

# 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](http://www.sjvflint.com) (Church)

68th Anniversary

[www.sjvkids.com](http://www.sjvkids.com) (School)

## RCIA Journey of Faith

### Rite of Sending.....Rite of Election

We begin the season of Lent by celebrating and welcoming our catechumens for the Rite of Sending and Rite of Election. This process is one of special importance for our parish. These people begin the final weeks of their journey with us to the Easter Sacraments. Today we will hear their sponsors speak on behalf of Jeff and Sandy about their willingness and desire to join us at the Eater Vigil.

This afternoon we will join the parishes from our region to present them to Bishop Boyea at St. John Parish in Fenton. May we continue to welcome and support our Catechumens during these days of Lent.

### THE JOURNEY

WITHIN ... The Experience Of Lent

Each Friday after the 6:30 a.m. Mass and until the 10:30 a.m. Mass, the Blessed Sacrament is placed upon the altar for a time of public prayer and adoration. I would like to encourage you to stop sometime during the morning for a time of quiet reflection and prayer. It is a wonderful opportunity for everyone and a source of special grace and blessing for our parish. Prayer and Eucharist are at the very center of our Lenten renewal. At 10:30 a.m. we will celebrate Mass and immediately following Mass, we will have the Stations of the Cross.

### Anointing Mass

During Lent Fr. Tom will offer the Anointing of the Sick on **Tuesday March 3** at the 10:30 a.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

### Vesper Service

Every Sunday, March 1 through March 29 at 6:00 p.m. you are invited to a quiet time of prayer and song. Bring a friend and share the gift of your time with the Lord.

Vesper services have deep roots in our Catholic tradition dating back to the Second Century. It is a time for prayerful reflection, incorporating meditative songs in Latin and English, scripture, general intercessions, incense and candlelight. The service will last about 30 minutes and is a wonderful way to enhance your Lenten commitment.

*Happy Lent!*

Ash Wednesday is already behind us and we find ourselves with the First Sunday of Lent upon us. Have you already given up on whatever you gave up for Lent? Maybe not yet, but I am willing to bet that you will most likely give up. Lent is just too long! Often our motivation for the season of Lent is guilt. Guilt works! Trust me, I am the product of an Irish mother and Irish mothers specialize in guilt. (In fact my mother had a doctorate in guilt.) And at times the Church also emphasizes guilt, because it works. Guilt is a great motivator. But guilt will not sustain us for the entire season of Lent. And that is why we will give up whatever we gave up. Guilt only works so long and then we fatigue on such a bad feeling and look for something or anything that will get us away from this guilt.

So I would like to suggest that we use love as our motivation for Lent. After thirty years of being a priest I can say that the human condition means that we will eventually hurt one another. We cannot help but sooner or later hurt another person. We may not intend to do so or we may well intend to hurt someone. It really does not matter we are an insensitive species. We miss too much. Even my dog hears and smells better than I do. We were made for love. That is the reason for our existence. We need to be more sensitive to the needs of others and the only motivation that will sustain us in such a quest is love. Use Lent as a time to grow in your knowledge of love. Because of sin we have lost the innate ability to love. We must learn to love. And we cannot afford to stop learning. So take the time during Lent to get to know the teacher of love, Our Lord Jesus Christ. He has a lesson plan for you. You are in my prayers and heart. And say a prayer for your pastor during Lent. Like I said it is a long haul to Easter.

Fr. Tom

*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.



<b>Stewardship of Treasure, February 22, 2009...</b>	<b>\$7,775.00</b>
<b>Loose Collection .....</b>	<b>\$434.00</b>
<b>Children's Stewardship (16 Envelopes).....</b>	<b>\$18.00</b>
<b>World Wide Evangelization .....</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
<b>Catholic Times.....</b>	<b>\$216.00</b>
<b>Ash Wednesday.....</b>	<b>\$167.00</b>
<b>Book Rack.....</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>
<b>Total Weekly Collection.....</b>	<b>\$8,625.00</b>
<b>St. Vincent de Paul Poor Boxes.....</b>	<b>\$36.00</b>

The waters of Baptism make us part of the new covenant in Christ. But the bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us that "there is a fundamental obligation arising from the sacrament of baptism...that people place their gifts, their resources -- their selves -- at God's service in and through the Church."

*First Sunday of Lent*

"Your ways, O Lord make known to me."

Psalm 25

This week begins the joyful season of Lent when we prepare together as a Faith Community to the Paschal Mystery together as a Faith Community. The readings and prayers direct our attention to God's saving work in our daily lives.

The first reading tells of the covenant that God made with Noah and his family. We hear of God's memory by which God remains faithfully committed to our salvation. God forgets our sins but remembers the covenant made to the people of old and each one of us. We have signs in creation of the beauty and faithfulness of God's promise to his people.

The second reading reminds us of the life that we as baptized have received, the life to which our Elect are called. Jesus listened to God so we are called to listen this Lent. We need to take time to ponder, to pray the call to each of us these special days.

The gospel gives us the account of Jesus' temptation in the desert. The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert for 40 days. We hear that Jesus listened to God during his days in the desert. Jesus went forth from the desert renewed and ready to preach the message of the coming of the kingdom.

How are we as families and community called to spend these days to give thanks and proclaim the good news?

Sr. Eileen

*Food Collection - March 7 & 8*

Next weekend is food collection for our community. Suggestions include canned meat, canned potatoes, rice and condiments. Thank you for your continued generosity.

*Heartbeat Collection*

There will be a heartbeat collection on March 21 and 22. We will be collecting new and gently used items for babies and expectant mothers. More information to come.

*Angels Outreach Ministry*

**Saturday, April 4, 2009** (12:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.): Easter Egg Party. Color and decorate your own real Easter Eggs to take home! Be visited by the Easter Bunny! Plenty of arts and crafts, games, and door prizes! Parents are welcome, and invite your family and friends. \*Volunteers are needed for this event." We are in need of food coloring egg dye, and individual wrapped candy for this event.

**Saturday, April 18, 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 dogs. Popcorn and beverage will also be provided. Participate in trivia, games, and much more. Ages 6-15; parents are also welcome.

*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.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### MONDAY, MARCH 2 - WEEKDAY

- 6:30 a.m. Patrick Callahan by Maureen Callahan  
10:30 a.m. Gabriella Basilius by the Basilius Family

### TUESDAY, MARCH 3 - WEEKDAY

- 6:30 a.m. Rita Smith by Dane, Dianne, and Family  
10:30 a.m. Frank Matsco by his Family

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4 - WEEKDAY

- 6:30 a.m. Msgr. William Flanagan (47th Anniv.)  
10:30 a.m. Carl Cavalier by Virginia Matsco and Carol Stewart

### THURSDAY, MARCH 5 - WEEKDAY

- 6:30 a.m. Francis Cole by Joe  
10:30 a.m. Pat Behan (1st Anniversary) by her Husband

### FRIDAY, MARCH 6 - WEEKDAY

- 6:30 a.m. Harry Swartz  
10:30 a.m. Bob James by Willie

### SATURDAY, MARCH 7 - VIGIL, SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

- 4:00 p.m. Dale Barker by Gene Jackovich

### SUNDAY, MARCH 8 - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

- 8:00 a.m. Joan Gillespie (3rd Anniv.) by her Family  
11:00 a.m. Our St. John Vianney Parish Family  
7:00 p.m. Christine Ann Care by Janet Hyde and 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!

## Altar Servers

### Adult Server for March 2-6

- 10:30 a.m. Dick Chimner

### Saturday, March 7

- 4:00 p.m. Rachel Burgess & Taylor Lawrence

### Sunday, March 8

- 8:00 a.m. Mike McCarthy & Albert Renick  
11:00 a.m. Eric & Michelle Deitering  
7:00 p.m. Heather & Khrystal Lewis

## Classic Movies

At Showcase West, Graham Rd., Mondays, 1:00 p.m. - Admission \$2.00. Still includes popcorn and drink. Indulge yourself in these "Goldie Oldies." March 2, The Stranger, starring E.G. Robinson & Orsen Wells (1946); March 9, Behave Yourself with Shelly Winters, (1951); March 16, Borderline with Fred McMurray (1950); March 23, Angel and the Badman with John Wayne (1947).

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

## The Week Ahead

### MONDAY, MARCH 2

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

### TUESDAY, MARCH 3

- 10:30 a.m. Mass of Anointing  
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, MARCH 4

- 8:00 a.m. St. Joseph Workers & Altar Care  
10:30 a.m. School Mass  
7:00 p.m. RCIA  
7:00 p.m. Lenten Speaker - Fr. John Klein (PC)

### THURSDAY, MARCH 5

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study (CR)  
4:00-6:00 p.m. Parent/Teacher Conferences (PC)  
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice (CH)  
7:00 p.m. Guardian Angel's Meeting (CR0)

### FRIDAY, MARCH 6

- 1/2 Day of School  
8:45 a.m. Soup Kitchen Ministry  
6:30 p.m. Bingo - Fisher Hall (Team #2)

### SATURDAY, MARCH 7

- Food Collection  
9:00-5:00 p.m. Youth Group Lenten Day of Reflection (CR)  
2:00 p.m. Rosary at Kith Haven  
5:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

### SUNDAY, MARCH 8

- Food Collection  
11:00-4:00 p.m. K of C 2nd & 3rd Degree (PC & Gym)  
12:00-3:00 p.m. Passion Mime Practice (CH)

## READINGS FOR MARCH 8

### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



This is  
My beloved  
Son;  
HEAR  
HIM.

GENESIS 22:1-2, 9A, 10-13, 15-18  
PSALM 116  
ROMANS 8:31B-34  
MARK 9:2-10

## 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". 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.stfrancis.ws](http://www.stfrancis.ws). Suggested donation for the weekend is \$135.00.

## 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.