

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)

67th Anniversary

www.sjvkids.com (School)

Baptism – A Gift From God To Parents – Parish Community



The sacrament of Baptism is a special moment in the life of every faith community. We, as people, plan for special moments and celebrations in our everyday lives.

The Baptism of a child or an adult calls for special moments of reflection and prayer.

The church looks upon the celebration of the Sacraments as a teachable moment for the individual as well as the community.

We as a parish have a process of preparation for infant Baptism. Hopefully this process time together will be one of growth and enrichment for parents and the community. We will begin by asking parents to have a personal interview before the Baptism of their child. This will be an opportunity for us to rejoice with you on this happy event in your family and our parish.

Hopefully we will grow and be able to share and guide our children in the ways of faith. This is not to make it difficult for parents but hopefully we will look upon the time as an opportunity to grow together.

Any questions, please call Sr. Eileen 235-1812. I will be happy to meet with you to further explain the process or to set a time for a meeting together.

Vacation Bible School News

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who spent their week sharing Jesus with the children of our church and community. Thank you to all of the parents who shared your child/children with us this summer. And, thank you to Fr. Tom and the SJV Church Community for your prayers and financial support. God Bless You All.

Our VBS service project this year was to revitalize with new life the flower bed in front of the Home of Mercy (the old convent). This past week the children have shoveled dirt, planted perennials, annuals & trees, and spread mulch. Thank you to the Posie Patch, Lowes, & Donaldson and Sons for your donations that made this service project possible. Please take time to drive by and see the hard work the children have done. It looks BEAUTIFUL!!!

The 15th Annual Summer Scripture Days

are scheduled for August 12 - 14, 2008 in Bethany House at St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt. Rev. John McDermott, S.J. will present "Getting to Know Jesus Through the Gospel According to Mark". Brochures and registration information are available in the parish office or contact Catholic Charities at 517-342-2465.

Mass Time for Travelers

The number for information available to traveling Catholics that will provide information on the location of the nearest church and times of Masses on weekends and holydays is **1-410-676-6000**. This service is available for all parishes. **You may also find the same information by going online at www.Masstimes.org.**

Hi!

Last Sunday I offered the 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Agnes. I am letting you all know about this because while we are still four parishes, although we will soon be one, I am trying to get to the three other parishes and introduce myself and welcome those members into our congregation. It will also most likely be necessary for me to be at the closing Masses at these other parishes when those dates occur later this summer. So please be patient with me if you find another priest offering Mass here, especially the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday.

My message to the three parishes will be similar. I am letting them know that they will be welcomed here. I am also telling them that it's perfectly understandable to be angry, sad, frustrated, etc. But what is most important whether we agree or disagree is that there be charity in all instances. The prime purpose of our Church is to make the Lord Jesus Christ available to us, and to Him we belong.

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

Please Pray For Our Parish Family, as we enjoy the days of summer we urge you to 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.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Vocation Cross

Our new Bishop, Most Reverend Earl Boyea has made vocations one of his top priorities. We can help him recruit priests by praying for the young men in our parish. Please consider taking the vocation cross home for one week and praying the vocation prayers. Thank you to all of the parishioners who have taken the cross over the years. The sign-up sheets are in the lobby. P.S. The cross and vocations material will be in a lighter basket. Many of you felt the basket was too heavy, and we'd like to correct that.

Cell Phone & Eye Glass Collection

Just a reminder that SJV is continually collecting cell phones & eye glasses. For your convenience a box has been place in the vestibule of the church. Please feel free to drop off cell phones and chargers, as well an any extra eye glasses in the box that has been provided. The Christian Service commission will make sure the items are distributed to agencies that will benefit from your donations.

STEWARDSHIP

is what I do after I say "I Believe"....

Stewardship of Treasure, June 29, 2008.....	\$5,915.00
Loose Collection	\$450.00
Children's Stewardship (5 Envelopes).....	\$3.00
Total Weekly Collection	\$6,368.00
St. Vincent de Paul Poor Boxes	\$50.58

"Let all Your works give You thanks, O Lord, and let your faithful ones bless You," says the Psalmist. Stewardship is this "attitude of gratitude" for the many gifts God has given us.

July Movie Screen Classics



Every Monday, 1:00 p.m. at Showcase West on Graham and Corunna Roads. Movie, popcorn, and drink all for \$2.00. Here are the Classics for July: **July 7, The Time of Your Life** starring James Cagney; **July 14, The Little Princess** starring Shirley Temple; **July 21, Beat the Devil** starring Humphrey Bogart; **July 28, Call it Murder (aka Midnight)** starring Humphrey Bogart and Charles Laughton. Come enjoy the oldies during the hot days ahead. Be sure to cut this out for a weekly reference.

Annual Polish-American Festival

The Polish Legion of American Veterans Post 8 and the Ladies Auxiliary Chapter 8 are sponsoring their annual festival on Sunday July 20, 2008 from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Pulaski Memorial Park/P.L.A.V. Grounds, G-4323 W. Carpenter Road, Flint, MI (810-732-7010). Admission is \$5.00 for adults, children under 12 with parents admitted free. Polish and American food, music, dancing, Bingo, and free parking. Fun for the whole family! Dancing on a Wooden Dance Floor to the continuous music of Dynabross Polka Band, and the Jim and Betty Hedrich variety band. Gates open at Noon. Enjoy the sights, sounds and smells of POLISH CULTURE while the kids play or take a ride on the train.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"I am meek and humble of heart."

The readings this week reminds us that we need to rely on the Spirit to guide us in the ways of acceptance and peace.

The first reading tells of the Messiah coming as one meek and humble. He will show the people and each of us what it means to be persons who accept God's message to us in our daily lives.

The second reading tells us of the message of God's call to freedom and truth. We as a faith community are called to let-go of our fears and anger and allow God's Spirit to guide us in new ways as a faith community. Let us speak out in positive voices that we truly are a community ready to accept and experience new ways of faith and community.

The gospel gives the beautiful message of Jesus accepting the way of humble service to others. We are promised that our burdens, our fears will be made new if only we accept God's ways in our lives. We know that sometimes we feel hurt and dismayed but Jesus tells us to lay our burdens at his feet and we will truly be made whole and ready to accept God's plan for us and our community. Our challenge this week is to speak and act in the ways of positive acceptance of God's plan here and now.

Sr. Eileen

Please Continue to Pray for Our Military and Their Families



**MONDAY, JULY 7 - WEEKDAY**

10:30 a.m. Lorena Zeilinger by Family

TUESDAY, JULY 8 - WEEKDAY

8:00 a.m. Deacon Ed Schneider

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9 - WEEKDAY

10:30 a.m. Theresa Wendt by Don and Alice

THURSDAY, JULY 10 - WEEKDAY

8:00 a.m. Sue Zerweck by her Family

FRIDAY, JULY 11 - ST. BENEDICT

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

SATURDAY, JULY 12 - VIGIL, FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 p.m. John Caughlin by Tony and Laurie Cienki

SUNDAY, JULY 13- FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m. Denis Bourque (7th Anniversary) by his Family

11:00 a.m. Sherry Hnatiuk by her Family

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

Altar Care

Team # 5: Liz Alunno, Helen Bade, Phyllis Goff, and Arlene Hodge.

Thank you!

**READINGS FOR JULY 13****FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

ISAIAH 55:10-11

PSALM 65

ROMANS 8:18-23

MATTHEW 13:1-23

Website for Deaf Catholics

Father Michael Depcik has a website especially suited to Deaf people who use sign language. Besides Catholic information, it also consists of a VLOG or visual blog. Father Depcik's VLOG will include American Sign Language signed homilies, prayers like the rosary, and there is Catholic-related information. The website can be found at www.frmd.org.

Christ The King 19th Annual-

African American Festival on July 19 & 20. This is represented through our theme, "One Family, One Neighborhood, One City." We joyfully ask you, your friends, family, and the entire community to join us and participate in this celebration! The festival will be held on the grounds of Christ the King, providing food, fun, and entertainment for all ages. Come enjoy delicious barbeque and fish dinners, games for children, and a variety of entertainment.

**TUESDAY, JULY 8**

7:00 p.m. Music in the Park Rain Out (Gym)

7:30 p.m. K of C Meeting (Lower Level Rectory)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

8:00 a.m. St. Joseph Workers

FRIDAY, JULY 11

6:30 p.m. Bingo - Fisher Hall (Team #4)

SATURDAY, JULY 12

5:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Adult Server for July 7-11**

8:00 a.m. Larry Loje

Saturday, July 12

4:00 p.m. Mary Herman & Barbara Davidek

Sunday, July 13

8:00 a.m. Mike McCarthy & Bill Samida

11:00 a.m. Haley Borrow & Andrew Bade

7:00 p.m. Kristopher Miller & Kendall Smith

Family Fun Day

Join us at the K of C grounds on Francis Road in Mt. Morris for our 6th Annual Car & Truck Show. Saturday, July 17, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Free admission and free parking. Breakfast served from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (\$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children). Refreshments will be served all day. Call Harold Smith (810) 686-6103 for more information.

Prayer Chain Ministry

"Prayer Chain requests are welcome any time." Call Joyce at 810-630-0506, or Pat 810-635-3716, or the church office at 235-1812.

**I will praise Your
name forever,
my King and my God.**

Usually, when we find life a continuous struggle and we become stressed out and depressed, we never think that the problem might be within us rather than circumstances around us. Jesus has told us what to do when we find life burdensome - come to him and be refreshed. There will always be problems and things we find difficult but they don't have to overwhelm us. Take time to just sit with the Lord and pour out your heart to him. Ask for the grace to see clearly what you can do and to accept what you cannot change. A peaceful spirit will enable you to endure any storm.

*The Lord lifts us all who are falling and
raises up all who are bowed down.*

- PSALM 145:14