

# Mary, The Holy Mother Of God

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

Liturgies for the Week

## Parish Prayer

January 4-January 8, 2012

Wednesday 7:00pm Special Intention  
Saturday 5:00pm Ted & Sophie  
Ciaciuch  
Sunday 10:00am Parish Family  
Worship Aid Dedication: Happy Anniversary  
Ron & Jan Spaulding

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



## In The Lords Service

**Saturday, January 7, 5:00 PM Mass**

Mass Server: Evan Vorwerck  
Lector: Ron Christie  
E. Ministers: Nicole Provo  
Renee Vorwerck  
Greeters: Jim & Eleanor Horner

**Sunday, January 8, 10:00 AM Mass**

Mass Server: Jamie Middleton  
Lectors: Mary Ahrens  
Diane Middleton  
E. Minister: Courtney Wade  
Dave Wade  
Tom & Diane Schultz  
Greeters: Pat Wenglikowski  
Irene Keit  
Tim & Marie Holsapple  
Shut-in-Minister: Alice Anderson

**Stewardship Thought:** The first reading today recalls God's special blessing upon the Israelites. The Lord has been gracious to us as well, pouring into our hearts that spirit which knows Him as Father and makes us His children. May we, like Mary, treasure these things in our hearts and live gratefully.

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Numbers 6:22-27  
Galatians 4:4-7  
Luke 2:16-21

### The Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60: 1-6  
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6  
Matthew 2:1-12

### Weekly Parish Collection \$3,725.00

-30% BAC's Assessment . . . . \$1,119.00  
-1% Tithing . . . . . 37.00  
PARISH TOTAL . . . . . \$2,569.00  
Children's Collection . . . . . \$33.15  
Envelopes used . . . . . 123  
Envelopes given . . . . . 222  
Christmas Day Collection \$1,021.00  
Extra Expense: Postage \$176.00

Prayers or Special Intentions  
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### This Week in the Parish

**Sun. Jan. 1-** New Year's Day  
Mass 10:00am  
**Mon. Jan. 2-** FF & CGS 6:15 pm  
**Wed. Jan. 4-** Mass 7:00 pm  
**Thu. Jan. 5-** Staff Mtg. 10:00am  
Quilt Club 6:30pm  
**Sat. Jan. 7** – Private Rec. 2-2:30 pm  
Mass 5:00 pm

*From Sr. Joann:* Today the Church rings in the New Year by celebrating our most ancient feast of Mary, honoring her with the title of Mother of God. On this day filled with the hope of new beginnings, Mary also stands as a woman of prayer who kept all things, reflecting on them in her heart. As 2012 begins we could find no better role model to follow than Our Blessed Mother.

This year will be a significant one for our Diocese and parish as we work on Planning Tomorrow's Parishes, our diocesan plan for the future. Please continue to keep this endeavor in your daily prayers.

Don't forget to turn in your raffle returns. The proceeds from this yearly raffle support many necessary maintenance projects for our grounds and buildings. The raffle gives us an opportunity to also win \$200.

Thanks to all who made our Christmas celebration so special. I was touched by the many cards, gifts and good wishes extended to me and the rest of the staff. THANK YOU!

**Thank You** to everyone who came and helped to decorate the church for Christmas.

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

We offer our prayers and sympathy to JD and Amanda Darland on the loss of JD's grandfather, Bobby Darland. May Bobby enjoy his new and eternal home.

#### **2011 Contributions**

If you would like a copy of your 2011 parish contributions please place a self-addressed, stamped envelope in the collection basket.

#### **Safety First!**

Please do not leave your purse or any valuables in your car during Mass. Recently, a Holy Trinity parishioner had her car window smashed and her purse stolen during Mass. Keep valuables out of sight and always lock your car doors.

#### **Parish Website**

Check out our website at: [www.sthedwigs.com](http://www.sthedwigs.com)

#### **Faith Formation**

Wishes for a Happy and Blessed New Year from the Faith Formation Team.

**FF & CGS Classes resume this Monday, January 2, 2012 at 6:15 pm.**

Reminder - If Bay City Schools are closed on Mondays due to inclement weather NO Faith Formation classes will be held that evening.

**All Saints Drama Dept.** proudly presents its annual student variety show, Winter Whoopee XIV. Performances are January 13 and 14 at 7:00 p.m. at St. John's Auditorium, 619 Main, Essexville. Tickets are \$5.00 at the door.

**Felician Sister's Auxiliary Christmas Party** will be held January 15, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Stan's Parish Center. Tickets are \$12 at the Parish Center or reserve a spot and pay the day of the party by calling Sr. Beatrice at 893-5499 or Debbie at 316-1593.

**A Grief Recovery Series** is being offered for anyone who may be dealing with the death of a loved one. Anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one at least 3 months ago or longer is invited to participate. The first meeting is January 9 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at St. John's Parish Center, 614 Pine, Essexville. The group will continue to meet on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. through February 13. For more information, please call Kathy 894-2701, ext.110.

#### **Bulletin**

Our parish bulletin is printed without cost to the parish. The businesses that advertise on the back cover pay for the printing cost. Please show them your support and mention that you saw their ad on our bulletin.

#### **Cluster Corner Mass Schedule**

**St. Mary's** - Saturday-4:00 PM

Sunday - 8:30 & 11:00 AM

**Holy Trinity**- Saturday- 4:30 PM

Sunday - 8:30 & 10:30 AM