

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)

68th Anniversary

www.sjvkids.com (School)

RCIA SECOND SCRUTINY

Today we celebrate the Second Scrutiny with our Elect. These Elect are called to know of God's love and mercy.

We, as a community, are called to enter into this call of conversion and new life in our journey this Lenten Season.

COMMUNAL PENANCE SCHEDULE

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

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 22 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.

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



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

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 2nd 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.

**LET MY TONGUE BE SILENCED,
IF I EVER FORGET YOU!**

Paul reminds us that salvation is not something we earn - it is God's gift. It is not a reward for some good deed we have done. In fact, this gift has been given to us when we were least "worthy." If we have been given such a wonderful gift, how is it we can judge anyone to be "unworthy" of our compassion? How can we demand that others "prove" themselves worthy of our forgiveness?

*My tongue cleave to my palate
if I remember you not.*

-PSALM 137:6

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.



Thank You

The O'Dell and Mulcahy families, would like to thank Fr. Tom, Fr. Osborn, Sr. Eileen, Power's Choir, and the Luncheon providers for their wonderful support during the time of Laretta's passing. Thank you to our St. John Vianney Parish family for all their prayers, condolences, and assistance to our families.

UNITED LENTEN APPEAL 2009

Catholic Outreach is asking you to help us at this time to continue our mission of serving those who knock on our door and call asking for help. The need for the services we provide has increased tremendously. We are constantly being asked to help with evictions, water, utility shut-offs, food, and personal needs. We hope that you will continue to support us both with your financial support and, just as importantly, your prayers.



Stewardship of Treasure, March 15, 2009	\$10,205.32
Loose Collection	\$598.00
Children's Stewardship (18 Envelopes).....	\$27.00
Black & Indian Missions	\$25.00
Easter Flowers	\$1,140.75
Genesee Lenten Appeal	\$470.00
Book Rack.....	\$13.00
Total Weekly Collection	\$12,479.07
St. Vincent de Paul Poor Boxes	\$71.90

All that we have and all that we are comes from the Lord. "We are truly his handiwork," says St. Paul in the second reading, "created in Christ Jesus to lead the life of good deeds which God prepared for us in advance."

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Introducing St. John Vianney's Children's Liturgy celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Mass. This is for 3 year olds through 1st graders. Children will leave and go into the church conference room during the readings and the homily to do a related lesson on their learning level. Please be sure your child knows where you are sitting so they can find you easily upon their return! Volunteers are appreciated... Please call Sarah Bushey at 810-845-6323 or feel free to lend a hand during mass.

PALM SUNDAY LITURGY

On Palm Sunday weekend we will have the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. It will be read at the 4:00 p.m. mass on Saturday, April 4. Our youth group will perform their Mime Passion Play at the 3 masses on Sunday 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 7:00 p.m. This allows you a choice of which mass you prefer.

SJVS STRATEGIC PLANNING

The St. John Vianney School (SJVS) Committee is currently reviewing the school's strategic plan to revise and update the policies that govern the school in an effort to envision the future, anticipate change, and develop proactive strategies to ensure the long-term success of the school. We would like to invite the parish to join the discussion at our last open forum on **Monday, March 23** from 6:30 to 8:15 p.m. to discuss **Parental Involvement and Spiritual Life** focus areas. For more information about the open forums, contact School Committee chair Dawn Hibbard at dhibbard@kettering.edu or 810-232-6350 or Mrs. Slattery.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

"For by grace you have been saved through faith."
Ephesians 2

This fourth Sunday calls us to rejoice in the salvation that the Lord is giving each of us as we continue our Lenten journey.

Last week we heard of the moral code by which the people were called to follow as they responded to God's call. Today we hear how the people often responded slowly to God's faithfulness in their lives.

The first reading gives the account of the people not living fully the ways of the Lord. God once again sent prophets to call the people to respond in new ways. Lent for each of us is such a call to be renewed, refreshed in our journey of faith together.

The second reading tells us once again of God's love, mercy, forgiveness given to each of us. The reading speaks of the grace shared by God for all people. How do we appreciate and allow this gift to guide us as we strive to be God's people here and now?

The gospel speaks of Nicodemus and centers on God's revelation of Jesus' crucifixion. We are called to be people of light and love, often we struggle with the darkness in our lives and in our world. We are challenged to hold fast to God's light in our lives as people of hope and promise. How can we express in our lives that love and light?

Sr. Eileen



**PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY
FOR OUR MILITARY
AND THEIR FAMILIES**

+ *Mass Intentions
for the Week*

MONDAY, MARCH 23 - WEEKDAY

6:30 a.m. Marjorie Callahan by Maureen Callahan
10:30 a.m. Jim Stewart by Carol

TUESDAY, MARCH 24 - WEEKDAY

6:30 a.m. Helen Ottman by Bob Ottman and Family
10:30 a.m. Russell Hildensperger by his Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25 - THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

6:30 a.m. Mike Wolosuk by Paula Mulqueen
10:30 a.m. Toni Sibilsky by Stephanie & Ray Uhlmeier

THURSDAY, MARCH 26 - WEEKDAY

6:30 a.m. Harry Swartz
10:30 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Bielaczyc and Martin Families by the Family

FRIDAY, MARCH 27 - WEEKDAY

6:30 a.m. Ray Quillen by Doris Gazall and Toni LaBelle

10:30 a.m. Michael Kagerer by Rosemary O'Dell

SATURDAY, MARCH 28 - VIGIL, FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

4:00 p.m. Robert Tucker by Ellen Miller & Catherine Sundwick

SUNDAY, MARCH 29 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

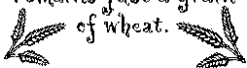
8:00 a.m. Imogene George by Helen Blankenship
11:00 a.m. Norman Verdun by Olga Elavich
7:00 p.m. Our St. John Vianney Parish Family

ST. FRANCIS RETREAT CENTER

Knitting/Crocheting Into the Mystery with Barb Doyle and Mary Zollner, co-founders of Caring Hands Ministry Saturday, March 28 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at **St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt**. Beginners and advanced knitters/crocheters are invited to attend and enjoy this day of handwork, reflection and fun. Prayer shawl groups are encouraged to attend together to celebrate and affirm their work. Cost for the day is \$35 and includes morning hospitality and lunch. Register online at www.stfrancis.ws or by calling the Retreat Center at 517-669-8321. Pre-registration is required and payment is due at the time of registration. Please register by calling 1-866-669-8321 or www.stfrancis.ws.

READINGS FOR MARCH 29

Unless a grain of wheat falls to the earth and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat.

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

JEREMIAH 31:31-34

PSALM 51

HEBREWS 5:7-9

JOHN 12:20-33

ST. MICHAEL'S CLASS OF '49

September 20, 2009 St. Michael's Class of 1949 will be holding their 60th class reunion. If you have not received a recent mailing, please call or write to: Jack Dubbs, 350 South East Street, Davison, MI 48423; call 810-653-2779 or e-mail jdubbs9215@charter.net.



Fourth week
in Lent

MONDAY, MARCH 23

5:30 p.m. Sacramental Prep (Rectory)
6:30 p.m. SJVS Brainstorming Meeting (Cafe)
7:00 p.m. PPC & Commissions (PC & CR)

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

9:00 a.m. Penance Service 3, 4, & 5 Grades (CH)
1:00 p.m. Penance Service 6, 7, & 8 Grades (CH)
6:00 p.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help (CH)
6:30 p.m. Gospel Choir Practice (CH)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

8:00 a.m. St. Joseph Workers
8:00 a.m. Altar Care (CH)
9-11:00 a.m. FACT Meeting (CR)
10:30 a.m. School Mass
7:00 p.m. RCIA

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

10:00 a.m. Bible Study (CR)
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice (CH)

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

6:30 p.m. Bingo - Fisher Hall (Team #1)

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

5:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00 p.m. Chili Cook-Off (PC)

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

12:00-3:00 p.m. Mime Passion Practice (CH)

ALTAR SERVERS**Adult Server for March 23-27**

10:30 a.m. John Linker

Saturday, March 28

4:00 p.m. Mary Herman & Jacqueline Henderson

Sunday, March 29

8:00 a.m. Richard Chimner & Ann Saunders

11:00 a.m. Hanna & Jacob Steffen

7:00 p.m. Kristin & Anthony Stevenson

SPRING CRAFT BAZAAR

St. Robert's 31st Annual Spring Craft Bazaar, Saturday, March 28th from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. presents an offering of about 100 tables of professional crafts featuring contemporary items such as jewelry, wearable art, and floral arrangements, as well as the traditional country. There will also be food items including candies, nuts, pies, cookies, and other treats. Lunch is available. Free Admission - Please NO Strollers. Thank you by the St. Robert CCW Bazaar Committee.

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.