

# St. John Vianney Parish

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## OUR MISSION

We, the Faith community of St. John Vianney, are called by God to be a people of prayer, to live the Word, and to celebrate the Sacraments. We commit ourselves to become a warm and welcoming community, reaching out to others in need. By calling forth the varieties of gifts, talents, and ministries, we seek to provide an open environment with opportunities for all to grow in holiness and loving service.

[www.sjvflint.com](http://www.sjvflint.com) (Church)

68th Anniversary

[www.sjvkids.com](http://www.sjvkids.com) (School)

## Diocesan Services Appeal

Today is Commitment Weekend for our Diocesan Services Appeal. Our parish goal - as always - is 100% participation, not just the thirty to forty percent that are always helping. Can you imagine the additional good works that can be accomplished with just a 10% increase in the number of donors in our parish? In order to achieve our 2009 parish goal of \$46,288.00 each of us must give as generously as possible, according to our means. St. John Vianney Church's DSA 2008 Goal was \$48,355; our 2008 Total Pledged was \$47,341. The programs, services and ministries supported by our Diocesan Services Appeal are intended to meet the needs of Catholics in our Diocese of Lansing. The Church serves each of us, and our financial support is needed to continue God's work here in our parish and in our diocese. This year, 50% of all paid pledges in excess of our parish goal, will come back to our parish for local use.

## VBS Volunteer Meeting



VBS VOLUNTEERS

A meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 5th at 6:30 in the church conference room for anyone interested in volunteering at Vacation Bible School this summer.

We need many volunteers to make this a successful event for the children of our parish, school and neighborhood. If you have a talent to share or time to give during the week of June 22nd - 26th, please join us for this very important meeting on May 5th.

St. Luke N.E.W. Life Center Inc., 239-8710,  
3115 Lawndale Ave., Flint, MI 48504-2627.

## F.R.E.P. Reminder

Next Sunday, May 3rd marks the final meeting of families at St. John Vianney's Family Religious Education Program. The F.R.E.P. program has grown leaps and bounds during the last three years in quality and numbers of families participating! To that end, all families who participated in the F.R.E.P. program this year are encouraged to attend next Sunday for the GRAND FINALE session designated this year as a festival of activity for all who attend. Please remember to bring a 4" x 6" family snapshot or photograph for a special St. John Vianney Annual F.R.E.P. Portfolio Book. If you have any questions please contact Randy Petrides.

## PPC and Commissions

The Parish Pastoral Council and the Commissions will meet this Monday, April 27th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center and Community Room. If you have any ideas or concerns, which you feel the Council or Commissions should be aware of, please let us know. We are here to serve the needs of all parishioners.

## Guardian Angels

If you are interested in learning about the Guardian Angel Ministry, please join us for our next meeting. We will be meeting in the Community Room on **Thursday, March 30, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.** We are in need of additional drivers. If you would like to help with this ministry, please join us on Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.



*Please Continue to Pray for  
Our Military and Their Families*

**LORD,**  
*Let Your Face Shine On Us.*

We all fail at times to live the Gospel as we should. Sometimes, we even do things that are sinful. That is no reason to quit trying or give into despair. Jesus has already died for our sins and we have been forgiven. The only question is: Are we willing to accept forgiveness? To do that we must acknowledge our failures and seek to do better. We cannot accept forgiveness if we do not believe we need to be forgiven. We cannot forgive others until we know the depths of the forgiveness we have received. It is in the midst of failure, that we most often discover the unending love of God.

*Know that the Lord does wonders for his faithful one;  
the Lord will hear me when I call upon him.  
- PSALM 4:3*

**Please Pray For Our Parish Family,** all who are sick, especially the shut-ins, the lonely and the bereaved, that they may be comforted. Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed.

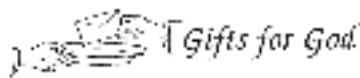


**Food Collection - May 2 & 3**

As always, we are seeking your generous help for our food pantry. Suggestions this month includes coffee (small cans), salad dressing, pancake mix, syrup, and catsup. May God Bless everyone for their support!

**Thank You**

The family of Frank Gilsdorf would like to thank the St. John Vianney parish family for all of your prayers and support over the last few weeks. Frank's Funeral Mass and music were beautiful and those who helped with the luncheon are part of a wonderful ministry at St. John's and we give you all our heartfelt thanks.



<b>Stewardship of Treasure, April 19, 2009</b> .....	<b>\$9,405.50</b>
<b>Easter Collection</b> .....	<b>\$307.50</b>
<b>Easter Loose Collection</b> .....	<b>\$15.00</b>
<b>Visitors</b> .....	<b>\$131.00</b>
<b>Children's Stewardship (10 Envelopes)</b> .....	<b>\$15.00</b>
<b>Easter Offering</b> .....	<b>\$490.00</b>
<b>Easter Flowers</b> .....	<b>\$20.00</b>
<b>Good Friday</b> .....	<b>\$128.00</b>
<b>Genesee Lenten Appeal</b> .....	<b>\$280.00</b>
<b>Mother's Day Novena</b> .....	<b>\$30.00</b>
<b>Book Rack</b> .....	<b>\$9.45</b>
<b>Total Weekly Collection</b> .....	<b>\$10,816.45</b>
<b>St. Vincent de Paul Poor Boxes</b> .....	<b>\$39.11</b>

The disciples in today's Gospel came to know Jesus in the breaking of the bread. When we share what we have with those who are in need, we, too, will discover Jesus in our midst.

**An Easter Thank-You**

Our special thanks and appreciation go to the great group of musicians who added so much to the Easter music! They are: Melissa Anderson (flute, at the Vigil, 8:00 & 11:00 on Easter), Elisira Auchter (cello, at the Vigil), Natalina Auchter (trombone, at the Vigil--and their mother, Jane, who sang with the Choir at the Vigil), Matt Racette (trombone, at the 8:00 & 11:00 Easter Masses), Tim Smela (trumpet, at the Vigil), and Tony Smela (trumpet, at the Vigil, 8:00 & 11:00 masses). Your participation was greatly appreciated and enjoyed. Well done!

Meg, Ron, and the Choir

**Mother's Day Dinner**

Want to treat mom to dinner for Mother's Day for FREE? In honor of Mother's day the Parish Life Commission will be hosting Dinner for all mothers and their families. Give mom the night off and join us for a Mother's Day celebration on May 9th at 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. There will be no charge for the meal, donations are always welcomed.



**Novena of Masses**

Mother's Day is a special day when we remember and thank all the significant women in our lives...mothers, grandmothers, sisters, aunts, women religious, etc. In the Church entrance you will find some Mass remembrance cards for Mother's Day which come with matching envelopes as well as offering envelopes. Complete the offering envelope and put it in the collection basket or drop it at the office. There will be a special Novena of Masses offered for all the intentions requested.



**Graduation Breakfast**

Attention all High School Seniors, College Grads and 8th Graders: The annual graduation Mass and Breakfast is coming up. It will be on Sunday, June 7 with Breakfast at 9:30 am in the Parish Center and Mass to follow at 11:00. Your entire family is invited to attend. Please contact Maureen Kelsey at 235-1812 X218 or [sjvyouthgroup@yahoo.com](mailto:sjvyouthgroup@yahoo.com) to RSVP with the name of your graduate and the number of those attending by May 31. Also, as has been the tradition, I am asking for any and all 7th grade and 11th grade students and families to help with this event. I need help with set up on Saturday, June 6, and cooking, serving, and clean-up on June 6th. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Maureen at 235-1812 X218 or [sjvyouthgroup@yahoo.com](mailto:sjvyouthgroup@yahoo.com).

**Vacation Bible School**

Hey kids, looking for something FUN to do this summer? Please join us for "Son" Rock Kids Camp this summer where kids build their lives on The Rock: Jesus! VBS will take place June 22-26 this summer for children who will be in grades K-6th grade next fall. Registration forms are available in this bulletin and in the back of church. Please turn them in at the church office or in the Sunday collection. Many volunteers, young and old, will be needed to make this the best "camp" experience for our children. If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, please contact Lisa Burgess @ 659-4027 or [burgess5147@yahoo.com](mailto:burgess5147@yahoo.com) or Maureen Kelsey @ [sjvyouthgroup@yahoo.com](mailto:sjvyouthgroup@yahoo.com).



## Liturgy Intentions For The Week

### MONDAY, APRIL 27 - WEEKDAY

10:30 a.m. Robert G. Davis (19th Anniversary) by  
Delcie Davis and Family

### TUESDAY, APRIL 28 - WEEKDAY

8:00 a.m. Harry Hopkins by Martha Romanowski

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29 - ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

10:30 a.m. Toni Sibilsky by her Family

### THURSDAY, APRIL 30 - WEEKDAY

8:00 a.m. Lauretta Mulcahy by Frank and Frances  
Kemeny

### FRIDAY, MAY 1 - WEEKDAY

10:30 a.m. Beebe Moss Staff and Students of St.  
John Vianney School

### SATURDAY, MAY 2 - VIGIL, FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

4:00 p.m. Alice Cox by Rose Marie Hickey

### SUNDAY, MAY 3 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 a.m. Feehan and O'Connor Families by  
Patrick and Sharon O'Connor

11:00 a.m. Madeline Sundwick Tucker by St. John  
Vianney's Choir

7:00 p.m. Our St. John Vianney Parish Family



## READINGS FOR MAY 3 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ACTS 4:8-12

PSALM 118

1 JOHN 3:1-2

JOHN 1:11-18

## Third Sunday of Easter

"Lord let your face shine on us.

Psalm 4

Once again this week the readings proclaim the news of the Risen Lord. They give each of us a sense of hope and promise.

The first reading gives that sense of hope and promise through Peter's account of the events of the past days. Peter allows the people and each of us to be confident of God's saving mercy to each of us. We are called to repent and allow God's spirit to dwell and guide us.

The second reading gives that sense of hope and freedom expressed by the Risen Jesus in the early days and to each one of us here and now.

The gospel gives the account of the disciples meeting with Jesus and their belief made real in the experience of the breaking of the bread. Once again Jesus appears and extends peace to the disciples and each of us. Like the disciples we today are afraid and sometimes do not understand the events. Again he shares with each of us the bread of life given for us. We too are called to partake in this gift of everlasting life. As we celebrate these weeks of Easter joy and promise let us make new and firm our belief and participation in the gift of life each Sunday.

What holds us back from sharing with the community each week? We like the early community need to be nourished at the table of the Lord.

Sr. Eileen



In Our Parish

### MONDAY, APRIL 27

7:00 p.m. PPC & Commissions (PC & CR)

### TUESDAY, APRIL 28

6:00 p.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help (CH)

6:30 p.m. Gospel Choir Practice (CH)

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

8:00 a.m. St. Joseph Workers

7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 30

10:00 a.m. Bible Study (CR)

6:30 p.m. Choir Practice (CH)

7:00 p.m. Guardian Angels Meeting (CR)

### FRIDAY, MAY 1

8:45 a.m. North End Soup Kitchen Ministry

10:30 a.m. School Mass

6:30 p.m. Bingo - Fisher Hall (Team #2)

### SATURDAY, MAY 2

Food Collection

2:00 p.m. Rosary at Kith Haven

5:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

### SUNDAY, MAY 3

Food Collection

9:00 a.m. F.R.E.P. (Cafeteria)

11:00 a.m. Solemn First Communion Mass

## Altar Servers

### Adult Server for April 27-May 1

8:00 a.m. Gerald Starkey

### Saturday, May 2

4:00 p.m. Barbara Davidek & Tyler Lowe

### Sunday, May 3

8:00 a.m. Paul Drevon & Steve Rabatin

11:00 a.m. Eric & Michelle Deitering

7:00 p.m. Luke & Mitchell Milne

## Altar Care

Our Altar Care ministry has decided to go back to 5 teams of volunteers. You will no longer meet at a set time or day each week, you may come on the day and time that is convenient for you. Each week the Altar Care team will be listed in the bulletin for your convenience. Altar Care Team # 3 is schedule for the week of April 27-May 1. Thank you.

## Prayer Chain Ministry

"Prayer Chain requests are welcome any time." Call Joyce at 810-630-0506, or Pat at 810-635-3716, or the church office at 235-1812. If you would like to have your request added to the bulletin so that more people can pray for you, please let the church office know. Thank you.

## Gospel Choir in Concert

Flint Catholic Urban Ministry Inter-faith Gospel Choir will be in concert on Sunday, May 3rd, at 4:00 p.m. at Christ The King Catholic Church, 1811 Seymour St., Flint, MI. This year's annual spring concert is entitled, "Thirst" will be wonderful to end our Sunday worship. Reception following in church hall. All are welcome.