

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)

"Laughter, the Sanity of Family"

Fenton Right to Life welcomes Dr. Ray Guarendi. Dr. Ray will be speaking on "Laughter, the Sanity of Family." Thursday, April 10, 2008. The program begins promptly at 6:30 p.m. at the St. John Activity Center, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton, MI 48430. Tickets are \$30.00 per person. Dinner and live music included. Advance purchase required (money must be received by April 7, 2008). Dr. Ray is a clinical psychologist, author, public speaker and radio host. He can be heard on 990 AM from 1:00-2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. To purchase tickets, or for more information, call 810-593-7259.

MAXIMILIAN: SAINT OF AUSCHWITZ, an original one-man dramatization will be presented at St. Robert Bellarmine Church in Flushing on Wednesday April 9 at 7:00 pm. The production is sponsored by Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, St John Vianney Church and St Robert Bellarmine Church. In this inspiring professional program, actor and director of the motion picture *THÉRÈSE*, Leonardo Defilippis brings to life the heroic story of MAXIMILIAN KOLBE, "the saint of our difficult age", as Pope John Paul II calls him. Defilippis has become well known throughout the U.S. and Canada and Europe for his highly acclaimed dramas on the Gospels and the lives of the Saints. **MAXIMILIAN: SAINT OF AUSCHWITZ** is filled with all the elements of professional theater: sets, lights, costumes and a beautiful original musical score. The show is recommended for ages 10 and up due to heavy content but all are welcome. Admission is Free Will Offering.

New St. John Vianney Web Site

We have a new web site for St. John Vianney Church. The address is www.sjvflint.com. We would like to thank Nina Gottschalk for all of her knowledge, patience, and hard work in developing this web site for us. The web site address will also be on the front page of the bulletin each week. If you have anything you would like added to the web site, please call the church office for additional information, 235-1812. Please be sure to visit our web site, you will find a lot of information on it, including the monthly calendar and the weekly bulletin.

Parish Scholarship Forms Available

Scholarship forms were mailed out last week to registered families of our parish with children at St. John Vianney Catholic School and Powers Catholic High School. If you did not receive one, please contact the parish office. All scholarship forms must be completed and turned in before April 7, 2008.

Fifth Bishop of Lansing

Your prayerful presence is requested at Solemn Vespers on the vigil of the installation of The Most Reverend Earl Boyea as the Fifth Bishop of Lansing on Monday evening April 28, 2008 at 7:00 p.m., St. Mary Cathedral, 219 Seymour Avenue, Lansing.

Looking for a fun-filled summer?

Look no further ~ St. John Vianney Child Care is now enrolling children for our super summer program. Call 234-9410 for details.

Hi!

I want to thank all those who sent to me cards and letters during this Easter season. I truly appreciate the support that so many of you have given to me over the years as your pastor. This is a good parish and I have no desire to go elsewhere. And believe me there are parishes out there that have very poor attitudes. I know that many of you care about this parish and each other. A priest does not make a parish, people make the parish.

A reminder to all of you that after the 11:00 a.m. Mass on April 13th we will have one final FACT (Flint Area Congregations Together) meeting. We hope to spend the next year planning for the future. That means the future of the Catholic Church in the City of Flint. I hope that many of you can make that meeting. So mark the date and time now.

May the Resurrection truly be an encounter of God's personal love for you. You are all in my prayers and heart.
Fr. Tom

Altar Flowers



The altar flowers for this weekend are donated in loving memory of Chet Bielaczyc by Eddie Bielaczyc.

Thank you for your generosity!

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.



Special thanks to Anne and Mary Petrides for sharing their time and talent in playing the clarinet and trumpet at the Easter Vigil. We really appreciated your participation.

Meg, Ron and The Choir



Stewardship of Treasure, March 23, 2008	\$5,659.50
Loose Collection	\$694.00
Children's Stewardship (18 Envelopes).....	\$22.00
Easter	\$4,927.50
Catholic Relief Services	\$120.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$275.00
Good Friday	\$492.00
Genesee Lenten Appeal	\$615.00
Black and Indian Mission	\$245.00
Total Weekly Collection.....	\$13,050.00
St. Vincent de Paul Poor Boxes.....	\$54.35

Jesus meets the need of each disciple. To the fearful in the upper room, He speaks words of peace. To doubting Thomas, He provides the tangible proof of His resurrection. What do I need to become His disciple? What do I have to share that might meet someone else's need?

Parish Luncheon

We are sorry to announce that there will not be a parish luncheon on the second Wednesday of April. We will see everyone in May.

A Lifeline for Marriage Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped 10s of 1000s of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on April 18-20 call 517-290-5596 or email: retro4lansing@comcast.net or visit the web site at www.retrouvailleoflansing.catholicweb.com

Food Collection Needs

The monthly food collection will be the weekend of April 5 & 6. Thanks to continuous generosity of our parishioners we were able to help families in our area, take some extra food to the St. Agnes food bank and provide more than 300 personal items to the North End Soup Kitchen. If you are looking for suggestions we could use laundry detergent, paper towels and small (1-2 pounds) canned hams. As always, thanks for your wonderful generosity.

Second Sunday of Easter

"Jesus came and stood in their midst: Peace Be With You." John 26

The readings for this Sunday give us a blueprint for our call to be persons of Easter Joy...Belief...Service.

The first reading tells us of the early Christians and how they were devoted to sharing fellowship and faith. We are called to ponder these words and follow the example of these early followers of the Lord Jesus.

The second reading from Peter reminds us of the dignity and blessings that we receive through our Baptism

The gospel gives the events of Jesus appearing to the disciples. His greeting, prayer is one of peace and of sending them to continue the work of sharing faith with others. They rejoice in the event and they share their joy and experience with Thomas. Thomas comes to believe when Jesus comes again. We also at times doubt the presence of Jesus but we also come to renew our faith with the touch of Jesus in our lives.

We are called to be the ones today who allow others to know and experience Jesus presence among us here and now.

Sr. Eileen

A Special Word of Thanks to all the people who made our Easter Vigil a night to remember. Those who helped with the programs, those who helped set-up the hall. The greeters at the liturgy and those who served at the reception.

God Bless you one and all...



Mass
Intentions
Of The Week

MONDAY, MARCH 31 - THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

10:30 a.m. No Mass

TUESDAY, APRIL 1 - WEEKDAY

8:00 a.m. No Mass

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2 - WEEKDAY

10:30 a.m. No Mass

THURSDAY, APRIL 3 - WEEKDAY

8:00 a.m. No Mass

FRIDAY, APRIL 4 - WEEKDAY

10:30 a.m. No Mass

SATURDAY, APRIL 5 - VIGIL, 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

4:00 p.m. John Caughlin by Mary Furette

SUNDAY, APRIL 6 - 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 a.m. Our St. John Vianney Parish Family

11:00 a.m. Pat Behan by Ken Paradis

7:00 p.m. Ginny Thomas by Clair and Margaret Howell

Altar Servers

Adult Server for March 31-April 4

8:00 a.m. No Masses

Saturday, April 5

4:00 p.m. Barbara Davidek & Kelsey Knag

Sunday, April 6

8:00 a.m. Matthew George & Paul Drevon

11:00 a.m. F.R.E.P.

7:00 p.m. Max Grohoski & Joshua Tobias



Handmaids of the Altar

Team # 1: Joene McAuliffe and Olisa Ward.

Thank you!

Theology Brewing meeting announcement- PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE TIME AND LOCATION CHANGES. Theology Brewing will meet again on Thursday, April 3 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at Bullinger's Restaurant, 501 Longfellow, Jackson, MI. Bullinger's is located on the west side of Jackson where Wildwood and Ganson Streets converge. We will meet in the banquet area located behind the bar area. The presentation will be another DVD clip of about 13-15 minutes from the Nooma series presented by Rob Bell. A facilitated discussion will follow. Food and beverage purchases are the responsibility of the attendees. Questions may be directed to Mark Smith at St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish, 517-788-6153, stmaryjacksonre@tds.net.



**READINGS FOR APRIL 6
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

ACTS 2: 14, 22-33

PSALM 16

1 PETER 1:17-21

LUKE 24:13-35



This Week in our Parish

MONDAY, MARCH 31

No School-Spring Break

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

No School-Spring Break

7:00 p.m. Bingo - Fisher Hall (Team # 2)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

No School-Spring Break

8:00 a.m. St. Joseph Workers

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

No School-Spring Break

6:30 p.m. Choir Practice (CH)

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

No School-Spring Break

8:45 a.m. North End Soup Kitchen Mission

1:30 p.m. Grief Recovery (Rectory)

7:00 p.m. Bingo - Fisher Hall (Team # 2)

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

Food Collection

2:00 p.m. Rosary at Kith Haven

5:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

SUNDAY, APRIL 6(PH)

Food Collection

Youth Group)

April 26-27th **Women's Discernment Retreat**

All Catholic women age 17-35 who are thinking about a possible religious vocation are invited to Bethany House on Saturday April 26 for a 2-day Discernment Retreat. Women religious from various communities will be at the retreat for a panel discussion. In addition, there will be workshops, Mass both days, opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and all-night Adoration. This is a wonderful opportunity to have some quiet time with the Lord as well as time to discuss religious life with Consecrated women. If you are interested, contact Sr. Mary Ann Foggin at 517-342-2506 by April 18 for more details.

Give thanks to the Lord for
He is good; His love is
everlasting.



The early Christian communities lived in a community where they shared all things in common and divided everything on the basis of each one's needs. They worked, ate, and prayed together. For most of us, this is not a practical model nor is it very appealing. Still the message of their life-style is worth thinking about. How aware are you of the needs of those around you? How willing are you to share what you have? Do you take advantage of opportunities to pray and talk about your faith with others? Consider how you can reflect these basic Christian values today.

As the Father has sent me, so I send you.

- JOHN 20:21



**Please Continue to Pray for
Our Military and Their Families**