

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)

"A voice cries in the wilderness - prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight."



Peace

The message burned inside him. He had thoughts only for that message. He had no time for well-cut clothes or fancy foods. What others thought of him did not matter. His thoughts were about God and the coming of the promised one.

The people regarded John the Baptist as one of God's prophets and they came out from all the villages and towns into the desert to see and to hear this teacher.

We are called today, this the Second Sunday of our Advent journey to listen to John and to heed the message announcing Jesus to the world. We are called like John to welcome, to announce "Good News". We are invited to become more and more God's people and to announce to our world, "Prepare a way for the Lord."

Christmas Coffee

Our Parish Pastoral Council invites you to attend our Annual Christmas Coffee next weekend, December 13 & 14, 2008, after each Mass in the vestibule of the church. Please plan on staying a few minutes after Mass to warm up with some coffee, cocoa, hot cider and Christmas goodies, and to enjoy some friendship and fellowship with each other. Invite a friend to join us! We look forward to seeing you!

Church Office Closed

Monday, **December 8, 2008** is a Holy Day of Obligation and the church office will be closed on that day.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE



These are the many events of our parish for this time before Christmas. You and your family are invited to all of our celebrations and activities. We also ask that you invite your neighbors or friends who perhaps have no church family for Christmas. Reach out; invite someone to come with you.

Merry Christmas to all!!

Monday, December 15

6:00 p.m. Soup and Scripture (PC)

Tuesday, December 16

7:00 p.m. School Christmas Concert (Pre-K - 4th Gr.)

Wednesday, December 17

7:00 p.m. Middle School Christmas Concert

Friday, December 19

9:30 a.m. School Mass; The students of St. John Vianney celebrate Christmas with a pageant telling the story of the birth of Christ

Saturday & Sunday, December 20 & 21

4:00 p.m. Weekend Mass

8:00, 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. Weekend Masses

Monday, December 22

8:30 a.m. Preparation of the Church for Christmas, many volunteers will be needed, as we decorate the church for Christmas

Wednesday, December 24

4:00 p.m. Christmas Children's Mass

9:30 p.m. Music of Christmas

10:00 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass

Thursday, December 25

10:00 a.m. Music of Christmas

10:30 a.m. Christmas Mass

Happy Holidays!

Second Sunday of Advent

“Prepare the way of the Lord.”

The readings for this second week of Advent keep before us the need to be ready, prepared for the coming of Christ at the end time and into our lives each day.

The first reading from Isaiah reminds us once again of the Lord’s comfort and strength to each of us as we walk together in faith and hope. The people of old were given a message of God’s care and acceptance of each of them.

The second reading we hear once again that the Messiah will come and we must wait as people filled with the hope and promise of our God.

The gospel from Mark tells of the message sent by John the Baptist calling the people to repentance and to be baptized for the forgiveness of their sins. John reminds the people of the baptism that is to come by the out pouring of the Holy Spirit.

Let us take up the message of Advent and allow God’s Spirit to guide us in the ways of compassion and love.

“What Are We Waiting For?”

Sr. Eileen

Please Pray for our Parish Family. Please 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.

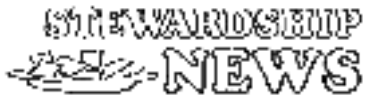


Pray for the Sick

Food Collection

Last weekend there were 1000 personal and food items donated. The generosity of St. John Vianney continues to help the needy of our community. Thank you for your continuing support of this ministry.

St. Vincent de Paul Society



Stewardship of Treasure, Nov. 30, 2008	\$8,050.00
Loose Collection	\$384.00
Children’s Stewardship (17 Envelopes).....	\$19.50
Christmas Offering.....	\$110.00
Christmas Flowers	\$25.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$10.00
Book Rack.....	\$20.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$65.00
Religious Retirement	\$10.00
Total Weekly Collection	\$8,718.50
St. Vincent de Paul Poor Boxes	\$25.30

John the Baptist’s call to repentance is echoed in the US bishops’ pastoral letter on stewardship: “Christians must beg God for the grace of conversion; the grace to know who they are, to whom they belong, how they are to live -- the grace to repent and change and grow, the grace to become good disciples and stewards.”



The family of Ed Schoendorff wishes to thank Fr. Tom, for his wonderful homily and to all who gave their prayers and support. Also, to the luncheon crew -- you did a wonderful job. Thank you to all!

A Thanksgiving Thank-You

Special thanks and appreciation goes out to the musicians who added so much to our Thanksgiving Mass by sharing their gift of music with us: Melissa Anderson (flute), Anne Petrides (trumpet) and Mary Petrides (clarinet). Each of you did a great job! In addition, thanks to Bard McClanahan, who has been playing harmonica each week while singing in the Choir! We are grateful for your talent.

Meg, Ron and the Choir

Thank You

The Angels Outreach Ministry would like to thank all of you who have donated to our ministry. We are overjoyed by your kindness, generosity, and support. We thank each of you for your generosity. By your generosity, you will have touched the many lives of several children and more. You have helped make this Christmas Party possible. We thank you for being a part of our ministry family. May God Bless you all! The Christmas Party will be on December 20, 2008 at 12:00 noon until 3:00 p.m. It will be located just above the North End Soup Kitchen (Father Blasko Hall) at 735 East Stewart St., Flint.

SJVS Youth Group

The youth group would like to thank everyone for supporting the wreath sale. WE sold 130 wreaths this year! The most we have ever sold. Thanks again for supporting the youth of our parish.

There will be an Advent Day of Reflection for all 6th-12th graders and their friends on Sunday, December 14th. It will be held from 10:00-4:00 p.m. in the basement of the Parish Center. Mass and lunch will be included. The cost is free! Please join us for a day of fun, friends, and reflection on the true meaning of the season. For more information, you can contact Maureen at 235-1812, ext. 218 or sjvyouthgroup@yahoo.com.

SJVCS Raffle Tickets Available

We will have the calendar raffle tickets available next weekend, December 13th & 14th, after all the Masses. They make a great gift item for all those people on your list. Share the fun!! All proceeds go to our very own St. John Vianney Catholic School. This raffle is throughout all of the 2009 calendar year. Each \$25.00 ticket equals 365 chances to win! Tickets are also available at either the school or parish office. Let Melinda in the parish office know if you are able to help Dec. 13/14.

Children’s Christmas Eve Liturgy

We need, angels, shepherds and choir members. Practice will be on December 23, tentative time will be 10:00-11:30 a.m. Anyone interested, please call Jennifer Bade at 232-4744.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 8**

Church Office Closed
 10:30 a.m. Holy Day of Obligation School Mass
 1:00 p.m. 7th Grade Advent Service (CR)
 5:30 p.m. Holy Day of Obligation Mass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

12:00 p.m. FACT Lunch (Rectory)
 6:00 p.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help (CH)
 7:30 p.m. K of C Meeting (lower level of Rectory)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

8:00 a.m. St. Joseph Workers
 7:30 p.m. RCIA

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

10:30 a.m. School Mass
 6:30 p.m. Bingo - Fisher Hall (Team #2)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

Christmas Coffee - after Mass
 Calendar Raffle Sales after Mass
 5:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

Christmas Coffee - after all Masses
 Calendar Raffle Sales after all Masses
 9-5:00 p.m. Youth Group Day of Reflection (PC & CR)
 11:00 a.m. Rite of Acceptance
 3:00 p.m. Communal Penance Service at St. John Vianney (CH)

Altar Care

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

Thank you!

READINGS FOR DECEMBER 14**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

ISAIAH 61:1-2A, 10-11, 9-11

LUKE 1

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-24

JOHN 1:6-8, 19-28

**Soup and Scripture**

The Lord is coming. Let us prepare. Sr. Carol Weber will present on the Scriptures of Advent, encouraging all of us to join more fully in a renewed feeling of expectancy and joyful anticipation of the celebration of Christmas, the first coming of Christ. We will enjoy a simple meal together before the talk: O Come, O Come Emmanuel. Sr. Carol Weber, OP Scriptures of Advent, Monday, December 15, 2008, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in St. John Vianney's Parish Center.

Advent Retreat

Fr. Douglas Osborn will be the speaker at St. Michael Church December 13, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The theme will be "Come Lord Jesus! Coffee and lunch provided. Fee is \$10 per person or \$40 for a family of 4 or more. To register call 810-238-2679.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 8 - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY**

10:30 a.m. Charles Davis by Dr. Henry Kowalski
 5:30 p.m. Elizabeth Shafer by her Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9 - WEEKDAY

8:00 a.m. Florence Biddulph by her Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10 - WEEKDAY

10:30 a.m. Rose Jackovich by Ray and Linda Kerspilo

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11 - WEEKDAY

8:00 a.m. Fr. Amos Wischmeyer by Friends of Father

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12 - OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

10:30 a.m. Carmen McGovern (1st Anniversary) by her niece, Diane, Don, and Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13 - VIGIL, THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:00 p.m. Juanita Pauldine by John Pauldine

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 a.m. Pam Murray by her Parents
 11:00 a.m. Christine Ann Care by Janet Hyde and Family
 7:00 p.m. Our St. John Vianney Parish Family

**Adult Server for December 8-12**

8:00 a.m. John Linker

Monday, December 8

5:30 p.m. Joseph Cole & Mike McCarthy

Saturday, December 13

4:00 p.m. Tyler Lowe & Mary Herman

Sunday, December 14

8:00 a.m. Paul Drevon & Stephen Schlott

11:00 a.m. Anne Petrides & Elli Sekelsky

7:00 p.m. Kristin & Anthony Stevenson

Parish Retreat

A parish retreat will be held on Saturday, January 17, 2009. Deacon Alex Jones from the Diocese of Detroit will be our speaker. Deacon Jones is a dynamic speaker and we urge people to sign-up soon. His topic of discussion will be "God's Call To Conversion". Lunch will be served at 12 noon with the speaker following the meal. Cost is \$10. Please call the Church office to register and pay the entry fee.

Daughters of Isabella

Mater Salvatoris Circle 530 Christmas Party at Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth, will be Monday, December 8, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. Our business meeting will be Tuesday, December 9, 2008 at Holy Redeemer Family Life Center at 2:00 2:30 p.m. also a Raffle Drawing.