

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)



Pre-Lenten Dinner

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St. John Vianney invites you to our annual Pre-Lenten dinner to be held on Tuesday, February 24 from 4:30-7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. The meal consists of roast beef, potatoes, vegetables, salad, rolls and beverages. Pazcki's are available for purchase. Adults are \$6.00; \$3.00 for children under 10; and children under 5 are free. You may pay at the door. Take outs are available.

Holy Season of Lent

Once again we begin the Holy Season of Lent. It is a time to examine our lives and to root out those attitudes or habits, which keep us from living fully our Christian lives.

But it is important to remember that Lent is a community experience. Rooted in the preparation of the Catechumens who were in the final days of study before their Easter Baptism, Lent soon became a time for the whole community to be part of this preparation and to reawaken their own Baptismal call.

As a community, we the people of St. John Vianney need this moment of renewal. As we work with and support our catechumens we need to come together in prayer, fasting and giving for the poor to remind ourselves of our Baptismal call and mission.



Our ashes come from the palm branches of last Palm Sunday. We are marked on our foreheads – signed in the form of a cross with these ashes. A visible sign for us of Lent as a time of baptismal renewal. We become visible Christians in the work place, in the stores, in schools—we stand out as those marked with the sign of renewal. Let us begin and live well these days of Lent.



Lent begins

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

6:30 a.m. Mass
10:30 a.m. Mass
7:00 p.m. Mass

Lenten Daily Schedule - Monday through Friday

6:30 a.m. Mass
10:30 a.m. Mass

Each Friday

6:30 a.m. Mass
7:00 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m. Mass
11:00 a.m. Stations of the Cross

Each Saturday

5:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

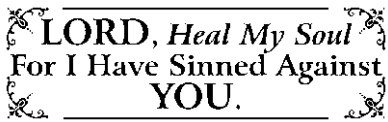
Each Sunday- March 1-March 29

6:00 p.m. Vesper Service

Fast & Abstinence

ASH WEDNESDAY and FRIDAYS OF LENT
are days of Abstinence

Abstinence obliges those 14 years of age and older not to eat meat. The law of Fast obliges all those from ages 18-59 to refrain from eating between meals and to limit their eating to one full meal and two lighter meals for the day.



Human beings have a tendency to dwell on the past and focus on the negative whether it is their own failures or some harm others have done to them That makes forgiveness impossible to give or receive. God is always willing to forgive us but we are not always willing to be forgiven. We need to live in the present. We cannot undo the past. We can learn from the past how to make better choices today but that benefit is lost when we just wallow in the past. God is with us and providing us with the grace we need for today (not yesterday nor tomorrow). Christ died for our sins - those we commit and those committed against us too. Let us begin each day as a fresh start and an opportunity to be more Christ-like

Thus says the Lord: Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not; See, I am doing something new!

-ISAIAH 43:18-19

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.



Pray for the Sick

Altar Flowers



The flowers are donated this weekend in loving memory of Lorene Peters by her husband Tony.

Thank you for your generosity.

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.

Please Continue to Pray for Our Military and Their Families



CHURCH SUPPORT

Stewardship of Treasure, February 15, 2009...	\$7,905.50
Loose Collection	\$503.00
Children's Stewardship (11 Envelopes).....	\$15.00
World Wide Evangelization	\$10.00
Catholic Times.....	\$567.00
Ash Wednesday.....	\$40.00
Book Rack.....	\$10.50
Heat Donation	\$35.00
Total Weekly Collection.....	\$9,086.00
St. Vincent de Paul Poor Boxes.....	\$15.00

Forgiveness, too, is a gift from God. Freed from the paralysis of sin, the man in today's Gospel was able to stand and give witness to the power of God. How do I let sin cripple me? Am I a good steward of the gift of God's forgiveness?

Angels Outreach Ministry

Saturday, February 28, 2009 (12:00 noon-2:00 p.m.): A Gym Maintenance Day. The Gym is in need of cleaning. Volunteers Needed.

Saturday, March 21, 2009 (12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.): C.O.W.J. (Camping Out With Jesus). Relax in a large tent surrounded with trees while watching animated biblical movies on a large 52 inch television screen. Roast your own marshmallows and hot dog. Popcorn and beverage will also be provided. Participate in trivia, games, and much more. Ages 6-15; parents are also welcome.

A Sincere Thank You

Dear St. John Vianney Parish Family,
On behalf of St. John Vianney School I would like to sincerely thank you for your support of the school over the past 60 years. Whether it has been the sacrifice of sending your child to the school, supporting our many fundraisers, or your prayers of support, often times I don't think we take the time to simply say Thank You!

Without your support nothing happens at St. John Vianney including the addition of the new playground, and what an addition it is to our school. One of these Sundays please take the time to drive past the Karen Wolbert Playground and see just what a great space our children now have to play. Thank you again for your support! Steve Wolbert

Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

"The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to proclaim liberty to the captives."
Luke 4

The readings today ask us once again to ponder and know of God's constant love and care for us.

The prophet Isaiah gives the message that God did not want them or us to dwell on our past mistakes but know of God's love and concern for us.

Paul reminds the people and each of us to be faithful to God's call in our lives. We must be steadfast in our response to the call of faith in our daily lives. Often in the world today people are reluctant to speak-up or fail to share our faith in our daily lives. Paul reminds us of the importance of speaking with courage in the face of difficult times.

The gospel once again gives the events of Jesus reaching out to heal and forgive the person. We are told that many came to see Jesus. Once again they questioned Jesus about his offering forgiveness to the paralytic. Jesus shows that he can and will respond with firm conviction and compassion.

Let us as we look forward to Lent be firm in our response to God's call in our lives. Do people know we are followers of Jesus by our words and actions?

Vocation Cross

Families who take the Vocation Cross must have it back to the church before the 4:00 p.m. mass on Saturday.

Thank you.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23 - ST. POLYCARP**

10:30 a.m. Special Intentions for Mr. and Mrs. James Hromek by Pauline

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24 - WEEKDAY

8:00 a.m. Special Intentions for Fr. Steve Makranyi by Josephine White

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25 - ASH WEDNESDAY

6:30 a.m. Ruth Law by her daughter, Deanna
10:30 a.m. Russ and Joanne Lince by Jim and Beth Grohoski
7:00 p.m. Special Intention for Jennie Barkey by the Godleski and Doyle Families

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26 - WEEKDAY

6:30 a.m. Helen Ottman by Bob Ottman and Family
10:30 a.m. Ron Nicholson by Sam, Joyce and John Hall

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27 - WEEKDAY

6:30 a.m. Special Intentions for Fr. Tom Firestone by Josephine White

10:30 a.m. Lorena Zeilinger by her Family

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28 - VIGIL, FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

4:00 p.m. Dennis Chapman by Pat Boudreau

SUNDAY, MARCH 1 - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 a.m. Imogene George by Karen Ricketts
11:00 a.m. Toni Sibilsky by the Pauline Family
7:00 p.m. Our St. John Vianney Parish Family

Altar Care

Handmaids will now be called Altar Care. They will meet on Wednesday mornings at the church around 8:00 a.m. or before the 10:30 a.m. Mass. We would like the altar care volunteers to be here the same time that the St. Joseph workers are here, they start at 8:00 a.m. We will no longer have different weekly teams posted in the bulletin. Everyone is welcome to come and help keep our church clean. Thank you!

Bye Bye Birdie

The Powers High School Drama Department is pleased to bring this lively musical to you. This satire takes place in 1958 and centers around an "Elvis Presley" type rock and roll superstar, Conrad Birdie, who is drafted into the army. Performances will be Thursday, March 19 at 7:00 p.m.; Friday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 22 at 2:00 p.m. Ticket cost is \$8.00 per person, \$6.00 for children, seniors and non-Powers students. For more info contact Alicia Evans at (810) 591-4741. Thank you for your support.

Middle School Rally

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

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

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

5:30 p.m. Sacramental Prep Class (Rectory)
7:00 p.m. PPC & Commissions (PC & CR)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

4:30 p.m. Pre-Lenten Dinner
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 25

8:00 a.m. St. Joseph Workers & Altar Care
10:30 a.m. School Mass
7:00 p.m. RCIA

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

10:00 a.m. Bible Study (CR)
1-3:00 p.m. 7th Grade Prayer Service (CR)
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice (CH)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

6:30 p.m. Bingo - Fisher Hall (Team #1)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

5:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

F.R.E.P.

Altar Servers**Adult Server for February 23-27**

6:30 a.m. Bill Samida

Ash Wednesday, February 25

7:00 p.m. Steve Rabatin & Michael Mulqueen

Saturday, February 28

4:00 p.m. Sean & Patrick Mulqueen

Sunday, March 1

8:00 a.m. Joseph Cole & Paul Drevon

11:00 a.m. F.R.E.P.

7:00 p.m. Aidan & Lily Hudgens

**READINGS FOR MARCH 1****FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

GENESIS 9:8-15

PSALM 25

1 PETER 3:18-22

MARK 1:12-15

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 the retreat Center at 517-669-8321 or toll free at 866-669-8321. They may also register by visiting our web site www.sfrancis.ws. Suggested donation for the weekend is \$135.00.