

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)



Please fill out the form below, so that a count may be taken for meal preparation. There will be a free-will offering of \$5.00 per person at the dinner. If you are aware of any parishioners that are homebound and would enjoy receiving this dinner, please notify the office of their name and phone number.

Guardian Angels: The Guardian Angels are available for anyone who may need a ride. Please call the parish office at 235-1812 and let us know.

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER

St. John Vianney Thanksgiving Dinner

Sunday, November 23, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.

NAME _____

PHONE _____

NEED A RIDE? _____ VOLUNTEER _____

NUMBER ATTENDING _____

PLEASE RETURN RESERVATION FORM BY
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

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.

Flu Shots!



We will again offer Flu Shots to our parishioners and community on Tuesday, November 11 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the Community Room, given by **McLaren Visiting Nurse & Hospice Community Clinics**. The Flu Shot cost is \$28, Pneumonia Shot \$40. We accept the following Insurances: Health Advantage, Health Alliance Plan, Health Plus of Michigan, McLaren Health Plan, Medicare Part B, Physicians Health Plan, Priority Health.

Church Office Closed

On Tuesday, **November 11, 2008** the parish staff will be away for a retreat day in DeWitt. Please note that the Church Office will be closed that day. Please turn any announcements for the Sunday, November 16 bulletin into the Church office by noon Friday, November 14. Thank you.



Parish Luncheon

Please join us after the 10:30 a.m. mass on Wednesday, November 12 for our monthly Parish Luncheon in the Parish Center. If you would like to bring a dish to pass, you may. Please come and share a wonderful lunch with your parish family. We look forward to seeing you there!

Jingle & Mingle

Please Join us! Powers Catholic High School Charger Club presents "Jingle & Mingle" A Holiday Art Fair. Thursday, November 13, 2008 from 5:00-9:00 p.m. Enjoy a unique shopping experience featuring specialty artists; held in the Commons Area of Powers Catholic High School.

Hi!

We will be having on December 6th after the Saturday night 4:00 p.m. Mass our annual volunteer appreciation dinner. I am telling you in advance so that you might be able to place this on your schedule. I believe it is always important to say "thank you!" This dinner is for anyone who has volunteered in any capacity among our four parishes that now constitute one parish. Please RSVP to our office so that we might be able to have the correct amount of food on hand. I hope to see you there.

I also want to invite our parishioners to consider joining the St. Joseph Guild or the Handmaids of the Lord. These two organizations contribute a great deal towards making our parish a clean and beautiful environment inside and out. It is our hope that both these organizations will meet on Wednesday mornings to work together. And they always take time out for some coffee and a baked good, thanks to Helen Bade. So if you have the time please consider these important ministries which save our parish a great deal of money!

I am increasingly hopeful about our four parishes merged as one. I see signs that we are truly trying to come to know, understand and love one another. This is an ongoing challenge for any parish and we cannot take hospitality and friendship for granted. I am very proud of your efforts. I hope we will always be known as a welcoming parish and that each person who enters will be received as Christ. Let us make that effort a continuing prayer. You are all in my prayers and heart.

Fr. Tom



Altar Flowers

The altar flowers for this weekend are donated in loving memory of Esther Cienki by her Family.

Thank you for your generosity.

Food Collection

Once again we thank the parishioners of St. John Vianney for their generosity last weekend. There were 573 food and personal items collected. Many people will benefit from your support. Thank you.

St. Vincent de Paul Society



CHURCH SUPPORT

Stewardship of Treasure, November 2, 2008	\$12,731.00
Loose Collection	\$420.00
Children's Stewardship (14 Envelopes)	\$19.00
Propagation of Faith	\$2,060.00
All Saints	\$640.00
Book Rack	\$15.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$30.00
Total Weekly Collection	\$15,915.00
St. Vincent de Paul Poor Boxes	\$66.78

Good stewards are like the industrious and reliable servants in today's Gospel, prudently using the gifts entrusted to them by God.

Raffle Tickets Available

We will have the calendar raffle tickets available next weekend, November 15th & 16th, after all the Masses. You may purchase yours immediately or pick up as many as you want to sell to co-workers, family or friends. Share the fun!! All proceeds go to our very own St. John Vianney Catholic School. This raffle is throughout all of the 2009 calendar year. Each \$25.00 ticket equals 365 chances to win! Tickets are also available at either the school or parish office. Let Melinda in the parish office know if you are able to help Nov. 15/16.

Giving Tree News

Can you believe it? It's already time to start thinking about the giving tree which will be up in the vestibule November 22-23. This year with the blending of our parishes, we have the new responsibility of servicing the St. Luke's Women's Center. For many families, the food and gifts provided by the soup kitchen and the Women's Center is all they will have for the holiday season. We are asking you to begin thinking about helping with this wonderful project our parish so generously embraces. Since the tree will have so many more names on it this year, it would be greatly beneficial if groups of people could come together to provide for a family. By combing resources with extended families coworkers, or other parishioners, members of a particular needy family could equally be provided for. We also will need extra hands for wrapping and sorting gifts both at St. John Vianney and the Women's Center. If you could help, please call the church office, 235-1818 or Teresa Schaffer, 659-9034. Thank you.

Feast of All Saints

"Do you not know that you are the Temple of God."

1 Corinthians 3

The readings today challenge each of us to ponder how we help to build up the living church in our day.

The reading from the prophet Ezekiel speaks of the flowing water that enables the plants and animals to grow and develop. We as people receive the living waters through our Baptism. The waters of Baptism give us the spiritual nourishment through our participation in the sacramental life to continue to grow in our faith together.

The second reading speaks of the foundation of our faith. It speaks of how we are to build and keep firm the foundation given to us by the people of the past.

Again the gospel speaks of the foundation of the temple. Jesus speaks of the temple that he will raise of his presence in our lives until the end of time. We need to hold fast to that foundation in Christ Jesus so that we might continue to be the sign, the hope, the support to others who come with us to grow in the love of Christ Jesus.

A question to ponder: How are we called at this time to continue the firm foundation of Christ in our daily lives?

Sr. Eileen

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY

Please keep all who are sick, the shut-ins, the lonely and the bereaved, in your prayers so that they may be comforted. Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed.



Pray for the Sick



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10 - POPE LEO THE GREAT
 10:30 a.m. Mary Ragnone (1st Anniversary) by her husband Peter

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 - ST. MARTIN OF TOURS
 8:00 a.m. Bonnie and Mike McEnru by their Family

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 - ST. JOSAPHAT
 10:30 a.m. Theresa Wendt by her Family

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13 - ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI
 8:00 a.m. Dona Peterson by Cindy and Dick Sawyer

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14 - WEEKDAY
 10:30 a.m. Mike Kagerer by Larry and Marcia Loje

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15 - VIGIL, 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 4:00 p.m. Florence Legutko (Memory of 90th Birthday) by Ronnie

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16 - 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 8:00 a.m. Alex Crane by Nadine
 11:00 a.m. Christine Ann Care by her Family
 7:00 p.m. Our St. John Vianney Parish Family



Altar Care
 Team # 3: Peggy Royce
 Thank you!

**READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 16
 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

PROVERB 31:10-13,
 19-20, 30-31
 PSALM 128
 1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-6
 MATTHEW 25:14-30



Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus Council 695 of Flint is collecting NEW sweatshirts to be given as Christmas gifts to boys and girls aged 12-18 who are being cared for by Holy Cross Children's Services of Clinton, Michigan. Parishioners are asked to help by donating one or more sweatshirts in recommended sizes of L, XL, and XXL. Brother Francis Boylan, CSC, of Holy Cross Children's Services said a sweatshirt may be the only Christmas gift these youngsters receive. A box has been placed in the back of the church to accept your donation. Please make your gift by Sunday, November 23. Thank you.

From Pastoral Council

For All Hospitality Ministers and Ushers.
 We are asking all ministers to be more aware of persons who need help coming into the church. Please assist persons getting out of their cars when they have walkers or wheelchairs. Thank you

Bulletin Announcements

All announcements for the Sunday, November 30 bulletin must be in the church office by Thursday, November 20 by 9:00 a.m. Thank You.



The Week Ahead

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11
 Church Office Closed
 9-11:00 a.m. Flu Shots (CR)
 7:30 p.m. K of C Meeting (lower level of Rectory)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12
 8:00 a.m. St. Joseph Workers
 11:30 a.m. Parish Luncheon (PC)
 7:00 p.m. RCIA (Rectory)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13
 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice (CH)
 7:00 p.m. Guardian Angels (CR)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14
 10:30 a.m. School Mass
 6:30 p.m. Bingo - Fisher Hall (Team #2)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15
 Calendar Raffle Ticket sales after mass
 5:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16
 Calendar Raffle Ticket sales after masses
 12-2:00 p.m. Youth Group (CR)
 12-3:00 p.m. Home of Mercy Spaghetti Dinner (PC)

Altar Servers

Adult Server for November 10-14
 8:00 a.m. Bill Samida

Saturday, November 15
 4:00 p.m. Tyler Lowe & Mary Herman

Sunday, November 16
 8:00 a.m. Bill Samida & Joseph Cole
 11:00 a.m. Jacob & Hannah Steffen
 7:00 p.m. Aidan & Lily Hudgens



Spaghetti Dinner

There will be a Spaghetti Dinner to raise funds for the Home of Mercy on Sunday, November 16 from 12-3:00 p.m. The event will be held at St. John Vianney Parish in Flint. The price of the dinner is a donation to the Home of Mercy. Entertainment and a silent auction will be included. Takeouts will be available. The Home of Mercy (HOM) is a nonprofit organization that will soon be opening in Flint. The HOM seeks to serve mothers and their families who have no viable solution to an unplanned pregnancy. The HOM allows these women to live in a safe place and provides them with the Love of Christ, guidance for a healthy pregnancy and delivery, and parenting skills. For more information, please contact Sr. Carol Weber at (810) 239-8710 or Alison Reddy at (248) 808-2853.

Daughters of Isabella

Mater Salvatoris Circle 530 business meeting on November 11 at 1:00 p.m. in Holy Redeemer Hall. Planning the Christmas party is on the agenda.

Vocations Cross

Are you looking for an opportunity for daily prayer with your children? Taking the Vocation Cross for one week is a great "excuse" to gather the kids together and pray for vocations. This one week could be the kick off of a nightly ritual that will bring your family to God and one another. To take Vocation Cross home for one week, please sign up at the back of the church, or call Celeste Milne at 234-6296.