

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)

Parish Potluck



Please join us on Wednesday, February 11th for our monthly Potluck Luncheon in the Parish Center, after the 10:30 a.m. mass. Please come and share a wonderful and uplifting lunch with your parish family. You may bring a dish to pass if you would like. We look forward to seeing you there!

Please Continue to Pray for Our Military and Their Families



Palm Branches



Ash Wednesday is February 25. We will as a community present ourselves that day for the traditional reception of ashes to remind us of our origin and our ultimate destiny. The ashes are the palm branches of one year ago when with great jubilation we welcomed Jesus as Messiah and Lord. We need your palm branch of last year for Ash Wednesday. There will be a basket in the vestibule to collect palm branches in preparation for Ash Wednesday.

Thank you.

Pre-Lenten Dinner

Mark your calendars for our annual Pre-Lenten Dinner to be held Tuesday, February 24.

Altar Care Help Needed

Welcoming all parishioners interested in helping to keep our "House" neat and clean. There will be a meeting in the church on Wednesday, February 18th at 9:00 a.m. We have many needs, big and small, which your heart and hands can do!

Middle School Rally

Registration is now going on for the diocesan Middle School Rally. It will be held on Saturday, March 14 at Fr. Gabriel Richard High School in Ann Arbor. This event is for 6th-8th graders. The cost is \$25 with the deadline being February 20. For registration information, contact Maureen at 235-1812 ext. 218 or sjvyouthgroup@yahoo.com



There will be a Lenten Day of Reflection on Saturday, March 7 from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. This event is open to all 6th-12th graders and is free. Come and spend the day preparing your hearts and minds for the most important celebration in the Catholic Church. For more information, contact Maureen at 235-1812 ext. 218 or sjvyouthgroup@yahoo.com

Contribution Statements

Please make sure you pick up your 2008 Contribution Statement which is in 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 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.



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.



Martha's Ministry

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

"THANK YOU" "THANK YOU"

A BIG "Thank you" to all those who cut out material, sewed, donated material or money to the "Sewing Bee." It was a great evening of fun, food, and friends. Fourteen women were able to make 35 hats and cut out another 45, which they took home to sew and will return. Also, because of some generous donations we were able to provide the NEW Life Center with 53 pairs of men's gloves!! **"What ever you do for the least of my brothers and sisters, you do for me."**

We hope to do another one of these "Sewing Bee's" yet this Winter!!



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| Stewardship of Treasure, February 1, 2009... | \$10,555.93 |
| Loose Collection | \$657.00 |
| Children's Stewardship (17 Envelopes)..... | \$21.00 |
| World Wide Evangelization | \$120.00 |
| Book Rack..... | \$9.00 |
| Catholic Times..... | \$54.00 |
| Ash Wednesday..... | \$50.00 |
| Total Weekly Collection | \$11,466.93 |
| St. Vincent de Paul Poor Boxes | \$57.10 |

Like St. Paul in the second reading, the good steward can say, "I do all that I do for the sake of the gospel in the hope of having a share in its blessings."

Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

".....the Lord heals the broken hearted.
Psalm 147

The readings for this week call us to put our hope and trust in our loving God.

The first reading speaks of Job and his longing for God's care and love. Job experienced many trials and set-backs but we know that he in his heart trusted in the Lord. We too are called to trust in our God during dark times and struggles in our lives.

The gospel gives the account of Jesus' visit to Peter's home. Jesus reached out and cured Peter's mother-in-law. Many came to be cured and made free of their illness. After this we are told Jesus left and went to a quiet place to pray. Jesus often took time after such encounters with the sick to refresh himself in quiet prayer. We too are called to take time from our busy lives to take time to find a quiet time to reflect and pray on God's action and care in our lives.

Sr. Eileen

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.

Daughters of Isabella

Daughters of Isabella Circle 530 business meeting will be Tuesday, February 10 at Holy Redeemer Family Life Center at 1:00 p.m.

Annual Women's Retreat

The Holy Redeemer Council of Catholic Women will hold their Annual Women's Retreat March 14, 2009 from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm in the HR Family Life Center, 1227 E. Bristol Rd., Burton. A continental breakfast and buffet lunch is included in the \$10.00 cost. Please make your reservation before March 8 by mailing a check payable to Holy Redeemer CCW to: Judy Peto, 1321 Williamsburg Rd., Flint, MI 48507. Details, 810-767-2303..

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.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9 - WEEKDAY**

10:30 a.m. Edward Schoendorff by Jim and Sue Drummond

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10 - ST. SCHOLASTICA

8:00 a.m. Special Intentions for Helen Blankenship

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11 - WEEKDAY

10:30 a.m. Mary Murillo by the Pauline Family

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12 - WEEKDAY

8:00 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Daly by Kathryn Lobban

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13 - WEEKDAY

10:30 a.m. Lyle Wise by Steve Wolbert

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14 - VIGIL, SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 p.m. Patrick Coyle by Carol Sauvage

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15 - SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m. Lorene Peters by Tony Peters

11:00 a.m. Norman Verdun by Dorothy McClanahan

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

**Adult Server for February 9-13**

8:00 a.m. Gerald Starkey

Saturday, February 14

4:00 p.m. Patrick & Sean Mulqueen

Sunday, February 15

8:00 a.m. Steve Rabatin & Richard Chimner

11:00 a.m. Kelsey Knag & Elli Sekelsky

7:00 p.m. Heather & Khrystal Lewis

READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 15**6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

LEVITICUS 13:1-2, 44-46

PSALM 32:1-2, 5, 11

1 CORINTHIANS 10:31-11:1

MARK 1:40-45

**Holy Land Pilgrimage**

Join Father Andrew Czajkowski on his eighth trip to Israel and the Holy Land on November 10 - 19, 2009. Air, land, hotels, daily Mass, 14 meals, tour guide, air taxes and entrance fees. Per person rate: Double, \$3479. Informational meeting at St. John, Davison on Monday, February 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Center. For more information call Father Andrew at 810-653-2377. Thirty seats are available. Thank you, Father Andrew, Pastor & Vicar

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

5:30 p.m. Sacramental Prep Class (Rectory)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

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

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

7:30 p.m. K of C Meeting (lower level of Rectory)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

8:00 a.m. St. Joseph Workers

10:30 a.m. School Mass

11:30 a.m. Parish Luncheon (PC)

7:00 p.m. RCIA

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

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

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

No School

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

12:30 p.m. Wedding for Andrew Massimino & Alexis Reyes

5:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

3:00 p.m. Class Reunion Meeting (PC)

Altar Care

Team # 1: Joene McAuliffe
and Olisa Ward.

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. Postcards for 2 Senators and 1 Representative are in the vestibule.

Why were the saints, saints?

Because they were cheerful when it was difficult to be cheerful, patient when it was difficult to be patient; and because they pushed on when they wanted to stand still, and kept silent when they wanted to talk, and were agreeable when they wanted to be disagreeable. That was all. It was quite simple and always will be.