

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 (Church)

67th Anniversary

www.sjvkids.com (School)

"ST. JOHN VIANNEY, PRAY FOR US."

On this the Feast of St. John Vianney, it is a good time to say thank you to everyone – all the parishioners who make St. John Vianney Parish such a very special place to worship. Every person gives a little sermon/homily each time we gather by showing a warm welcome and a kind word. We bring the Gospel – the teachings of Jesus to life by living the message not simply talking about it. To all who give of their time and talent to the parish – thank you. The list of volunteers is endless and without each person we could never accomplish all that we do as a parish. In the name of St. John Vianney, thank you everyone.



A body is made up of many parts, and each of them has its own use. That's how it is with us. There are many of us, but we each are part of the body of Christ, as well as part of one another.

Romans 12:4-5

Please join us after the **8:00 a.m.** and **11:00 a.m.** masses today for coffee, donuts and fellowship with our community.

HAPPY FEAST DAY!

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL MINISTERS...

Lectors... Eucharistic... Hospitality... Ushers... Altar Servers
We would ask that all ministers be at church at least 15 minutes before the time of Mass. If you are not able to keep your scheduled time Please get a person to take your place. Parents of student altar servers...Please if your son or daughter is not able to keep their time for serving they need to find a student to take their place. This summer there were times that we needed to find a server just as Mass was to begin. This will help our liturgical celebration be a meaningful expression of our faith as a community.

Thank you...

ANNUAL SENIOR DAY OF APPRECIATION

The Genesee County Catholic Council on Aging is sponsoring the "Annual Senior Day of Appreciation" on Tuesday, September 16, 2008. At: St. John the Evangelist, 404 Dayton Street, Davison, MI. We are honored to have Bishop Earl Boyea, as our Celebrant for the mass which will be held at 11:00 a.m. A luncheon will follow and the cost for the tickets will be \$6.00. Reservations must be made by: September 5, 2008. Please contact the parish office 235-1812, Barbara or Jim Cole, 810-235-1093. All Seniors Welcome.

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

"Prayer Chain requests are welcome any time." Call Joyce at 810-630-0506, or Pat 810-635-3716, or the church office at 235-1812.



Nothing can separate us from the love of God. No matter what may be happening in our lives, no matter how many stupid, thoughtless things we may have done, God still loves us and is ready to give us the grace we need at the moment. This is the most profound and amazing fit we have been given and it is difficult for us to understand or even accept it. Every moment of every day, God offers us his love and grace. The only thing we need to do is accept it - not "earn" it. The more open we become to God's love and grace, the more peaceful our spirit becomes and the better we can cope with whatever happens in our life. Do you believe in God's love ?

*All who are thirsty, come to the water!
- ISAIAH 55:1*

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY,

as we enjoy the days of summer we urge you to keep all who are sick, the shut-ins, the lonely and the bereaved, in your prayers so that they may be comforted. Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed.



PRAYER REQUESTS



ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are donated this weekend in loving memory of Alex Crane by Nadine.

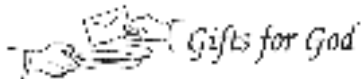
Thank you for your generosity.

DIOCESAN PUBLICATIONS

Greg Pope, representing **DIOCESAN PUBLICATIONS** (Our Bulletin Publisher) will be here at the parish this week. He will be renewing present advertisements and seeking new ones. If interested please call the parish office. We feel this is an excellent service and that the sponsors get good coverage with their ads. **THANKS TO YOU**, and **DIOCESAN PUBLICATIONS**, the bulletin is published weekly at no cost to the parish.



Please Continue to Pray for Our Military and Their Families



Stewardship of Treasure, July 27, 2008	\$6,907.00
Loose Collection	\$260.00
Children's Stewardship (13 Envelopes).....	\$15.00
Peter's Pence.....	\$20.00
Total Weekly Collection	\$7,202.00
St. Vincent de Paul Poor Boxes	\$30.73

In today's Gospel, Jesus feeds the five thousand with five loaves and two fish. The message of stewardship is that God's gifts, shared, will always be more than enough.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs." Psalm 145

The readings this week speak of God's loving care for each of us. As we continue to embrace the new realities of our faith community they speak a powerful message for our reflection and prayer.

The first reading from Isaiah speaks of God's graciousness to all people. We often seek for things of this world. But God's promise is one that will sustain us for all time. We are invited as parishes to stand-up to the challenges and blessings that await us in the days and weeks ahead. This call from our God invites us into that promise of God's love and care for each of us.

The second reading speaks again of God's providence and care. When we hold on to that promise, that love, it will enable us to be healed and made whole through our new experiences of community. Let us not fear or doubt, block our view, our acceptance of this experience of growth as God's people here and now.

The gospel tells of Jesus seeking some time for silence and solitude after the death of John the Baptist. But the people followed seeking to be fed, healed of their hunger and pain. Jesus responded to the people with compassion and care. He fed them with ordinary food. We too seek Jesus to be fed and healed during this time. Jesus feeds us with his own body and blood, food that will nourish us into ever lasting life. Let us not forget or neglect this gift given to each of us. We will be made whole and renewed as a faith community in the days and weeks ahead.

Remember Hold Fast to Hope.

Sr. Eileen

2008 WOMEN'S RETREAT



The women of our parish are invited to their annual retreat at St. Francis Retreat Center on September 19-21, 2008. The theme for Retreat 2008 is "JESUS: EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW". By looking at this Jesus who belongs to all humanity, may we see him more clearly, love him more dearly, and live our faith more deeply. His life and mission is as much for us today as it was for his contemporaries. So come be with him on this retreat. Retreatants may register by calling Pat Slackta at (810) 635-3716, the Retreat Center at 517-669-8321 or toll free at 866-669-8321. You may also register by visiting our web site www.stfrancis.ws. Suggested donation for the weekend is \$130.00.

THE 15TH ANNUAL SUMMER SCRIPTURE

DAYS are scheduled for August 12 - 14, 2008 in Bethany House at St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt. Rev. John McDermott, S.J. will present "Getting to Know Jesus Through the Gospel According to Mark". Brochures and registration information are available in the parish office or contact Catholic Charities at 517-342-2465.



Masses For The Week

MONDAY, AUGUST 4 - ST. JOHN MARY VIANNEY
10:30 a.m. Lottie Loje by the Fox Family

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5 - WEEKDAY
8:00 a.m. Sharon Hartwick by Margaret Race

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6 - THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION
10:30 a.m. Juanita Pauldine by John Pauldine

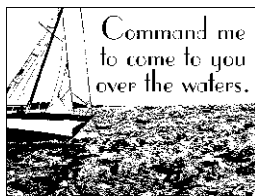
THURSDAY, AUGUST 7 - WEEKDAY
8:00 a.m. Diane de Keratry by Peter de Keratry

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8 - ST. DOMINIC
10:30 a.m. Louise Foudila by the St. Joseph Guild

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9 - VIGIL, NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:00 p.m. Pat Behan by Betty Haley

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10 - NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 a.m. Our St. John Vianney Parish Family
11:00 a.m. Margaret (1st Anniversary) and Tom LaBranche (1st Anniversary) by Joanne and Bob
7:00 p.m. Marilyn Thick by her Family

READINGS FOR AUGUST 10



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 KINGS 19:9A, 11-13A
PSALM 85
ROMANS 9:1-5
MATTHEW 14:22-33

FAMILY FUN FEST

Genesee Area Family Fun Fest held at St. Pius X Church on Hogarth Ave. Friday, August 8, 5 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, August 9, 12:00 noon to 12:00 midnight, and Sunday, August 10, 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. Food, rides, games, white elephant, raffles, and entertainment: Friday is Irish Night; Saturday, Jim & Betty Hendrick and CRC Boderline; Sunday 11:30 a.m. Polka Mass; Polish Music, Polish food. Call St. Pius X for more information 235-8574.

PETER'S PENCE 2008 COLLECTION

Next week, our parish will participate in the Peter's Pence Collection for the Works of the Holy Father. **Christ Our Hope** is the theme for this year's Peter's Pence Collection. The Peter's Pence Collection enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to the needy throughout the world, especially those who suffer as a result of war, oppression, disease, and natural disaster. The theme chosen for this year's collection echoes that of the Holy Father's apostolic journey to the U.S. last April and reflects the message of his encyclical letter *Spe Salvi*: An invitation for people to encounter Jesus Christ personally. In the encyclical, Pope Benedict said that faith in Christ brings well-founded hope in eternal salvation, the "great hope" that can sustain people through the trials of this world. Archbishop John G. Vlazny of Portland, Oregon, Chairman of the USCCB Committee on National Collections noted Catholics generosity. "We extend our gratitude to the Catholic faithful who stand in solidarity with the needs of Catholics around the world," he said. "Their generous contributions to the Peter's Pence Collection connect them to a centuries-old tradition of providing financial support to the works of the Holy Father. We are also grateful for the leadership of bishops, pastors, and Catholic communicators in this effort." The worldwide Peter's Pence Collection began as a "pence" (collection of pennies) in ninth-century England, when King Alfred the Great collected monies from English landowners as financial support for the Pope. Pope Pius IX formally instituted the modern Peter's Pence Collection in the 1860s. Special appeals have since been held in many countries on the Sunday closest to June 29, the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul. The tradition of an annual collection continues today for the charitable works of the Holy Father. Last year the U.S. dioceses reported sending over \$1.6 million to the Holy Father for this collection. This amount is almost a 6% increase from 2006.



This Week in our Parish

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

8:00 a.m. St. Joseph Workers

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

6:30 p.m. Bingo - Fisher Hall (Team #4)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

5:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation



ALTAR CARE

Team # 4: Mary Cady, Shirley Seidel, Joyce Rentschler, and Phyllis Bachman.

Thank you!

ALTAR SERVERS

Adult Server for August 4-8

8:00 a.m. Dick Chimner

Saturday, August 9

4:00 p.m. Patrick & Sean Mulqueen

Sunday, August 10

8:00 a.m. Matthew George & Paul Drevon

11:00 a.m. Michelle & Eric Deitering

7:00 p.m. Joshua & Kristopher Miller



PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to St. John Vianney. Are you new to the parish or attending Mass here regularly and wish to register? Please register at the Parish Office during weekly office hours between 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. or call 235-1812. Also a reminder to parishioners, please notify us of any change of address or phone number. Thank you.

TEACHER POSITION

St. Paul School, Owosso, is seeking a teacher for its middle school program. The qualified candidate will be a practicing Catholic with teaching experience, a strong academic background, and a commitment to Catholic educational philosophy. Teachers with certifications in 6th grade, history/social studies, physical education, and/or Spanish are especially encouraged to apply. Please fax or e-mail a resume to Fr. John Fain at 1-989-723-9503 or fainowos@aol.com. For questions, please contact Principal Merry Jane Robertson at 1-989-725-7766.

