

# St. John Vianney Parish

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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)

67th Anniversary

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

## ***Do You Want To Become A Catholic?***

R.C.I.A. - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults - is a process for those adults interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith in order to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

This process is for all men and women who are not baptized, or baptized in another Christian church but in need of further instruction and initiation, or those baptized in the Catholic church but needing more instruction to complete the sacraments of Initiation. Persons never baptized are referred to as Catechumens, while those previously baptized are called Candidates.

## **Seven Reasons To Join R.C.I.A.**

(Why seven? Seven is a Holy number in the Old Testament.)

1. You're marrying a Catholic. (Sharing and practicing your faith together is a great foundation to marriage.)
2. You're already married to a Catholic and your kids are being raised Catholic. (It's natural to want to share in the sacramental experiences of your loved one's.)
3. You're children are being raised Catholic and you just want to learn more about the tradition without actually becoming Catholic. (Please join us but you might be surprised at what happens!)
4. You've lived in a "Catholic World" all your life. (This program is for people of all ages. Every year someone joins us whom everyone in the Parish assumed was already Catholic!)
5. You don't know much about Catholicism but you have a friend or neighbor who has inspired you to learn more. (Actions speak louder than words.)
6. You've suffered through a personal loss and are seeking to improve your faith life. ("Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.")
7. You don't know why, you just feel something calling you to church. (It's the Holy Spirit...listen to it.)

It is important that I have time to meet the persons interested in the process before we begin in September. If you have any questions please give me a call at 235-1812 or submit their names.

Thank you, Sister Eileen

## ***Give Your Child or Grandchild the Gift of Catholic Education***

Please call (235-5687) or visit St. John Vianney Catholic School at [SJVkids.com](http://SJVkids.com) to learn how we make a difference in a child's educational and spiritual development. Priests, faculty, and parents work together to ensure that each child is guided in his or her faith formation as well as preparation for the world today. Our mission is to bring the children to Jesus.



Today's Gospel recounts the story of a Canaanite woman who asks Jesus to help her daughter who was possessed by a demon. Although Jesus ignores her, she keeps after him and in the end her faith is rewarded. It is easy to think that our time and energy should be devoted to those in our own community and ignore the needs of others. But that is not what discipleship is about. We are called to serve others according to the talents and resources we have. It is not required that we even like those who need help. It is not our place to judge their "worthiness." We are simply to do what we can to help others.

*Thus says the Lord: Observe what is right, do what is just.*

- ISAIAH 56:1

**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

**Thank You!**

Last week our representative from Diocesan Publications was here securing ads for next years' bulletin. Because of this our bulletin is brought to us each week without cost to the parish. Please be mindful of these business people who support our parish. It is important that we use their businesses when we need the particular service they provide. In doing so they will be more apt to advertise with our parish in the future.

PLEASE BE SURE TO SUPPORT THESE PEOPLE WHEN YOU NEED THEIR SERVICE. THANK THEM FOR ADVERTISING IN OUR SUNDAY BULLETIN.

**Peter's Pence**

Thank you for your generous contributions to the 2008 Collection for the Works of the Holy Father. Your participation is an act of love and solidarity and we are most grateful. May God bless you.



<b>Stewardship of Treasure, August 10, 2008.....</b>	<b>\$8,205.00</b>
<b>Loose Collection .....</b>	<b>\$532.00</b>
<b>Children's Stewardship (8 Envelopes).....</b>	<b>\$13.00</b>
<b>Assumption.....</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b>Peter's Pence.....</b>	<b>\$1,097.00</b>
<b>Book Rack.....</b>	<b>\$24.00</b>
<b>Total Weekly Collection.....</b>	<b>\$9,896.00</b>
<b>St. Vincent de Paul Poor Boxes.....</b>	<b>\$132.39</b>

*In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Romans, "God's gifts and his call are irrevocable." To what is God calling me today? What gifts are mine to share?*

**TWENTIETHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

"The gifts and the call of God are irrevocable."  
Romans 11

The reading for Isaiah tells of the prophet striving to enable the people to expand their horizons to the universal call to all people as God's people. We too as parishes are called upon at this time to widen our horizons, our ability to look beyond our boundaries and welcome and accept God's call to celebrate together in a new way.

The gospel tells of Jesus once again going to a new region, a new place. There he meets the woman seeking healing for her daughter. Jesus seems at first to not respond to her request. But the woman has faith and stays with her intention, her desire to have Jesus answer her request. We too need to stay with the process and allow God's Spirit to touch our hearts and lives as we move forward to a new call, a new experience of community.

Remember Hold On To Hope...

Sr. Eileen

**"Give us a Try!"**

Starting in September, we gather on the second Wednesday of each month for the 10:30 a.m. mass followed with a Potluck lunch in the Parish Center. We would like to have all youngsters and oldsters join us for good food and good company. As the song sings "All are welcome, in this place"!

**SJV SOFTBALL**

"The St. John Vianney softball team finished the regular season with a 6-6 record. Unfortunately the tournament did not end in our favor, and we were eliminated in the 2nd round. Overall, we had a great time coming together in fellowship during the beautiful summer days. We are looking forward to continuing next season, and hope to draw in some new players! Keep your eyes open next spring for softball announcements...all are welcome!!!!"

**NEW AND OLD CALVARY CATHOLIC CEMETERY**

New and Old Calvary Catholic Cemetery would like anyone who is interested in being placed on our mailing list to receive our Newsletter, the "Saint Callistus Herald," to please contact the Cemetery Office at 810-732-2620, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Our next newsletter will be mailed at the beginning of September. The Saint Callistus Herald contains news and updates regarding New and Old Calvary Catholic Cemeteries in Flint and St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Lansing.

**BISHOP'S GOLF CLASSIC**

The Bishop's Golf Classic is Tuesday, September 9, 2008, at Hawk Hollow and Eagle Eye. A 10:00 a.m. shotgun start on both courses. Honorary Hosts are Knights of Columbus Councils of the Catholic Diocese of Lansing. The proceeds are for seminarian education. For registration or sponsorship please call 517-342-2503 or e-mail [pohearn@dioceseoflansing.org](mailto:pohearn@dioceseoflansing.org).





*This Week in our Parish*

**MONDAY, AUGUST 18 - WEEKDAY**

10:30 a.m. Conor Moran (2nd Anniversary) by his grandparents, Mike and Pat Coe

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 19 - WEEKDAY**

8:00 a.m. Charles Zeilinger by his Family  
10:30 a.m. Kith Haven Mass - Fr. Bill Lamphere

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20 - ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX**

10:30 a.m. Rose Jackovich by Gene Jackovich

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 21 - POPE PIUS X**

8:00 a.m. Deacon William Everett

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 22 - THE QUEENSHIP OF MARY**

10:30 a.m. Marv and Ginny Thomas ((1st Anniversary) by their Family

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 23 - VIGIL, TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

4:00 p.m. Dona Peterson by Lorna Coe, Lucille Coe and Family

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 24 - TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00 a.m. Charles Davis by Martha Legallet  
11:00 a.m. Maria Giles by Phyllis Bachman  
7:00 p.m. Our St. John Vianney Parish Family



*Schedule of Events*

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 19**

10:30 a.m. Kith Haven Mass

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20**

8:00 a.m. St. Joseph Workers  
10:30 a.m. Mass of the Anointing

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 21**

12:00 p.m. FACT Meeting (CR)

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 22**

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

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 23**

CRIM Race  
5:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Adult Server for August 18-22**

8:00 a.m. Gerald Starkey

**Saturday, August 23**

4:00 p.m. Sean & Patrick Mulqueen

**Sunday, August 24**

8:00 a.m. Mike McCarthy & Richard Chimney  
11:00 a.m. Haley Borrow & Barbara Davidek  
7:00 p.m. Aidan & Lily Hudgens



**ALTAR CARE**

Team # 1: Joene McAuliffe & Olisa Ward.

Thank you!

**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](http://www.stfrancis.ws). Suggested donation for the weekend is \$130.00.

**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 Church, 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.

**READINGS FOR AUGUST 24**

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

ISAIAH 22:19-23

PSALM 138

ROMANS 11:33-36

MATTHEW 16:13-21



**CELL PHONE & EYE GLASS COLLECTION**

Just a reminder that SJV is continually collecting cell phones & eye glasses. For your convenience a box has been placed in the vestibule of the church. Please feel free to drop off cell phones and chargers, as well as any extra eye glasses in the box that has been provided. The Christian Service Commission will make sure the items are distributed to agencies that will benefit from the donations.

**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.

**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.