

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)

68th Anniversary

www.sjvkids.com (School)

SJV Men's Retreat

The men's annual retreat at St. Francis Retreat Center is scheduled for March 6 - 8, 2009. The theme for Retreat 2009 is **"Then and Now - Jesus - Full of Surprises"**. "Just as we never fully know and appreciate Mozart or Shakespeare, NEVER will we fully know and appreciate Jesus Christ. A lifetime of study and prayer leaves us on the threshold. Why? Because Jesus "has an unending capacity to surprise us and to be always new." (Timothy Radcliffe, o.p.). So come be surprised, lured and touched by this wondrous Jesus on this retreat. Retreatants may register by calling Dcn. John Sundwick at (810) 235-1812, the retreat Center at 517-669-8321 or toll free at 866-669-8321. They may also register by visiting our web site www.stfrancis.ws. Suggested donation for the weekend is \$135.00.

"Explore Powers!"

Due to scheduling conflicts, the date for eighth grade parent meetings at Powers Catholic High School has been changed to Monday, February 9th. Explore test results will be interpreted at 7:00 p.m. with an informational meeting to follow at 7:30 p.m. The evening will include student speakers, as well as information on curriculum, activities, busing, tuition, and any other matters pertaining to attendance at Powers Catholic. All eighth grade parents are welcome!!!!

Contribution Statements

The 2008 Contribution Statements are at the main entrance of the Church. If you cannot locate yours or if you have a question about your statement, please call the parish office at 235-1812.

SJV School Vianney Nights ~ Guardian Angels

The St. John Vianney "Vianney Nights Dinner Auction" will be held Saturday, February 7, 2009 at SJV School from 5:30 p.m.-Midnight. We hope to see you all there! For those of you who are unable to attend, but would like to show your support, the Dinner Auction Committee will have "Guardian Angels" available after all masses. "Guardian Angels" will be prominently displayed and watching over us the evening of the auction. Your prayers and donations are welcome. Thank you for your continued support of Catholic Education in the city of Flint.

SJV Grief Program

Learning to Live with Grief Program at St. John Vianney: One of the least acknowledged and least addressed concerns in our society is **grief**, the normal and natural reaction to loss. Grief that is unexpressed can affect our lives and the lives of those around us adversely. This 7-week program will guide those who wish to examine their loss issues and move beyond their grief to a fuller quality of life. The program will begin **Thursday, February 12, 2009 from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. in the Rectory.** This is not a drop-in program. A commitment for the full 7 weeks is needed in order to benefit. The facilitator will be Sheila Kelly, L.M.S.W., A.C.S.W., a parishioner and therapist at Catholic Charities. To sign up for this program or to learn more about it, please call the Rectory at 810-235-1812. This program is free.

Hi!

Now that the enthusiasm of Inauguration Day is over and our unity already seems to be waning, I wish to commend to you that we keep our President and his family in our prayers. We also need to pray for all those who govern us for we must not take this country or our freedoms for granted. It is personally very distressing to me that many of us do not vote. Too many countries in this world still decide who governs by the gun.

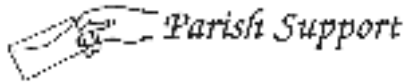
We need to look within our own hearts and decide that we will make this a better country. Let's stop worrying about ourselves and begin to address the needs of others. If we enter into this selfless attitude together then ironically our true needs will be met. In the early church Christians were persecuted because they would not worship the Roman pantheon of gods, especially the emperor. However when it came to charity the Romans knew that they could always find help from the Christians. Charity breeds trust!

I am tired of so called Christians who come to me and say, "You must first give them the truth." That is a type of code which really means, "since they don't believe as me this will give me the ideological excuse to condemn them." Therefore I will not have to deal with them. "The truth may set you free," but you cannot hear it when you're in pain and suffering. And this nation as rich as it may be is suffering. We have a nation of haves and have nots. For too long we have been feeding on greed and selfishness. If we truly have faith then let us first demonstrate our persevering prayer, the courage to listen, the conviction of faith in action, and then the truth of you will be transparent. People will want to listen to you because they know your heart. If we want a better community let's start with examining our hearts. We all could be doing more. TRANSLATED: "Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found."

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

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.



Stewardship of Treasure, January 25, 2009 ..	\$17,516.39
Loose Collection	\$542.00
Children's Stewardship (13 Envelopes).....	\$19.00
World Wide Evangelization	\$919.00
Book Rack.....	\$9.00
Catholic Times.....	\$27.00
Ash Wednesday.....	\$20.00
Fuel Donation	\$10.00
Total Weekly Collection.....	\$19,387.39
St. Vincent de Paul Poor Boxes	\$30.10

Moses told the people, "A prophet like me will the Lord, your God, raise up for you from among your own kinsmen." God still provides among His people the gifts and talents necessary to continue the work of His Church. What gifts are yours to share.



The family of Jim Kent is sending their heartfelt gratitude to our St. John Vianney Family. For all of the love, support, and prayers. Especially during the last twelve months. Our faith is deeper because of inspiration from Fr. Firestone, Sr. Eileen, and Sr. Reparata. The funeral luncheon was excellent. Sending God's Blessing to all of you.

Luci Kent

Thank You! Thank You!

Blanket Collection: We have collected \$2,915.00 so far. We spent \$3,200 on emergency blankets. The blankets were delivered to St. Luke's New Life Women Center and North End Soup Kitchen. Each agency received 300 each. Also, we received 32 blankets, ten blankets were home made polar fleece blankets. Shelley Wolbert's class from Flushing's Central Elementary made 6 of the blankets and 7 hats.

Thank You

Cards are sent to members of our parish who are ill, or home bound. Last year 230 cards were sent out to parishioners for Christmas, Easter and other occasions. Thank you to our card writers.

Food Collection ~ February 7 & 8

Thanks to the wonderful generosity of our parishioners, our food pantry is keeping up with the increasing demand this winter for food and personal products. Suggestions for this month include canned meats, laundry soap, dish washing liquid, flour, sugar, coffee (small cans), pancake syrup, salad dressing, and breakfast cereal. Cash contributions can be made to the St. Vincent de Paul boxes located in the rear of the church. May God bless all of you for helping those who need our help.

Martha's Ministry

Martha's Ministry is a meal service provided for new mothers in the parish. If you are interested in taking over this ministry, please call the church office at 235-1812.

Prayer Chain Ministry

"Prayer Chain requests are welcome any time." Call Joyce at 810-630-0506, or Pat at 810-635-3716, or the church office at 235-1812. If you would like to have your request added to the bulletin so that more people can pray for you, please let the church office know (235-1812). Thank you.

Freedom of Choice Act

The Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) will nullify over 550 pro-life laws and regulations on abortion and will require legalization of abortion on demand for any reason through all nine months of pregnancy in all 50 states. FOCA will nullify requirements that licensed physicians perform abortions, informed consent laws, parental consent and notification laws, bans on partial birth abortions, limits on public funding for abortion and many others. The US Conference of Catholic Bishops has proposed a massive postcard campaign expressing our strong rejection of FOCA prior to its re-introduction in the new Congress. The postcard campaign will be a three-week campaign beginning January 25, 2009. All parishes are encouraged to participate. Postcards are in the vestibule.

Masses For The Week**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2 - PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

10:30 a.m. Alice Cox by Russ and Nancy Ward

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3 - WEEKDAY

8:00 a.m. Helen Ottman by Bob Ottman and Family

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4 - WEEKDAY

10:30 a.m. Amy Law by Deanna

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5 - ST. AGATHA

8:00 a.m. Toni Sibilsky by Joseph Minarik

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6 - ST. PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS

10:30 a.m. Mary Dettman by St. John Vianney School Staff and Students

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7 - VIGIL, FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 p.m. Dale Barker by Gene Jackovich

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8 - FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m. Imogene George by Bill and Helene Foster

11:00 a.m. Clarence Riedy (28th Anniversary) by Family

*The Week Ahead***TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3**

6:00 p.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help (CH)

6:30 p.m. Gospel Choir Practice (CH)

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Meeting (CR)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

8:00 a.m. St. Joseph Workers

7:00 p.m. RCIA

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

10:00 a.m. Bible Study (CR)

6:30 p.m. Choir Practice (CH)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

8:45 a.m. North End Soup Kitchen Ministry

10:30 a.m. School Mass

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Food Collection

1:00-3:00 p.m. Flint Urban Faith Choir (CH)

2:00 p.m. Rosary at Kith Haven

5:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

Dinner Auction (PC)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Food Collection

Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

"I will raise up a prophet."

Deuteronomy 18

The readings this week call us once again to listen to be aware of how God through the ages has called people to step forward and lead the people. We too are to be aware of how God is working calling forth men and women in our day to speak out for justice and peace.

The first reading tells of Moses speaking to the people. The people of that time were longing for direction and guidance in their lives. We too are called to listen to be aware of those among us who speak and challenge us in the ways of God.

The gospel tells of Jesus coming to Capernaum to speak to the people. We are told Jesus speaks with authority and compassion. Jesus speaks with authority and compassion. Jesus drives out the unclean spirit who is among the people. Jesus speaks with authority. The people don't completely understand the full meaning of the message. We too at times may not understand the full meaning of Jesus' call to us. But we must place our hope in God's call to each of the messages. We too at times may not understand the full meaning of Jesus' call to us. But we must place our hope in God's call to each of us.

Let us as individuals, as community pray together that we might allow the message to take root in our minds and hearts.

Sr. Eileen

**Please Continue to Pray for
Our Military and Their Families**

*Altar Care***Altar Care**Team # 5: Liz Alunno, Helen Bade,
Phyllis Goff & Arlene Hodge.

Thank you!

Altar Servers**Adult Server for February 2-6**

8:00 a.m. Larry Loje

Saturday, February 7

4:00 p.m. Alison & Kristin Davis

Sunday, February 8

8:00 a.m. Gerald Starkey & Michael Mulqueen

11:00 a.m. Nicholas Racette & Joshua Tobias

7:00 p.m. Luke & Mitchell Milne

READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 8**5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

JOB 7:1-4, 6-7

PSALM 147:1-6

1 CORINTHIANS 9:16-19, 22-23

MARK 1:29-39

**Holy Land Pilgrimage**

Fr. Jim Eisele and Father Fred Thelen invites you to join them on a ten day pilgrimage to the Holy Land from November 7 to 16, 2009. The price is \$2,927.00. An informational meeting will be held on March 8 at 7:00 p.m. in Flint, please call 810-732-7715. If you would like an itinerary of the trip, please email: jameseisele@stmichaelgl.org