

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)

RCIA Journey of Faith

Our journey of faith together as a community of believers calls us to be aware of those among us seeking to know and walk with us. RCIA is not just for the inquirers but it calls each one of us to be renewed in our faith.

Fr. Tom has challenged us to be mindful of those among us seeking to come and journey with us. These people may be family members/neighbors who have strayed away from the practice of their faith. Also they might be that family member, neighbor, co-worker with the desire to deepen their faith, their relationship with the Lord Jesus. They may be seeking a faith community that will welcome and support them. We truly are such a faith community we need to reach out, ask, invite now. Take the challenge, answer the call as members baptized in the faith.

It is important that I have time to meet with persons interested in the process before we begin in September. If you have any questions please give me a call or submit their names.

Thank You, Sister Eileen

Name _____ Phone # _____

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St. Luke Parish

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

Feast of St. John Vianney



Coffee and Donuts

Next Sunday August 3, we will celebrate our Feast of St. John Vianney. We will have refreshments after Mass in the tent on the front lawn of the church. We need persons willing to help with this celebration. Help is needed to set-up, serve, and clean up. If you are able to help please call Bridget Drumm 487-1865 or the parish office 235-1812. Thank you.

2008 Women's Retreat

The women of our parish are invited to the annual retreat at St. Francis Retreat Center on September 19-21, 2008. The theme for Retreat 2008 is "JESUS: EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW". By looking at this Jesus who belongs to all humanity, may we see him more clearly, love him more dearly, and live our faith more deeply. His life and mission is as much for us today as it was for his contemporaries. So come be with him on this retreat. Retreatants may register by calling Pat Slackta at (810) 635-3716, the Retreat Center at 517-669-8321 or toll free at 866-669-8321. You may also register by visiting our web site www.stfrancis.ws. Suggested donation for the weekend is \$130.00.





**LORD,
I love your
commands.**

Do you really believe that all things will work for the good of those who have faith? When things are going well, it seems obvious; but when there are setbacks and problems, it is easy to doubt this truth. Discipleship is not an insurance policy that protects us from the problems and failures of life. It is a way of being - a mind-set - that keeps us focused on what is truly important. When we encounter life's downs and ups, we do not just passively accept them. Rather, we see them all as gifts that can teach us something that will deepen our love of God and neighbor. In that way, all things work for our good.

*Let your kindness comfort me
according to your promise to your servants.
-PSALM 119:76*

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.

Food Collection - August 2 & 3

Next weekend is food collection for our community. Suggestions include canned fruit and boxed meals - Hamburger Helper, Rice-A-Roni... "Whatever you do for the least of my people, you do for Me."

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.



Gifts for God

- Stewardship of Treasure, July 20, 2008..... \$6,827.00**
- Loose Collection \$305.00**
- Children's Stewardship (7 Envelopes)..... \$8.00**
- Book Rack..... \$10.00**
- Total Weekly Collection..... \$7,150.00**
- St. Vincent de Paul Poor Boxes..... \$87.81**
- Mission Collection..... \$5,317.55**

"The law of Your mouth is to me more precious than thousands of gold and silver pieces," says the Psalmist today. Does the amount of my offering suggest that I could honestly say the same?

Thank You

We are saying "Thank You and Well Done, to our 2008 Bible Vacation School Kids (future leaders) for choosing us, Home of Mercy (Home for unwed young moms to be) for their Son Harvest County Fair flowers and trees planting project. And a special thanks to Lisa Burgess the coordinator and her wonderful husband, Tim Burgess, who took a week off from his job to make this project possible, and all who helped in other ways. God Bless you all, Olisa Ward for Home of Mercy

On behalf of my daughter and son-in-law, Ellen and Jack Miller and especially my new granddaughter, Riley Marie we would like to thank all the parishioners of St. John Vianney for their prayers, cards, and thoughts for Riley. This last month was difficult but with God's grace and the prayers from people around the world Riley is home and doing very well. May God bless you all for your concern. You are all wonderful and warm people. To God alone give glory. We are, Yours Christ's service, Deacon John and Karen Sundwick, Very proud Grandpa and Grandma.

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.

Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

"You have asked for Wisdom"

The readings this week ask us to reflect on what we ask for in our wishes and prayers.

Solomon gives us a beautiful example of being open to God's plan for us. Solomon understood he would need guidance as he began his service among the people. We as a faith community might ponder what we ask of the Lord. What a beautiful request for a understanding heart. As we continue to prepare to walk and celebrate together as people of faith we need to be open to God's call and gifts to each of us as individuals as faith communities walking together in new paths of growth and experience new opportunities to pray, to celebrate, to grow strong in our faith and service to one another and to our community.

HOLD FAST TO HOPE...

Sr. Eileen

St. John Vianney, A Welcoming Community

We at St. John Vianney have been known for our spirit of welcome. These weeks we are having persons from our sister parishes coming to celebrate with us. We would ask ushers, hospitality ministers and all people to be aware of our new friends. If you see a new person please welcome them to celebrate with us.

**MONDAY, JULY 28 - WEEKDAY**

10:30 a.m. Msgr. Walter E. Mehm (9th Anniversary)

TUESDAY, JULY 29 - ST. MARTHA

8:00 a.m. Diane de Keratry by Peter de Keratry

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30 - WEEKDAY

10:30 a.m. Marion Cowing Barkey by the Tobias Family

THURSDAY, JULY 31 - ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

8:00 a.m. Bill Lamphere

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1 - WEEKDAY

10:30 a.m. Rose Cranston by Tresa & Anne Pillainagagam

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2 - VIGIL, EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 p.m. Doris Ann Wenzel by Catherine

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3 - EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m. Alex Crane by Nadine

11:00 a.m. Baby John Doe (10th Anniversary) by Dcn. John Sundwick

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

Altar Care

Team # 3: Peggy Royce.

Thank you!

**READINGS FOR AUGUST 3****EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

ISAIAH 55:1-3
 PSALM 145
 ROMANS 8:35, 37-39
 MATTHEW 14:13-21

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.

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.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 30**

8:00 a.m. St. Joseph Workers

THURSDAY, JULY 31

6:30 p.m. Sacred Heart's Final Mass with Bishop Boyea - Procession of the Blessed Sacrament from Sacred Heart to St. John Vianney following the mass.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

6:30 p.m. Bingo - Fisher Hall (Team #3)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

5:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

8:00 & 11:00 a.m. Donuts and Coffee in honor of St. John Vianney

10:00 a.m. St. Luke's Closing Mass

**Mass Servers****Adult Server for July 28-August 1**

8:00 a.m. Bill Samida

Saturday, August 2

4:00 p.m. Aidan & Lily Hudgens

Sunday, August 3

8:00 a.m. Michael Mulqueen & Gerald Starkey

11:00 a.m. Anne Petrides & Kendall Smith

7:00 p.m. Anthony & Kristin Stevenson

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.

The Vocation of the Parish

The preparation of children and young people to accept the Word of Life is a fundamental mission of evangelization for communities. That...which we have heard...which we have looked upon and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life. We must proclaim from generation to generation. Awakening the faith in children, catechesis and Christian initiation must inspire the deepest devotion in those who dedicate themselves to this task and to acquiring skills without which the other parishioners might lose interest in what continues to be a mission for all.

*Spread love everywhere you go.
 Be the living expression of God's kindness.*

-THERESA OF CALCUTTA