

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)

2008 Missionary Appeal

TODAY we have our annual Mission Appeal. This year, the speaker is Fr. Nonatus Lakra, who will be making an appeal for the Diocese of Pune India. He is the parochial Vicar for St. Mary Cathedral in Lansing. The Diocese of Pune was born August 11, 1998, from the Diocese of Dumka by Pope John Paul II. The diocese covers an area of 15,733.4 sq. kms. and has a population of over 83,000 - of whom about 23,000 are Catholic.

Bishop's Golf Classic

The Bishop's Golf Classic is Tuesday, September 9, 2008, at Hawk Hollow and Eagle Eye. A 10:00 a.m. shotgun start on both courses. Honorary Hosts are Knights of Columbus Councils of the Catholic Diocese of Lansing. The proceeds are for seminarian education. For registration or sponsorship please call 517-342-2503 or e-mail pohearn@dioceseoflansing.org.

DIOCESAN PUBLICATIONS

Greg Pope, representing **DIOCESAN PUBLICATIONS** (Our Bulletin Publisher) will be at the parish soon. He will be renewing present advertisements and seeking new ones. If interested please call the parish office. We feel this is an excellent service and that the sponsors get good coverage with their ads. THANKS TO YOU, and **DIOCESAN PUBLICATIONS**, the bulletin is published weekly at no cost to the parish.

St. Luke Parish

The parishioners of St. Luke Parish would like to invite everyone to their closing mass with the Bishop on Sunday August 3, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

DECREE

The Most Reverend Bishop Earl Boyea has issued Decrees for the consolidation of St. Luke Parish, St. Agnes Parish and Sacred Heart Parish to St. John Vianney Parish. If you would like to see these Decrees they are available in St. John Vianney's Church office, 8:00-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Decrees will also be posted on the Diocese of Lansing's website on July 18. The website address is www.dioceseoflansing.org.

Attention Ministers

Work will soon begin to complete the Hospitality, Lector, Eucharistic and Servers Ministry Schedule for this quarter. The remainder of this Ministry schedule will run from September 1 to October 31, 2008. Please contact the parish office (235-1812) by August 6 with requests. If there are any changes to your current schedule, dates you would like to serve or will be unable to serve, please let the office know. For everyone who already turned in your requests for September and October they are still on file. You do not need to turn them in again, unless you have additional requests. Thank you.



Sometimes we are at a loss about what we should do. Even our attempts to pray seem hollow and fruitless. Ironically, it is at these times that we may receive the greatest graces. We need to trust God and persevere even when our prayers seem useless and we are so distracted we can hardly think. Allow the Spirit to pray for you - turn everything over to the Spirit and let her guide you. Most of all, don't stop praying. It may seem like this chaos will never end but eventually it will and you may just find it was one of the most fruitful times in your life when you look back.

*Harken, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my pleading.
-PSALM 86:6*

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**



Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are donated this weekend in loving memory of Robert and Evelyn Gazall by their Family.

Thank you for your generosity.

Martha's Ministry

Martha's Ministry can help you get off to a great start when you bring your new bundle of joy home from the hospital. Just give us a call when your baby is born. We'll bring dinner right to your door. Call the parish office (235-1812) or Lisa Burgess (659-4027) for details.

Stewardship of Talent:

Service through skills for others, e.g. preparing a meal for a family or someone in need, painting, doing yard work for others, working with youth, teaching a craft project.



Stewardship of Treasure, July 13, 2008	\$8,400.00
Loose Collection	\$393.00
Children's Stewardship (10 Envelopes)	\$12.00
Total Weekly Collection	\$8,805.00
St. Vincent de Paul Poor Boxes	\$34.00

"Those who are just must be kind," says today's first reading. If our words and deeds are kind and selfless, we will be like the good seed in the Gospel parable and gathered as wheat in the Lord's harvest.

Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

God's Knows What's In Our Hearts

The readings this week call us to ponder and know of God's love and care for each of us.

The first reading from Wisdom again speaks about God's loving care and mercy. We as individuals, as a society are led to believe that we should react with a sense of hostility and lack of forgiveness. Even in early times God reminded the people and each of us of the importance of mercy and acceptance as we struggle with realities of everyday life.

The beautiful reading from Paul helps us to act with compassion and mercy. We can only respond in this manner through prayer. Sometimes we feel over powered by the conditions in our lives and in society. We are told to remember that the Spirit does intercede for each of us.

The gospel gives the beautiful examples of several parables Jesus shared with his followers. We live in a society that expects instant answers of all our problems. We are told to allow the seeds of God's love and care to be patient and allow the growth and acceptance to take place. The answer is clear, let God's Spirit and will direct each of us to fullness of his love and mercy.

"The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness."

Sr. Eileen

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.



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.

Guardian Angel Ministries

Our Ministry is here to help parishioners of SJV who need assistance in transportation to Mass, going to the store, going to doctors' appointments, going to a pharmacy or sitting with a home bound person while the caretaker takes a break for an hour or two. There is no charge. Call the church office at 235-1812, to contact someone who can assist you. All calls are held in complete confidence.

To show great love for God and our neighbor, we need not do great things. It is how much love we put in the doing that makes our offering something beautiful for God.

Mother Teresa

**MONDAY, JULY 21 - WEEKDAY**

10:30 a.m. Special Intention for Art and Rosa Wright
by Dick and Mary Chimner

TUESDAY, JULY 22 - ST. MARY MAGDELENE

8:00 a.m. Fr. Bill Lamphere

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23 - WEEKDAY

10:30 a.m. Special Intentions by Marcia and Larry
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THURSDAY, JULY 24 - WEEKDAY

8:00 a.m. Fr. Neil Cornelli

FRIDAY, JULY 25 - ST. JAMES, APOSTLE

10:30 a.m. Diane de Keratry by Peter de Keratry

**SATURDAY, JULY 26 - VIGIL, SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

4:00 p.m. Marv and Ginny Thomas by Ruth Hood

**SUNDAY, JULY 27 - SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

8:00 a.m. Don Pougnet by his Family

11:00 a.m. Robert and Evelyn Gazall by their Family

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

READINGS FOR JULY 27**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

1 KINGS 3:5, 7-12
PSALM 119
ROMANS 8:28-32
MATTHEW 13:44-52

Parish Membership

Welcome to St. John Vianney. Are you new to the parish or attending Mass here regularly and wish to register? Please register at the Parish Office during weekly office hours between 8-4:30 p.m. or call 235-1812. Also a reminder to parishioners, please notify us of any change of address or phone number. Thank you.

Church Etiquette

Celebration of the Mass is a sacred occasion and to fully appreciate the experience, some reminders of etiquette are in order:

Please use good sense in your dress. Sometimes we can be too casual. Remember, the church is air conditioned for your comfort.

Please turn off cell phones before you enter the church. It is disconcerting and disrupts the setting when phones ring.

Thank you for observing these aspects, which will make the Mass more meaningful for all of us.

Please Continue to Pray for
Our Military and Their Families

**This Week in our Parish****WEDNESDAY, JULY 23**

8:00 a.m. St. Joseph Workers

FRIDAY, JULY 25

6:30 p.m. Bingo - Fisher Hall (Team #2)

SATURDAY, JULY 26

5:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

Altar Servers**Adult Server for July 21-25**

8:00 a.m. John Linker

Saturday, July 26

4:00 p.m. Jacqueline Henderson &
Kayla Neumann

**Sunday, July 27**

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

11:00 a.m. Kelsey Knag & Tyler Lowe

7:00 p.m. Luke & Mitchell Milne

**Altar Care**

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

Thank you!

Featured CDs this week:**Seven Reasons To Be Catholic - Dr. Peter Kreeft.**

Dr. Peter Kreeft is a world-renowned philosopher and best-selling author of over 35 books. Drawing from the treasured wisdom of such great spiritual thinkers as St. John of the Cross, Thomas Aquinas, C. S. Lewis, and Cardinal Newman, he helps us to understand why truth trumps everything! Listen as he clearly presents seven undisputable reasons why every person should indeed be Catholic.

Rebuilding the Christian Civilization - Dr. Scott

Hahn. Is it too late to reverse our "culture of death"? Pope John Paul II didn't think so. That is why he devised a grand strategy called the *New Evangelization* with the ultimate goal of building a "civilization of love". Dr. Scott Hahn, lay theologian, presents the biblical blueprint for the Holy Father's building project, along with practical steps we can use to implement this plan in our own homes.

Use the CDs to:

- Know your faith better
- Share your faith better
- Give to family and friends

Build your library and give the CD away later when there is a need. Look for our display stand in the back of church containing these CD's and more. We ask for a **donation of \$3.00 per CD**. Checks can be made payable to the church. Donations go to the church and towards the purchase of additional materials.