

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)



On Tuesday, September 2, 2008, the faculty and staff of our parish school will return for the 2008-2009 school year. We are truly fortunate to have an outstanding faculty and staff with such a strong commitment to children and academic excellence. As they begin the new year let us assure them of our complete support and constant prayer. May God continue to bless all who support this great work of education.

The school office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday their phone number is 235-5687, Mrs. Chris Martin is the School Secretary. Mrs. Melinda Holm, who handles all financial concerns, is at the Church Office; her phone number is 235-1812 and her office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

St. John Vianney Day Care is currently taking registrations for the fall program. If you have any questions or would like to visit our center, please call 234-9410.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Knights of Columbus Council 695 will hold a membership drive after all masses on September 6 & 7. Coffee and donuts will be served in the Parish Center after the 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses. Everyone is welcome to attend.

For more information, call Paul Drevon at (810) 732-5961.

PARISH FAIR

So on September 22, 2008 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** and even if you are not interested in volunteering just come to meet your fellow parishioners.

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: Friday, September 5, 2008.** Please contact the parish office 235-1812, Barbara or Jim Cole, 810-235-1093. All Seniors Welcome.

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR
OUR MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES**



***My soul is thirsting for you,
O my LORD, my GOD.***

Jeremiah never wanted to be a prophet and doing God's will did not bring him honor nor respect. He was mocked and laughed at and some even tried to kill him. Doing God's will, standing up for what is the loving and right thing to do is not easy and is seldom popular. It takes courage. Pray for the courage to do God's will no matter the cost.

*Do not conform yourselves to this age,
but be transformed by the renewal of your mind.*
-ROMAN 12:2



ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers for this weekend are donated by Louis in loving memory of his wife, Patricia Fras.

Thank you for your generosity!

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY,

as we enjoy the last 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

FOOD COLLECTION

Next weekend, September 6 & 7, is our food collection for our pantry. Suggestions include sugar, flour, laundry soap, mayo, canned fruit and small canned hams. God's blessings to all our parishioners for their kindness and generosity. St. Agnes' food pantry is still in operation at St. Luke's and they are in need of brown paper grocery bags.

CHOIR NEWS

As fall approaches, our Parish Choir will also be returning from summer break in September. We warmly welcome new members (minimum age of high school), Kettering and other college students and those who recently merged with us. Watch the next few bulletin's for more details.



CHURCH SUPPORT

Stewardship of Treasure, August 24, 2008.....	\$7,134.50
Loose Collection	\$635.00
Children's Stewardship (8 Envelopes).....	\$10.00
Assumption.....	\$50.00
Catholic Relief	\$3.00
American Evangelization	\$5.00
All Saints	\$5.00
Propagation of Faith	\$5.00
Total Weekly Collection	\$7,847.50
St. Vincent de Paul Poor Boxes	\$29.36

In today's second reading, St. Paul exhorts the Romans to total stewardship. Brothers and sisters, he urges, "...offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God."



The youth group will start meeting regularly on Sunday, September 7 from 12:00-2:00 p.m. in the Community Room. This is open to all 8th-12th graders regardless of school affiliation. The 6th and 7th graders will have a monthly event which will begin in October. If you are new to our parish, this is a wonderful opportunity to gather with people your own age who share your beliefs and have a great time in the process. For more information, you can contact Maureen at 235-1812 or sjvyouthgroup@yahoo.com. You can also visit our website at stjohnvianneyyouth.googlepages.com (no www).

DAUGHTER'S OF ISABELLA

D of I Circle 530, business meeting will be held in Holy Redeemer Hall, on September 9, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.

"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"!

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.

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.



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 - LABOR DAY

10:30 a.m. John McMillan (4th Anniversary) by Maryanne, Diane & Family; Glen & Family

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 - WEEKDAY

8:00 a.m. Edmond Miller by Jane (McGaffigan) Keeler

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 - POPE GREGORY THE GREAT

10:30 a.m. Deacon William Everett

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 - WEEKDAY

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 - WEEKDAY

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 - VIGIL, TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 p.m. Theresa McAvooy by Mary Furette

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 - TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m. Our St. John Vianney Parish Family

11:00 a.m. John Caughlin

7:00 p.m. George and Mark Bachman by the Bachman Family

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Lord God enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call.”

Ephesians 1

The readings this week speak of how as we celebrate our faith the response will not always be positive and encouraging. The first reading tells of how Jeremiah experienced rejection in his task of leading the people. Jeremiah thought of giving up his call but then he knew in his heart that his call was to continue to walk the path of truth and ministry.

The second reading reminds us not to allow the spirit of this age to hinder our response to God's call. How true this is for us in our society today that seems to shout often a message not in accord with our faith.

The gospel tells of Jesus preparing his followers for his mission that would be one of suffering and death. Peter again responds but not in the manner of last Sunday. Jesus again tells Peter that he and all his disciples need to be ready to take up their cross. We as a faith community have been asked these past weeks to accept the cross of Jesus in our lives. Let us take strength and hope as we walk together to build our community following the footsteps of Jesus that will lead us to a new experience of church and community.

Sr. Eileen



ALTAR CARE

Team # 3: Peggy Royce.

Thank you!



ALTAR SERVERS

Adult Server for September 1-5

8:00 a.m. Bill Samida

Saturday, September 6

4:00 p.m. Emma & Rachel Burgess

Sunday, September 7

8:00 a.m. Richard Chimner & Joseph Cole

11:00 a.m. Elli Sekelsky & Barbara Davidek

7:00 p.m. Carly Moore & Kayla Neumann

Serenity in the Ornamental Grass Garden

Saturday, September 27, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt. A part of our Legacy of St. Francis series, this program is facilitated by Margaret Realy, MA, CCG, Master Gardener. Spend Saturday morning learning about ornamental grasses as you move between “classroom” and garden. Pre-registration is necessary, please register no later than September 22. The cost is \$35 and is due upon registration. You may register online at www.stfrancis.wv or by calling St. Francis Retreat Center at 517-669-8321. If you are a Master Gardener, this class counts as three hours of continuing education.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

First Day of School - 1/2 Day

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

8:00 a.m. St. Joseph Workers

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

6:30 p.m. All Parent Orientation & Meet the Teacher (PC)

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

8:45 p.m. Soup Kitchen Ministry

10:30 a.m. School Mass

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Food Collection

2:00 p.m. Rosary at Kith Haven

K of C Membership Drive after Mass

5:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Food Collection

K of C Membership Drive after all Masses

READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 7

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



EZEKIEL 33:7-9

PSALM 95

ROMANS 13:8-10

MATTHEW 18:15-20