

# 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 variety 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)

## CELL PHONE & EYE GLASS COLLECTION



Your Christian Service Commission still maintains a basket in the foyer of the church, for the collection of used, and no longer needed eye glasses and cell phones. This is an ongoing project of this commission. For 2008, we have had 80 cell phones and 84 pair of eye glasses donated so far. With the start of the new school year, and the holidays are not far off, many children and adults will be getting new glasses and phones. We will be glad to take your used items and have them recycled and put to use for people less fortunate. Thank you!



## GUARDIAN ANGELS

Our St. John Vianney Guardian Angel Ministry was established for the purpose of providing transportation primarily to Mass, doctors' offices, and some local errands for those parishioners who cannot provide for themselves. With the consolidation of the parishes, we have an expanded opportunity to serve our parish members. If you are willing to spend time, are able to drive and are willing to make a commitment to this program, we welcome you to our first meeting of the season on September 4, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room. At the same time, if you need help in getting to Mass, contact the parish office two or three days prior to the need and we will do our best to fill your request.

## WEEKEND GET-AWAY

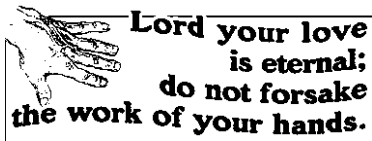
Do you wish you had more time with fewer distractions to spend in harmony with Jesus? A weekend retreat offers exactly that as you refresh your mind and soul. Women of SJV are invited to join women from the Flint parishes of St. Michael, St. Mary, St. Luke, Christ the King, Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Leo, St. Matthew, and the parishes of St. Mark the Evangelist, Goodrich, Immaculate Conception, Milan, and St. Joseph, Dexter for "Jesus: Ever Ancient, Ever New."



**September 19-21, 2008: St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt, Michigan.** The suggested donation is \$130 (two nights, six meals, five to seven presentations by various religious leaders). If financial concerns are keeping you from attending, please call to ask about the SJV limited scholarship funding. Carpool transportation is also available. For questions or to register, please call Pat Slackta, (810) 635-3716.

## "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"!



Who is Jesus to you? Is he a miracle worker, judge, superhuman, or a friend? We cannot take walks or sit down and chat with Jesus. We know the stories about his life and teachings; but that all happened a long time ago. Still, Jesus is with us inviting us to spend time with him and learn from him. Consider your relationship with Jesus and pray for the grace to allow Jesus to be your best friend and counselor.

*When I called, you answered me; you built up strength within me.*  
-PSALM 138:3



**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The altar flowers for this weekend are donated in honor of Dr. Samuel and Janice Dismond's 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Thank you for your generosity!

**THANK YOU**

The family of Christine Ann Care wishes to thank Father Tom for his wonderful homily. To all who gave their prayers and support and to the luncheon crew you did a magnificent job. Thank you to all.

**RIGHT TO LIFE THANK YOU!**

Our heartfelt thank you to your congregation for the contribution they have made to our local pro life ministry. The statistics for 2007 have just been released by the Michigan Department of Community Health, and abortions in Genesee County decreased, again, for the fifth consecutive year. During the past five years, we have put up 120 billboards exposing the truth about abortion, and they are working. We give all of the glory to God, and because we design our own billboards, we know that He inspires the theme for each board. They have saved many babies; twins last week. We are happy to report to you that your church's Baby Bottle total giving is \$2,378.51, and it will be a blessing to our ministry on behalf of the unborn.



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| <b>Stewardship of Treasure, August 17, 2008.....</b> | <b>\$6,693.00</b> |
| <b>Loose Collection .....</b>                        | <b>\$323.00</b>   |
| <b>Children's Stewardship (6 Envelopes).....</b>     | <b>\$10.00</b>    |
| <b>Assumption.....</b>                               | <b>\$673.00</b>   |
| <b>Peter's Pence.....</b>                            | <b>\$40.00</b>    |
| <b>Total Weekly Collection.....</b>                  | <b>\$7,739.00</b> |
| <b>St. Vincent de Paul Poor Boxes .....</b>          | <b>\$25.26</b>    |

*In today's readings, St. Paul reminds the Romans -- and us -- that all things come from God: "For from Him and through Him and for Him all things are." Good stewards understand that all is a gift and share generously the gifts of time, talent, and treasure with which they've been blessed.*

Hi!

The funerals for our beloved Churches are now over. We will keep the history and memory of the three parishes of Sacred Heart, St. Luke's, and St. Agnes alive because the people who participated in those parishes are part of the Communion of Saints. It is now time for us to get to know one another. And we need to open our ministries and volunteer services to our new parishioners. We also may incorporate some of their ministries and volunteer organizations into our structure. We all need a new start a new opportunity to serve the Lord.

So on September 22<sup>nd</sup> I propose a parish fair in which we come together for dinner and take the opportunity to see all the possible ministries and volunteer opportunities that we offer. People can sign up on those nights; anyone who is interested and not able to attend the fair should just stop by the office and we can assist you in learning about the many service opportunities we have here at our parish. Please RSVP to our office by September 17<sup>th</sup> and even if you are not interested in volunteering just come to meet your fellow parishioners.

As to our parish name consideration, Sr. Judy called me to let me know that the people coming from St. Luke's have proposed that we keep the name St. John Vianney. We will continue to discuss this issue and as I stated before, no decision will be made until we get to know one another. Bishop Boyea has told me that we do not have to change our name if there is little desire to do so. Presently we have had only fifteen new registrations in our parish. Please consider registering in our parish, we truly want you as members!

During this transition time I have heard a lot of reasons why people belong to this parish or some other parish. It is now my turn to say why I am Catholic. It matters not to me what church I belong to as long as that church has the Holy Eucharist reserved in the tabernacle. The Eucharist is our heart! And from the Eucharistic presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ comes our reason for being in the city of Flint. The church is the place in which we receive the Lord and take Him out into our community. As my dear deceased Irish Catholic mother stated: "You can put a collar on a complete idiot, but if he can give me the Eucharist each day of my life, I will not complain." (Actually mom's language on this issue was not exactly repeatable, but you get the idea.) The Eucharist my dear people is the reason we come together!

You are all in my prayers and heart.  
Fr. Tom

**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.



**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

“You are Christ, the son of the living God.”  
Matthew 16

The readings this week continue to unfold the message of Jesus to enable us to respond to this call.

The first reading tells of the call of Eliakim given the call to be a leader of God’s people. He was given the signs, the symbols of his office to lead, the events once again to lead. The events once again tell us of God’s care and direction for the people of old and for us today.

The gospel tells us the essential message of Jesus as gives Peter the call to lead the church. Just like the leaders of the Old Testament, Peter will have the Spirit to guide him. Peter’s response to the question: “Who do you say I am” is a question we need to ponder and respond

Sr. Eileen

**FLINT AREA CHURCHES TOGETHER**

Ravi Yalamanchi, the CEO for the Metro Housing Partners as our speaker. The session will start **August 27** at 6:00 p.m. in the social hall of Christ the King Catholic Church 1811 Seymour Ave., Flint).

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Adult Server for August 25-29**

8:00 a.m. John Linker

**Saturday, August 30**

4:00 p.m. Alison & Kristin Davis

**Sunday, August 31**

8:00 a.m. Steve Rabatin & Gerald Starkey

11:00 a.m. Kelsey Knag & Jacqueline Henderson

7:00 p.m. Heather & Khrystal Lewis



**MONDAY, AUGUST 25 - WEEKDAY**

10:30 a.m. Sue Zerweck by her Family

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 26 - WEEKDAY**

8:00 a.m. Donald MacDonald, Jr. by his Wife

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27 - ST. MONICA**

10:30 a.m. Rosario Penaverde by the Santiago Family

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 28 - ST. AUGUSTINE**

8:00 a.m. Edward and Margaret Goldstein by Olisa Ward

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 29 - THE QUEENSHIP OF MARY**

10:30 a.m. Helen Jankowski

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 30 - VIGIL, TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

4:00 p.m. Aurora DeAgostino by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Weibel

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 31 - TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00 a.m. Patricia Fras (18th Anniversary) by her Husband

11:00 a.m. Dennis Hassel by the Kelsey Family

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



**TUESDAY, AUGUST 26**

SJVS Teachers (CR)

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27**

8:00 a.m. St. Joseph Workers

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 28**

5:00 p.m. Back to School Picnic

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 29**

6:30 p.m. Bingo - Fisher Hall (Team #3)

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 30**

5:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

**ALTAR CARE**

Team # 2: Beth Grohoski, Helene Foster, Anne Ploucha and Carmie Sleva.



Thank you!

**READINGS FOR AUGUST 31**

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

JEREMIAH 20:7-9

PSALM 63

ROMANS 12:1-2

MATTHEW 16:21-27



**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.

**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.

**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.