

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)

68th Anniversary Of Our Parish



Church Anniversary

Wednesday, January 21, 2009 marks our 68th Anniversary as a parish community. It has been a remarkable journey. From our first Mass at the Della Theatre on Welch Boulevard to our present gathering in our Church on Chevrolet Ave., we have seen much change and growth over these 68 years.

But our story is not told in statistics or the historical dates of our buildings or our parish programs. Our story is told in the faith of the families who have made St. John Vianney truly a parish community. Faith has always been at the heart of our parish. Faith lived and celebrated in our church, our families, and our neighborhood. Our faith has rallied us in moments of sorrow, celebrations, and joy. We have supported and reached out to each other and to our greater community during these 68 years of faith, and God has indeed blessed us in abundance and continues to do so each day.

On this 68th Anniversary we must pledge ourselves to the work of tomorrow. We must be an ever growing community of faith filled with the joy of our yesterday and now reaching out to others in need and lifting our hearts in praise of our all powerful God.

May the Lord bless you and keep you
May His face shine upon you
May He give you his peace.
Happy Anniversary!



On January 19th, we will celebrate a national holiday to commemorate the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He was a minister of the Gospel and a powerful civil rights leader for our country. His vision and leadership inspired not only men and women of our nation but people throughout the world. His approach to issues was always nonviolent. As we recall his achievements and are reminded of his vision of equal rights, it is important that we rededicate ourselves to work for the dignity and justice of all people. Each of us has been made in the image and likeness of God. Each of us is of unique value in the sight of one another.

Let us rededicate ourselves to the cause of justice and peace.



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

• January 18 - 25, 2009 •

We live with the unfortunate reality that our Christian Church is not fully united and in the humble realization that unity will only come about with divine assistance.

We are blessed with one Lord, one faith, one Baptism, and one God and Father of us all. What we have in common is stronger than what divides us.

We also hold in common a rich heritage. We stand on the shoulders of countless generations who have lived the Gospel of Jesus Christ. May we all continue to build his reign here on earth. (Diocese of Lansing, Office of Worship)

Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

"We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ,
who brings us truth and grace."

John 1

The reading now turns again to Ordinary Time in the Liturgical Year. We are reminded and hear the unfolding of God's plan for each of us.

The first reading and the gospel give the events of God's call to Samuel and the first disciples. We hear in the first reading of Samuel's call while he was asleep in the temple. It took some time for Samuel to understand and answer God's call to us. But God does not give up on us and we need to open to the call to each of us.

The gospel continues the theme of call to be followers of Jesus. Two of John's disciples were anxious to meet this man from Nazareth. Jesus questioned the men as to what they were looking for in life. Jesus invited them to come and see. We too are called to be persons who invite others to experience the call in their lives.

Two questions seem to call us to ponder the message in these readings. 1. How attentive are we to God's call to us? 2. How do we extend that invitation to others?

"Speak, Lord your servant is listening." 1 Samuel 3

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.

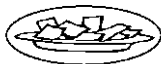


Children's Envelopes

The children's envelopes are in the vestibule. Please put your child's name on their envelope. Thank you.

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.



Stewardship News

Stewardship of Treasure, January 11, 2009 ..	\$14,209.50
Loose Collection	\$405.00
Children's Stewardship (12 Envelopes).....	\$19.00
Christmas Offering.....	\$889.00
Christmas Flowers	\$95.00
Religious Retirement	\$150.00
Solemnity	\$87.00
Fuel Donation	\$10.00
Total Weekly Collection	\$15,864.50
St. Vincent de Paul Poor Boxes	\$30.10

In today's first reading, we hear Samuel respond eagerly, "Here I am!" each time the Lord calls him. May we too, be listening for the call of God in our lives and be ready to say like the Psalmist, "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."

Celebrate Life - 2009

*Children long for somebody to accept them,
to love them, to praise them.*

*Let us bring the children back to
the center of our care and concern.*

*This is the ONLY way the world can survive
because our children are the only
hope of the future.*

Mother Teresa

On January 22 we mark the 36th Anniversary of the Supreme Court of its decision Roe vs. Wade. We must work for the dignity and the rights of every human person from conception to their last moment of life. Life is a gift of God to each person. We must work, pray, and seek every means to rid our world of violence, hate, war, destruction of the life, and dignity of every human person.

PRAY FOR LIFE!

SJV Bible Study

Please join us at **Our Bible Study** that will meet every Thursday morning at **10:00 a.m.** in the Community Room.

Deacon Ron Rowe

Ministry Schedule

Attention Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Hospitality Ministers, Adult Servers, and Servers: It's time to work on our next schedule which will run from March 1 through June 28, 2009 – please contact the parish office (235-1812) by **Wednesday January 28** with any changes or special requests. Thank you.

"Sewing Bee"

The St. Luke's N.E.W. Life Center is in desperate need of men's hats and gloves. So now that the holidays are over, we are planning a "Sewing Bee" to make hats for the St. Luke's Women's New Life Center. This year, we will be making hats for men, so we are in need of fleece in black, navy, charcoal, brown or any color a man would wear. Please bring your sewing machine if you can, and even if you don't sew, we are in need of cutters, pinners and trimmers. Donations of a yard or more of fleece would greatly be appreciated. Bring a snack to share; the coffee pot will be on! Join us for this fun night of helping our neighbors while sharing food, fellowship, and good conversation! The date is Wednesday, January 28th, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Please contact Chris Gardner at 239-8342 or Kitty Kelly at 250-2146 if you will be bringing a sewing machine. Let's start the New Year by continuing to bring comfort and warmth to our less-fortunate brothers in Christ.

Vocations Cross

St. John Vianney Parish is a parish that understands the great need for vocations. If you are an individual, couple or family that would be willing to pray for vocations for one week, please sign up to take the Vocations Cross home. Sign up sheets are in the back of the church or call Celeste Milne at 234-6296.



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, JANUARY 19 - WEEKDAY

10:30 a.m. Rose Cranston by Dorothy Kubik

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20 - WEEKDAY

8:00 a.m. Margaret Beck by Bill and Helene Foster
 10:30 a.m. Kith Haven Mass-Jack McCabe by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Szumowicz

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21 - ST. AGNES

10:30 a.m. Charles Davis by Dr. Henry Kowalski

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22 - WEEKDAY

8:00 a.m. Rita Gregory by Helen and Louise

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23 - WEEKDAY

10:30 a.m. Toni Sibilsky by the Sibilsky Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24 - VIGIL, THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 p.m. Rose Jackovich by Dennis and Melinda Barker

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25 - THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m. James McGaffigan by Bernie and Norma
 11:00 a.m. Russell Hildensperger by the Peter Ragnone Family
 7:00 p.m. Our St. John Vianney Parish Family

Newly Baptized

CONGRATULATIONS to these children who were baptized here at St. John Vianney during the past year:

- James & Jennifer ~ Naomi Susan Burns
- James & Jennifer ~ Josephine Nancy Burns
- Timothy & Mary Beth ~ Zoe Dynastie Johnson
- Matthew & Courtney ~ Emma Massie
- Jason & Courtney ~ Madelyn Fay Roy
- Keith & Linda ~ Nathan Lewis Harrison
- Isaac & Sherry Lee ~ Jonathan Franklin Jones
- Mark & Trisha ~ Katelynn Nicole Smith
- Kreg & Carrie ~ Emma Ann Hatfield
- Michael & Brooke ~ Griffin Good
- Barry & Kristina ~ Julia Marie Brown
- Rodney & Debra ~ Cameron D. Broyles
- Dennis & Jennie ~ Keira Elise Dumas-Knieper
- Bobby & Sabrina ~ Zandria Rose Grossi
- Kenny & Teri ~ Joshua Dwaine Wilson
- Daniel & Kelly ~ Annika Marie McEnrue
- Timothy & Stephanie ~ Morgan Blair Huffman
- Jack & Ellen ~ Riley Marie Miller
- Bryan & Jennifer ~ Elijah David Michael Coffin
- Ernest & Sara ~ Charles David Garcia
- Shane & Tiffany ~ Noah Michael Juhl
- Brian & Erika ~ Blake Brian Bushey
- Brian & Erika ~ Ella Erika Bushey
- Kevin & Stephanie ~ Logan Allen Judd
- Phillip & Sandra ~ Ethan Phillip Sperla
- Ryan & Amy ~ Josephine Jane Senk
- Christopher & Kelsey ~ Camryn Shea Wills
- Matthew & Catherine ~ Eden Therese Mroczkowski
- James & Angie ~ Aden Anthony Skerjance
- Brian & Kelly ~ Kiera Lynn Jimenez Boike
- Philip & Ginger ~ Garret Philip Palmer



IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2009

No School

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

10:30 a.m. Kith Haven Mass
 6:00 p.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help (CH)
 6:30 p.m. Gospel Choir Practice (CH)
 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Meeting (PC)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

1:00-3:00 p.m. Flint Urban Faith Choir Practice (CH)
 5:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

Catholic Schools Week
 12:00-2:00 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner (PC, CR, & CAFE)

Altar Care

Team # 3: Peggy Royce.

Thank you!



Altar Servers

Adult Server for January 19-23

8:00 a.m. Bill Samida

Saturday, January 24

4:00 p.m. Aidan & Lily Hudgens

Sunday, January 25

8:00 a.m. Joseph Cole & Albert Renick
 11:00 a.m. Anne Petrides & Kelsey Knag
 7:00 p.m. Kristin & Anthony Stevenson



READINGS FOR JANUARY 25

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JONAH 3:1-5, 10
 PSALM 25

1 CORINTHIANS 7:29-31
 MARK 1:14-20



Come after me;
 I will make you fishers of men.

Military Mass of Appreciation

Everyone is welcome to attend the St. Pius X Annual Military Mass of Appreciation held on January 24 at our 4:30 p.m. mass. Send your soldiers name, rank and where they are currently located to : Cindee McColley at St. Pius Parish, G-3139 Hogarth Ave., Flint, MI 48532. Everyone is welcome and invited to participate in this special time for our soldiers and the families. God Bless America!