

# St. John Vianney Parish

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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](http://www.sjvflint.com) (Church)

68th Anniversary

[www.sjvkids.com](http://www.sjvkids.com) (School)

## Happy St. Valentines Day!



History tells us only that several Christians by the name Valentine were martyred for their faith. One, very probably a priest, was martyred on February 14, 270 during persecution by Emperor Claudius II. A basilica was

dedicated in his honor in 350 in Rome. His annual feast on February 14 soon became associated with a tradition of exchanging notes of love. This was done in different ways over the centuries but has evolved into our present day practice of exchanging a valentine on February 14.

There have been lots of explanations as to why this custom is associated with St. Valentine. But no matter the reason it is a good practice. Be sure to give your valentine a little card, a note or an expression of love.

## 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.

## 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!

## "Sewing Bee" #2

Our last "Sewing Bee" was such a success and people are asking when our next one will be, well, we have planned another one! It will be on Friday, February 27 at the N.E.W. LIFE CENTER INC. from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Come for all of it or only for a few hours. We will have a pot of soup on, if you want to bring some dessert and/or drinks that would be great! We will be working on women's hats this time. You can bring some fleece if you would like, but it is not necessary, we have some left from our last "sewing bee". No need to bring a sewing machine either, we will be using theirs. If you don't sew, that's OK, we will need people to cut and pin, or you can just come and socialize. The N.E.W. LIFE CENTER INC. is located at 3115 Lawndale Ave. If you have any questions call Chris at 239-8342 or Kitty at 250-2146.

St. Luke N.E.W. Life Center Inc., 239-8710,  
3115 Lawndale Ave., Flint, MI 48504-2627.

## Pre-Lenten Dinner

There will **NOT** be a Pre-Lenten Dinner this year.  
Sorry for any inconvenience!

Hi!

First of all I am so proud of all those who gave so much of their time, treasure, and talent to make our "Vianney Nights" dinner auction such an amazing success! Thank you to all those who contributed in so many ways. In these difficult economic times so many of you turned out to support our school. This is truly a generous parish and I know many of you make the sacrifices for Catholic education. Now more than ever we need God in our schools!

As you probably noticed I am not here this weekend. I am away taking a scripture course. I try every year to take some theology course in order to stay on top of my game. The late start of Lent this year gives me a small window right now to get away. I will most likely be back, unless I decide to run away. That temptation is always there. That is especially so as we prepare for Lent. We will again have early Mass this Lent as well as the second Mass at 10:30 a.m. every day. You know how I love to get any early start every morning to greet you early birds. (For those who do not know me I am being sarcastic.)

So let's get ready for Lent! Keep me in your prayers as I you. You are all in my prayers and heart.  
Fr. Tom

Please Pray For Our Parish Family, all who are

sick, especially the shut-ins, the lonely and the bereaved, that they may be comforted. Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed.



Food Collection

Once again we thank the parishioners of St. John Vianney for their generosity last weekend. There were 672 food and personal items collected. Many people will benefit from your support.

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.



<b>Stewardship of Treasure, February 8, 2009.....</b>	<b>\$8,395.00</b>
<b>Loose Collection .....</b>	<b>\$528.00</b>
<b>Children's Stewardship (11 Envelopes).....</b>	<b>\$13.00</b>
<b>World Wide Evangelization .....</b>	<b>\$45.00</b>
<b>Catholic Times.....</b>	<b>\$135.00</b>
<b>Ash Wednesday.....</b>	<b>\$45.00</b>
<b>Total Weekly Collection.....</b>	<b>\$9,161.00</b>
<b>St. Vincent de Paul Poor Boxes.....</b>	<b>\$114.00</b>

In today's second reading, St. Paul urges the Corinthians to "do all for the glory of God." If we follow that advice in everything we do, we cannot help but be good stewards!

SJV Vianney Nights Dinner Auction

The Vianney Nights Auction Committee, Staff, and Students of St. John Vianney would like to thank all of you for helping to make this year's dinner auction a success. We could not have done it without all of your support in the form of auction attendance, generous donations of auction items, Guardian Angels, baskets, and your prayers. 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.

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](mailto: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](mailto:sjvyouthgroup@yahoo.com)

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](http://www.stfrancis.ws). Suggested donation for the weekend is \$135.00.

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.



### Mass Intentions

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16 - WEEKDAY

10:30 a.m. Living and Deceased Benefactors of St. John Vianney's Memorial Fund

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17 - WEEKDAY

8:00 a.m. Don MacDonald by his Family  
10:30 a.m. Kith Haven Mass - Margaret Duffiney by Don and Regina Johnson

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18 - WEEKDAY

10:30 a.m. Edmond Miller by Madalynne Thompson

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19 - WEEKDAY

8:00 a.m. Imogene George by Mr. and Mrs. Dale Blondin

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20 - WEEKDAY

10:30 a.m. Special Intentions for Ione Hawley by Thomas & Eleanor Westerlund

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21 - VIGIL, SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 p.m. Toni Sibilsky by the Parish Life Commission

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22 - SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m. All Deceased Members of the McGaffigan Family by Bernie and Norma  
11:00 a.m. Madeline Sundwick Tucker by Arlene  
7:00 p.m. Our St. John Vianney Parish Family



### Altar Care

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

Thank you!

### Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

"God has visited his people."

Psalms 152

The readings today remind us of two important truths that we as God's people need to allow to direct our actions and thoughts. We need to be accepting of all God's people and we need to call on God's power to heal us of our prejudices and heal us in mind and spirit.

The first reading gives the strict guidelines for dealing with persons with leprosy. They seem harsh to us but we need to reflect on how we treat others who do not measure up to our expectations.

Paul in his reading once again speaks out with the clear message of how we are told to be imitators of Christ Jesus. We need to allow God's Spirit to guide us in the ways of love and compassion.

The gospel gives us an example of how Jesus lived out his mission to heal all people. The man was brave to ask for Jesus' help. But he was confident that Jesus would heal him. Once again people came looking for Jesus to heal them. Jesus felt the need to go apart and pray.

Do we ask for Jesus' healing with faith and confidence as followers today?

Sr. Eileen



### The Week Ahead

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

No School

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

9:00 a.m. Penance 3, 4, & 5 Grades (CH)  
1:00 p.m. Penance 6, 7, & 8 Grades (CH)  
3:00-8:00 p.m. All Parochial Schools Spelling Bee (PC, CR, CAFÉ, & ALL ROOMS)  
6:00 p.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help (CH)  
6:30 p.m. Gospel Choir Practice (CH)  
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Meeting (Rectory)

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

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

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

10:00 a.m. Bible Study (CR)  
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice (CH)

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

10:30 a.m. School Mass  
6:30 p.m. Bingo - Fisher Hall (Team #4)

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

1:00 p.m. Flint Urban Faith Choir (CH)  
5:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation  
5:30 p.m. Legislative Dinner (PC)

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

12:00-2:00 p.m. Youth Group (CR)

### Altar Servers

#### Adult Server for February 16-20

8:00 a.m. John Linker

#### Saturday, February 21

4:00 p.m. Rachel & Emma Burgess

#### Sunday, February 22

8:00 a.m. Ann Saunders & Mike McCarthy

11:00 a.m. Haley Borrow & Keegan Daniel

7:00 p.m. Anthony & Kristin Stevenson



### READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 22

#### 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



ISAIAH 43:18-19, 21-22, 24B-25

PSALM 41

2 CORINTHIANS 1:18-22

MARK 2:1-12

### Principal Position

Holy Family Catholic School in Grand Blanc, MI is seeking a principal for the 2009-10 school year. Holy Family School has an enrollment of 525 students from pre-school through eighth grade. The principal must be a practicing Catholic and a strong proponent of Catholic school education. Candidates should possess or be eligible for Michigan certification; have a minimum of five years of successful teaching experience; have a Masters Degree in Education/Educational Leadership from a certified college or university; experience/training in school administration/curriculum development. To apply, please send a cover letter and resume by Feb. 28 to: Rev. Kenneth Coughlin, Holy Family Catholic Church, 11824 South Saginaw St., Grand Blanc, MI 48439-1322. ([www.hfsgb.org](http://www.hfsgb.org))