 11:00 pm	10:30 am
Our Lady Of Guadalupe	Thru. Dec. 16 7:00 pm	8:00 pm	None
Our Lady of Visitation	Sun. Dec. 18 4:30 pm	4:00 pm	10:00 am & 5:30 pm
St. Boniface	Sun. Dec. 11 2:00 pm Cluster @ St. Joseph	6:00 pm & Midnight	10:00 am
St. Hedwig	Sun. Dec. 11 1:00 pm	8:00 pm	10:00 am
St. Hyacinth	Sat. Dec 10 11:30 am Tue. Dec. 13 6:30 pm	4:30 pm & 10:30 pm	10:30 am
St. James	Wed, Dec. 14 6:30 pm Tue. Dec 20 6:30 pm	5:00 pm & 9:00 pm	9:00 am
St. John, Essexville	Sun Dec. 11 2:00 pm Cluster @ St. Joseph	6:00 pm & Midnight	10:30 am
St. Joseph	Sun. Dec. 11 2:00 pm	9:00 pm	9:00 am
St. Maria Goretti	Tue. Dec. 13 7:00 pm	6:00 pm & 8:00 pm	10:00 am
St. Mary of the Assumption	Mon. Dec 12 7:00 pm	6:00 pm & 8:30 pm	9:30 am
St. Stanislaus	Sun. Dec. 18 7:00 pm	5:00 pm & Midnight	9:00 am & 11:30 am
St. Vincent De Paul	Wed. Dec. 14 7:00 pm	7:00 pm & 10:00 pm	10:00 am