

St. John Vianney Parish

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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)

Lenten Daily Schedule



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	
6:00 p.m.	Vesper Service

Hi!

If you are looking for a peaceful time of prayer during this Lenten season, I have a suggestion. We have a Sunday evening Vespers service at 6:00 p.m. that runs for about twenty five minutes. I find this service to be very fulfilling and it helps to quiet my soul. I would also like to remind you that the Blessed Sacrament is exposed every Friday morning from 7:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. We need to see these prayer times as opportunities to grow in our parish prayer life. This parish needs to grow spiritually if we are to face the challenges ahead.

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

Parish Luncheon

Please join us on Wednesday, March 11th for our Parish Luncheon. Please come and enjoy good food and company, you may also bring a dish to pass if you would like.

Hope to See You There!



Fourth Annual Chili Cook-off

Everyone is invited to the 4th annual chili cook-off Saturday, March 28, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. There are two ways to enjoy in the fun. You can enter your chili in the contest to be judged, or you can be the judge (no qualifications or age requirement, only that you like chili)! If you are entering your chili you will need to sign up by March 22nd in the back of the church; if you are judging, just show up hungry. We are also providing hotdogs, macaroni and cheese, drinks and dessert at NO COST (donations are always welcome). So please come, bring your families and friends, and enjoy a great time.

Please Help the SJVS 8th Graders Trip To Washington, DC!

The SJVS 8th graders will host a pancake breakfast on Sunday, March 22 from 9:00 a.m. until noon in the Parish Center. The kids are raising money for their 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C. in May. Thank you for supporting this educational trip for our children!

Please Continue to Pray for Our Military and Their Families



Hi!

Well folks you put one over me. I was totally surprised by your gift on the occasion of my birthday and 30th anniversary of priesthood. The chalice is absolutely beautiful! Usually when a priest is ordained he is given a chalice. I gave my chalice away many years ago to a poor group of religious sisters who had none of the necessary elements for Mass. I have always stated that I truly believe what goes around comes around. It only took about thirty years for me to get another chalice. (Better late than never.) I deeply appreciate your generous sentiment and I am humbled by your gift. I want to thank you all for your generosity and thoughtfulness, especially the conspirators who led this effort.

I was reminded often, during this past weekend, that this gift is given on the condition that I do not run away. I can honestly say to you that I have no intention of leaving St. John Vianney. I have always accepted the assignments that have been given me by our Bishop. And it was Bishop Mengeling who asked me to be the pastor here. And as long as Bishop Boyea sees fit to keep me here, then I will be here. We still have a great deal of work to do for the Catholic Church in Flint. The reputation of the Catholic Church has not been the best in the past years and that may be especially so here in Flint. We as the Catholic Community here in Flint need to make our presence known and felt for the right reason; we are here for the love of our Lord Jesus Christ and to serve His kingdom.

Thank you for being such a generous parish. You truly are a generous parish and that's a fact that you have demonstrated time and again. I love this parish and will do my best to be your pastor. You are all in my prayers and heart.

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.



Pray for the Sick

**STEWARDSHIP
NEWS**

Stewardship of Treasure, March 1, 2009	\$12,823.50
Loose Collection	\$570.00
Children's Stewardship (14 Envelopes).....	\$24.00
World Wide Evangelization	\$35.00
Catholic Times.....	\$27.00
Ash Wednesday.....	\$1,042.00
Black & Indian Missions	\$1,108.00
Catholic Relief	\$65.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$70.00
Genesee Lenten Appeal	\$20.00
Good Friday	\$5.00
Easter Offering	\$5.00
Total Weekly Collection.....	\$15,794.50
St. Vincent de Paul Poor Boxes.....	\$131.94

Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. St. Paul reminds us that God Himself "did not spare his own Son." Are my gifts to the Lord -- of my resources, of my time, of myself -- also sacrificial?

Partners in Community Organizing

Sunday, March 8th at 5:30 p.m. in the parking lot of Quinn A.M.E. Church there will be a rally to meet the "Recovery Express." This is a bus that left California representing various cities under the PICO banner (Partners in Community Organizing) that is on its way to Washington, D.C. to present to the Obama Administration some ideas on properly helping those who are suffering from the mortgage crisis. St. John Vianney is a proud member of FACT (Flint Area Congregations Together) the only PICO chapter in the Midwest. We hope to influence our own government officials to join us in this truly charitable endeavor. Whether you politically agree with the Obama Administration or not the money will be coming. Let's make sure it is used properly and not wasted. Fr. Tom

Special Words of Thanks

Words of thanks to Mike and Marjie Padisak and their wonderful crew of workers for our Pre-Lenten dinner. Once again we came together to celebrate good food and friendship. We served about 200 people who enjoyed delicious food and sharing together. We need these events to help us grow together as a community of faith and service. See You Next Year...

Thank You also to Donna Kurtz, Tony Cienki, and Bev Fisher for their guidance in planning the celebration last week-end. Also thanks to all who helped prepare and serve; and to the entire parish for their response to this happy event.

God Bless You.

Sewing Bee #2 was a Great Success!

On Friday, February 27, six ladies met at the N.E.W. Life Center. We made 46 hats, had soup, and a lot of good conversation. The hats will be distributed to those in the area. We plan on having another "Sewing Bee" in October. We'd love to have you join us!! Thanks Everyone!!

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.

Second Sunday of Lent

"Rabbi, it is good that we are here."
Mark 9

The first reading and the Gospel present the events on the top of the mountain. Jesus often went up the mountain to speak a message of hope and promise of God's covenant with the people. Abraham heard God's call and responded because of his belief in God's loving promise to the people.

Abraham responded without seeing an easy answer to God's call. During this Lent God is calling each of us to respond. Our Catechumens respond again on Sunday to God's call in their lives. Let us keep them in our prayers and support as we journey together during this Lent.

The gospel gives the second mountain event for our response. This Lent Mark reminds us that Christ's glory cannot be truly understood except in the light of his death and Resurrection. We too, as we journey this Lent we need to ponder the full message of Christ's death and Resurrection in our lives.

Share with family how you heard and answered God's call this week.

Sr. Eileen

††† Masses For The Week

MONDAY, MARCH 9 - WEEKDAY

- 6:30 a.m. John Vaughan (11th Anniversary) by his Family
10:30 a.m. Ray Skrzypczak by Arlene

TUESDAY, MARCH 10 - WEEKDAY

- 6:30 a.m. Living and Deceased Benefactors of our St. John Memorial Fund
10:30 a.m. Genevieve Wisniewski by Regina Blankenship and Sr. Rosita Wisniewski

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11 - WEEKDAY

- 6:30 a.m. Ronald Nicholson by Sam, Joyce, and John Hall
10:30 a.m. Mary George and Wallace Zuchowski by the Lillvis Family

THURSDAY, MARCH 12 - WEEKDAY

- 6:30 a.m. Toni Sibilsky by Rita Sheeran
10:30 a.m. Fr. Ernie Pocarri by Mary Gianino

FRIDAY, MARCH 13 - WEEKDAY

- 6:30 a.m. Margaret Harris by the Emmanuel Prayer Group
10:30 a.m. Jim Kent by Shirley Seidel

SATURDAY, MARCH 14 - VIGIL, THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

- 4:00 p.m. Alice Cox by Dawn, Tracey, Krista, and Jeff

SUNDAY, MARCH 15 - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

- 8:00 a.m. Elizabeth Shafer by her Family
11:00 a.m. Russell Hildensperger by Sylvia Price
7:00 p.m. Our St. John Vianney Parish Family

Lent & Easter Bake Sale

St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Church (2333 N. Elms Road) is again offering baked nut, poppy seed, apricot, and prune rolls (\$9 each) on all Wednesdays during Lent from 2-6 p.m. Sorry, no advance roll orders taken. For more information, call (810-659-4887) or email: stmichaelbyz@aol.com.



**YOUR WAYS, O LORD,
ARE LOVE AND TRUTH,
TO THOSE WHO KEEP YOUR COVENANT.**

God's will is not always easy to know nor to do. We need help. This is where the Christian community and the Church come to our aid. While the responsibility for these choices is ours, it is helpful to look at the teaching and traditions of the Church and get the input of those we respect. Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we can benefit from the insights of our confessor and perhaps get a better idea of what we need to do and focus on at this time. What resources are you using to help you grow?

*My vows to the Lord I will pay
in the presence of all his people.*

-PSALM 116:8

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

**This Week in our Parish****MONDAY, MARCH 9**

- 5:30 p.m. Sacramental Prep Class (Rectory)
6:30 p.m. SJVS Brainstorming Meeting (PC)

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

- 6:00 p.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help (CH)
6:30 p.m. Gospel Choir Practice (CH)
7:30 p.m. K of C Meeting (Lower Level Rectory)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

- 8:00 a.m. St. Joseph Workers
8:00 a.m. Altar Care (CH)
10:30 a.m. School Mass
11:30 a.m. Parish Luncheon (PC)
7:00 p.m. RCIA

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study (CR)
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice (CH)
6:30 p.m. F.A.C.T. Meeting (PC)

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

- No School
6:30 p.m. Bingo - Fisher Hall (Team #3)

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

- 9-1:00 p.m. Pinewood Derby (Café)
5:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

- 12:00-3:00 p.m. Passion Mime Practice (CH)
3:00 p.m. SJV Communal Penance Service (CH)

**READINGS FOR MARCH 15****THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

EXODUS 20:1-17

PSALM 19

1 CORINTHIANS 1:22-25

JOHN 2:13-25

Altar Servers**Adult Server for March 9-13**

- 10:30 a.m. Larry Loje

Saturday, March 14

- 4:00 p.m. Andrew Bade & Nolan Lawrence

Sunday, March 15

- 8:00 a.m. Patrick O'Connor & Stephen Schlott
11:00 a.m. Kelsey Knag & Anne Petrides
7:00 p.m. Kristopher Miller & Joshua Tobias

Communal Penance Schedule**Sunday, March 15**

- 3:00 p.m. St. John Vianney Church

Sunday, March 22

- 3:00 p.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe Church

Thursday, March 26

- 7:00 p.m. SS. Charles and Helena in Clio

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. Thank you.