

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)

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Your parish Knights of Columbus will be conducting a membership drive this weekend May 16 and 17 after all masses. Coffee and doughnuts will be served after the 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. masses on Sunday.

Gardeners - Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, May 23 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. is garden clean-up, planting of annuals, and transplanting perennials. Bring your own gloves/tools. Be prepared to have fun and get dirty! See you there.

Luci Kent



59th Annual Memorial Day Mass

Please join us for our 59th Annual Memorial Day Mass that will be held at Old Calvary Catholic Cemetery located, on Ballenger Highway, at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, May 25, 2009, Fr. Douglas Osborn will be the main celebrant, music being provided by the "Singing Knights." Please bring lawn chairs for seating. In case of inclement weather, the Mass will be moved to New Calvary Catholic Cemetery Mausoleum (chairs are also needed if this occurs). Light refreshments will be served following the Mass.

PPC & Commissions

The May 25 PPC and Commissions meeting has been moved from Monday, May 25 (Memorial Day) to Monday, June 1 at 7:00 p.m.

Attention Ministers

Work will soon begin on the Hospitality, Lector, Eucharistic and Servers Ministry Schedule. The next schedule will run from July 1 to October 31, 2009. Please contact the parish office (235-1812) by May 27 with your requests. If there are any changes to your current schedule, children leaving for college, dates you would like to serve or will be unable to serve, please let the office know. You may also put your requests in the offering basket on the weekend. Thank you.

Graduation Breakfast

Attention all High School Seniors, College Grads and 8th Graders: The annual graduation Mass and Breakfast is coming up. It will be on Sunday, June 7 with breakfast at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Center and Mass to follow at 11:00. Your entire family is invited to attend. Please contact Maureen Kelsey at 235-1812, Ext. 218 or sjvyouthgroup@yahoo.com to RSPV with the name of your graduate and the number of those attending by May 31. Also, as has been the tradition, I am asking for any and all 7th grade and 11th grade students and families to help with this event. I need help with set-up on Saturday, June 6, and cooking, serving, and clean-up on June 7th. If you would like to volunteer your help, please contact Maureen at 235-1812, Ext. 218 or sjvyouthgroup@yahoo.com.



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

Hi!

I have some items I need to bring to your attention. We recently had a GPS stolen from a car in our parking lot. The window was broken and the GPS was in plain site and stolen. We will have someone watching our parking lots whenever there is any major function occurring at St. John Vianney. However, an ounce of prevention can save a pound of cost—thus make sure your car doors are locked and don't leave valuable items in your car or if you do put them out of site. When you go to communion do not leave valuables in the pew if you have no one to watch them for you. Last of all, we are a growing parish and especially at our 11:00 a.m. Mass there is not enough room in our parking lot and some of you must park on the street. There is no problem parking on the street except that a few of you have blocked our neighbor's driveways. Please do not block the driveways and also please do not park in front of my garage door. There are times when I might have an emergency at the hospital and need to get out fast. This has happened a few times for me when another priest is saying Mass on Sunday.

Some of you thought I was away on vacation. I simply have had other duties and a couple of funerals to attend and so I have not been at all of the Masses. My duties continue to expand and I'm not getting any younger. According to Canon Law (the law of the Catholic Church) priests are suppose to only say two Masses on a weekend; most of the time I say all four. The reason is simple: we do not have enough priests anymore.

I am beginning to believe that I will not be allowed to retire. So when I get a bit grouchy and fall into my second language (foul) I hope you understand. You are all in my prayers and heart.

Fr. Tom

DSA 2009 Report

OUR GOAL...\$46,288.00

Amount Pledged as of May 10, 2009.....	\$33,122.00
Number of Pledges.....	178
Percent of Parishioners Pledged.....	27%
Percent of Goal Reached.....	72%
Amount Needed to Reach Goal.....	\$13,166.00

Thank you for your support.



CHURCH SUPPORT

Stewardship of Treasure, May 10, 2009	\$10,419.55
Loose Collection	\$551.00
Visitors Envelopes	\$246.56
Children's Stewardship (11 Envelopes).....	\$15.00
Mother's Day Novena of Masses	\$60.00
Ascension	\$20.00
Book Rack.....	\$10.00
Total Weekly Collection.....	\$11,322.11
St. Vincent de Paul Poor Boxes.....	\$75.15

Jesus' commandment is that His disciples love one another, even to the point of laying down their lives, if necessary. What gifts of myself -- my skills and talents, my time and resources -- will best demonstrate my love for God's people?

Sixth Sunday of Easter

"Remain in my love."

John 15

Each of the readings for this week speak of the importance of love in our lives as followers of Jesus.

The first reading tells of Peter meeting with Cornelius. The Holy Spirit came upon those listening to Peter. We too are called to be open to the Spirit in our lives. We as baptized members are given the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the church and in our lives.

John in the second reading reminds us once again of the importance of God's love in our lives. The gifts of the Spirit enables us to experience and share God's love in our daily lives. Our world today often speaks of unrest, violence, and non acceptance of others. We as God's people need to be open to allow God's Spirit to guide us.

The gospel once again tells us of how love must guide our lives. Jesus gives the command to love as followers of Jesus. We are called friends because of God's love shared with each of us.

Let us as a faith community strive to share and express that love given to each of us because of Jesus faithful love and ministry.

Sr. Eileen

Final Holy Redeemer School Mass

Please join us on Friday, May 29th at 10:00 a.m. to celebrate a reunion mass as a family, united by memories of academic and social excellence. Directly following the Mass, there will be a pancake brunch served in the Family Life Center sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. The School will be opened for a walk down memory lane. "If you are an alumni and unable to attend, feel free to e-mail us your fondest memories of Holy Redeemer School. Just e-mail msteffen@hredeemerschool.org. Any questions please call 743-2520.

Bingo Workers Needed

Workers are needed for both Friday night teams at Fisher Hall, 4501 Van Slyke Road. Hours are from approximately 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. every Friday night. Individuals can volunteer or work toward scholarships for current SJVS and Powers students. Questions??? Call Sue Saxton at 234-1572; Mary Ellen Anderson at 235-3339 or Kim Skellett at 234-7919.

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.

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.



Masses For The Week

**MONDAY, MAY 18 - WEEKDAY**

10:30 a.m. Max Lipinski by Donna Kurtz

TUESDAY, MAY 19 - WEEKDAY

8:00 a.m. Mother's Novena of Masses

10:30 a.m. Kith Haven Mass - Kathleen (McLove)

Nygren by Rosemary (McLove) Wilson

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20 - WEEKDAY

10:30 a.m. Rose Jackovich by Ray and Linda Kerspilo

THURSDAY, MAY 21 - WEEKDAY

8:00 a.m. Jack Hughes by his Family

FRIDAY, MAY 22 - WEEKDAY

10:30 a.m. Madeline Sundwick Tucker by the Staff and Students of St. John Vianney School

SATURDAY, MAY 23 - VIGIL, SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

4:00 p.m. Ronald Nicholson by Carmela Sleva

SUNDAY, MAY 24 - SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 a.m. Nancy Elliott (23rd Anniversary) by Craig

11:00 a.m. Jerry Stark (49th Anniversary)

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

Altar Servers**Adult Server for May 18-22**

8:00 a.m. Dick Chimner

Saturday, May 23

4:00 p.m. Alison & Kristin Davis

Sunday, May 24

8:00 a.m. Richard Chimner & Albert Renick

11:00 a.m. Hannah & Jacob Steffen

7:00 p.m. Kayla Neumann & Barbara Davidek

**Altar Care**

Altar Care Team # 1 is scheduled for the week May 18-22.

Thank you.

**Catholic Singles Potluck Picnic**

Catholic singles age 30-59 years are invited to attend a Potluck Picnic on Sunday, June 14, 2009, from 12:00 -- 4:00 p.m. Lower Huron Metro Park, Belleville, MI 48111. BYO beverage and a dish to pass; \$5 per person plus the park entrance fee. Please RSVP by June 12 to Kathleen at 1-734-657-7750.

Rummage Sale

St. John the Evangelist Church, in Davison, announces Andy's Attic/Parish Rummage Sale. Phase One Sale Dates are Thursday thru Sunday, June 4th - 7th, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Phase Two Sale Dates are Thursday thru Sunday, June 25th - 28th, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Shop for great buys in furniture, household good, books, jewelry, and other assorted treasures.

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

*This Week in our Parish***TUESDAY, MAY 19**

10:30 a.m. Kith Haven Mass

6:00 p.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help (CH)

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

8:00 a.m. St. Joseph Workers

THURSDAY, MAY 21

10:00 a.m. Bible Study (CR)

6:00 p.m. Hibernian Dinner (PC)

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

FRIDAY, MAY 22

10:30 a.m. School Mass - Memorial Day Mass

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

SATURDAY, MAY 23

5:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

The LORD
Has Revealed His Saving Power
To The Nations.

Even the early Christians had their ideas of who could "belong" to their group and who could not. It was hard for many to accept the idea that even Gentiles could be members of their community. How open are we to accepting others into our community? Do we place restrictions on who can join us - whether it is our Church or our social groups? We are called to love one another not just a chosen few but everyone. How is your love limited and what can you do to share your love more fully?

*Beloved, let us love one another
because love is of God.*

- 1 JOHN 4:7

Vacation Bible School

Hey kids, looking for something FUN to do this summer? Please join us for "Son" Rock Kids Camp this summer where kids build their lives on The Rock: Jesus! VBS will take place June 22-26 this summer for children who will be in grades K-6th grade next fall. Registration forms are available in the back of church. Please turn them in at the church office or in the Sunday collection. Many volunteers, young and old, will be needed to make this the best "camp" experience for our children. If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, please contact Lisa Burgess at 659-4027 or burgess5147@yahoo.com or Maureen Kelsey at sjvyouthgroup@yahoo.com.

**READINGS FOR MAY 24
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

GO INTO THE WHOLE WORLD
and proclaim
the Good News
TO ALL CREATION.

ACTS 1:1-11
PSALM 47
EPHESIANS 4:1-13
MARK 16:15-20