

## Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### ST. HEDWIG CHURCH

#### PARISH PRAYER

July 8 thru July 12, 2009

Wednesday 7:00 PM Ray Abeare &  
Tamara Goodnight  
Saturday 5:00 PM Al & Helen Lukowski  
Sunday 10:00 AM Parish Family

#### IN THE LORD'S SERVICE

**Saturday, July 11, 5:00 PM Mass**

Mass Server: Anne Laskowski  
Lector: Kathy Bigelow  
E. Ministers: Martha Rex  
Alice Anderson  
Greeters: Joan Galovics  
Barb Abeare

**Sunday, July 12, 10:00 AM Mass**

Mass Server: Nathan Vorwerck  
Lectors: Justin Radlinski  
Diane Middleton  
E. Ministers: Renee Vorwerck  
Tom & Diane Schultz  
Marie Holsapple  
Greeters: Tizz Ciaciuch  
Nichole Novak  
Sue Dieter  
Kathi Ayotte  
Shut-in Minister: Marsha Thomas

**Last Week's Collection.....\$3,820.00**

-30% Bay Area Catholic Schools  
Assessment . . . 1,146.00  
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**Parish Total . . . . . 2,636.00**

Children's Collection . . . . \$8.00  
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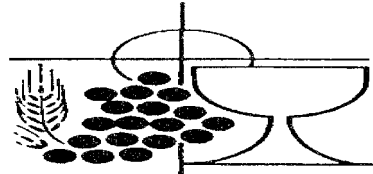
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#### Liturgies for the Week

St. Mary's -Tue. - Fri. Mass 8:00 AM, Sat. 4:00  
PM Sun. 8:30 AM & 11:00AM

St. Hedwig -Wed. 7:00 PM, Sat. 5:00 PM &  
Sun. 10AM

Holy Trinity -Sat. 4:30 PM, Sun. 8:30 & 10:30AM



**Stewardship Thought:** During this time, we celebrate the independence of our country. We do well to echo the psalmist, saying, "Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for His mercy." May we always recognize and use wisely the gifts of freedom and abundance He has showered upon us.

#### Today's Readings

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Ezekiel 2:2-5

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Mark 6: 1-6

#### Next Week's Readings

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Amos 7:12-15

Ephesians 1:3-14 or 1:3-10

Mark 6:7-13

Special Prayers or Intentions:  
Rose Marie 684-1052

#### This Week in the Parish

Wednesday, July 8 – Mass 7:00 PM

Saturday, July 11 – Mass 5:00 PM

Sunday, July 12 – Mass 10:00 AM

#### God puts the free in freedom

We find freedom when we find God

We lose it when we lose Him.

Paul Scherer

*From Sr. Joann,* Thanks to everyone who volunteered to occasionally fix a dish for our funeral lunches. We have had a good response. If you have not yet had a chance to complete a form, you can still do so. Just call the office or sign the list in the back of Church. I feel this ministry is vitally important to our parish community and a service everyone who is able should get involved within some way.



This weekend we celebrate Independence Day and the richness of the freedom with which we are blessed as citizens of this nation. While enjoying the fireworks and the laid back days of summer, take a few moments to give thanks for our country and our people. Remember especially those individuals who over the years have made our freedom possible.

It is the beginning of July and I am concerned with the response we have had so far for the 2009 CSA Campaign. As you are aware, our target goal is \$26,684. As of June 30<sup>th</sup>, we have only reached 85% of that goal with 68% of our parishioners responding. If the picture does not change, we will need to take \$4,209 from our 2009-2010 operating budget to pay for the difference. It was suggested that households give 1% of their income or a donation of \$175. Certainly, some can give more and some can give less. It is not too late to increase your pledge (perhaps paying on a monthly basis would be helpful). Even giving an extra, small amount would make a difference. We especially appreciate during these hard economic times, any help you can give. Campaign envelopes are available at the exits of church.

We offer our prayers and sympathy to Roger Scherzer on the death of his mother Gertrude. May she enjoy her new and eternal home.

I would like to thank everyone for all of the cards and prayers that I received after my recent surgery. God bless you all. . . . Audrey Wagner

**Check it out!** St. Hedwig's Parish website – You can get all your parish information anytime, anywhere. Our website contains current and previous bulletins, parish calendars, upcoming events, Mass schedules, pictures, a parishioner blog and much more! [www.sthedwigs.com](http://www.sthedwigs.com).

### Faith Formation

**All are welcome. . . .**

Vacation Bible School being held at Holy Trinity will be August 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30 to 11:30AM. You can get a registration form at Holy Trinity or on their website [www.holy-trinity-church.com](http://www.holy-trinity-church.com).

**BACS Fast Fact:** All Saints Central Middle School students participate in an all-play program. Students who meet attendance and academic standards will play in athletic contests.

Open enrollment continues for preschool thru grade 12 at Bay Area Catholic Schools. Call 894-8777 for more information. Tuition assistance is available.

BACS 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Golf Scramble: Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at the Bay City Country Club. Cost is \$150 which includes driving range, round of golf, cart, lunch, dinner and beverages on the course. For more information, call Sharon at 894-8777.

### RCIA

In September we will begin another year of our RCIA program, which brings new members into our Catholic faith community. Any person wishing to learn more about the Catholic faith, with a possibility of becoming a Catholic, is encouraged to call Sr. Joann at 893-1072.

### Win a trip

**St. Hedwig/Zion Lutheran Blood Drive,** All are welcome July 16, from 1-7 PM. Appointments preferred but not necessary. **Summer Prize Drawing:** Two winners each will get a trip for 2 to Las Vegas courtesy of Planet Hollywood plus one winner will get a weekend getaway to Little River Resort in Manistee, Michigan. Drawing will be held on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Please read and post the insert on your refrigerator as a reminder.

<u>Weekend Mass Schedule</u>	
<b>St. Mary's</b> –	Sat. 4:00 PM
	Sun. 8:30 & 11:00 AM
<b>Holy Trinity</b> –	Sat. 4:30 PM
	Sun. 8:30 & 10:30 AM

To find a Catholic parish when traveling call (410)-676-6000 or log onto [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org).

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Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

July 2009

St. Hedwig Parish

Sr. Joann Plumpe, Pastoral Administrator

## One Minute Meditations

### Keep the parish lights on

No matter where you go this summer, don't forget your parish back home. If you will be out of town on a Sunday, please make your weekly donation by mail before you leave. Your parish depends upon your help to pay the bills even when you're not home.

### Aching shoulders

When you see a need, prayerfully consider whether it's yours to fill. When leading the Israelites through the desert, Moses felt responsible for mediating disputes. The long lines of unhappy people soon exhausted him. Moses' father-in-law told him that by taking the whole job upon his shoulders, he was denying others the chance to serve God, too.

### Second chances

Don't give up if you feel you failed to please God. Remember St. Peter. Although he deserted Jesus when he was most needed, Jesus gave him another chance to affirm his love (John 20:19). He will do the same for you.

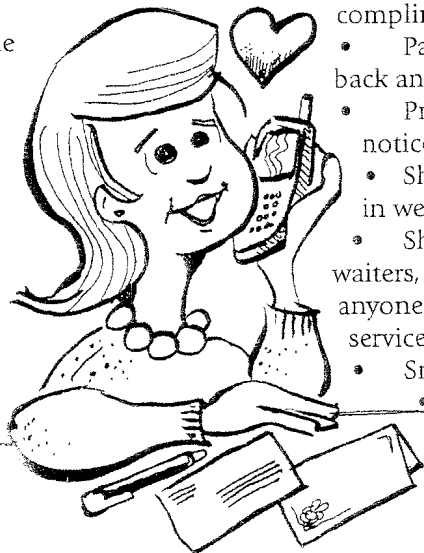


## Twenty easy ways to show love

*"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another"* (John 13:34-35).

Try some of these simple ways to show love:

- Let someone else go ahead of you in line.
- Call someone who was absent from work or a social gathering and tell him he was missed.
- Resist the urge to talk negatively about someone.
- Find something good in everyone.
- Always give a second chance.
- Ask "How are you?" and listen to the answer.
- Go an entire day without raising your voice in anger.
- Help someone carry a burden.
- Listen patiently. Don't interrupt or correct.
- Make others feel welcome.
  - Offer a sincere compliment each day.
  - Pat someone on the back and smile at her.
  - Praise others when you notice their success.
  - Shake someone's hand in welcome.
  - Show appreciation to waiters, receptionists, and anyone who works in a service capacity.
  - Smile at a stranger.
  - Treat everyone as if you like them – even if you don't.
  - Try to cheer up someone who is having a bad day.
- Write a "thank you" note when someone does a favor for you.
- Do a good deed for someone who can't repay you.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

## Why do Catholics pray?

As Catholics we know that God created us out of love and continually summons us to love him back. Prayer is our response to God's love.

Catholics pray because we believe in God's existence in our lives.



We pray because we have the hope that our salvation is coming. And we pray because during prayer the Holy Spirit brings us hope, joy, and peace.

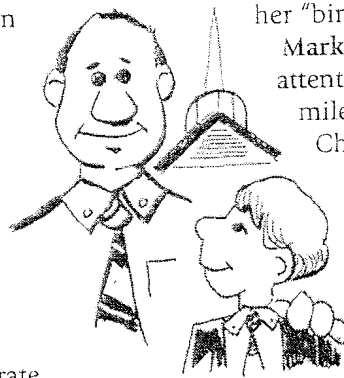
Prayer is what connects us to God directly, intimately, and lovingly.

# Help your godchild on the journey to Christ

God has called all of us to follow him. Yet when we are asked to be godparents, we are not only called to follow, we are called to lead. Aiding in a child's spiritual growth is an awesome responsibility but you can teach the importance of our faith in simple ways.

**Go to Mass.** Inviting your godchild to attend Sunday Mass with you is a great way to spend time together and show commitment to the faith.

**Send cards.** On the anniversary of the child's baptism each year, send a birthday card to celebrate



her "birth" into the life of Christ.

**Mark each sacrament received.** Offer lots of attention and support during these Catholic milestones. These are steps on our journey toward Christ.

**Prayer cards.** Promote prayer and a devotion to the saints by sending an occasional prayer card pertinent to his life situation.

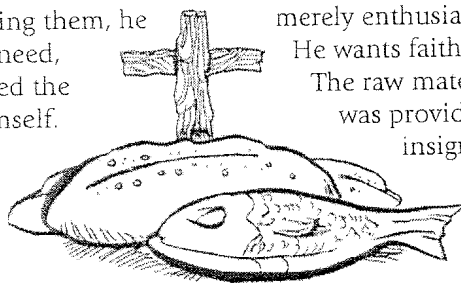
**Reevaluate your role.** Being a godparent doesn't stop at the Baptism celebration. It is a lifelong commitment. Remember to stay active into your godchild's adulthood.

## from Scripture

### John 6:1-15; the loaves and the fishes.

Jesus' fame spread because of the healings and other signs he performed. People came from all over hoping to share in the material benefits he offered. By feeding them, he met their physical need, but then also offered the eternal bread - himself.

The crowd was so awed by the miracles he performed, they wanted to make Jesus king. They thought that the miracles were proof that he was the "Prophet, the one who is to come into the world," in the final days (Deuteronomy 18:15, 18). After all,



the great prophet Moses fed the people with manna and Jesus used bread. But Jesus wasn't fooled by their enthusiasm and left quickly. He doesn't want merely enthusiasm from his followers.

He wants faith.

The raw material for this miracle was provided by a boy - an insignificant child. By choosing him, though, Jesus showed that nobody is insignificant when it comes to proclaiming

the gospel. So, what bread or fish can you offer to God? If you have true faith, whatever you offer just might become a miracle, too.

## Q & A I get flustered when I'm asked about my faith. Can you help?

One good way to be sure you can explain what you believe is to have solid information at your fingertips.

To start, read some common questions and answers about Catholic faith and practices by Church experts. For example, a popular series by Fr. Peter Stravinkas may be helpful. *The Catholic Answer Book* is published by Our Sunday Visitor books ([www.osv.com](http://www.osv.com), 800-348-2440). Or, ask your priest for a Church-approved recommendation.



Keep a copy of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* handy. It summarizes what we believe and why, with an excellent glossary to help navigate. Your

library may have one or you can buy it from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops ([www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org), 800-235-8722).

Start a record. Write down the answers to common questions you have been asked or wonder about yourself. Keep them in one place, like a notebook or on note cards, so you can refer to them often.

Don't forget to rely on the Holy Spirit. In fact, next time you are asked a tough question, let the Spirit do the talking.

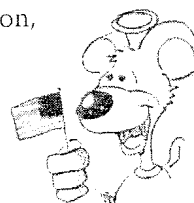
## Feasts & Celebrations

**July 2 - St. Thomas (1st century).** Known as "doubting Thomas" for requesting proof of the Resurrection, he made a beautiful profession of faith when he faced the truth (John 11:16). Tradition says that Thomas evangelized the Parthians, Medes, and Persians and India. He was martyred at Calamine.

**July 6 - St. Maria Goretti (1902).** Twelve year-old Maria was afraid of her neighbor but kept silent for fear of causing trouble for his family. One day, while alone, Maria was attacked by the neighbor who had evil intent toward her. He stabbed her when she

wouldn't submit. Still, she forgave him before she died just hours later. Her attacker dreamed of Maria while he was in prison and repented. His first act when released 30 years later, was to beg her mother's forgiveness. He attended and wept tears of joy at Maria's canonization.

**July 26 - St. Joachim and St. Anne (?).** Little is known about Jesus' grandparents, but we know Mary was raised in a devout home. Her unshakeable faith, her devotion to the laws of her religion, and her steadiness in moments of crisis indicate the values with which she was raised.



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