

St. John Vianney Parish

2415 Bagley Street
Flint, Michigan 48504
(810) 235-1812

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)



Today is the **Feast of Christ the King**. A title often declared in the Scripture. The Magi searched for a king. Herod feared the news of a king.

And Jesus began his public ministry, "The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe" (Mark 1:14). And to Pilate, Jesus said "My Kingdom is not of this world." Today and each day we pray the Our Father and we affirm this kingship, "thy kingdom come, thy will be done" a kingdom of light, truth, justice and peace. Yes Lord, "thy kingdom come."

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Life at the poverty line leaves nearly 40 million Americans hanging on for dear life—hanging on to feed their families and to keep a roof over their heads. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development supports self help projects of people working together to break the cycle of poverty. You can make a difference. Be part of the numbers that care—give generously to CCHD in today's Collection.



Wreath Deliveries

The wreaths will be delivered after all masses next weekend, November 29 & 30.



Giving Tree News

The Giving Tree is up in the vestibule. Please help yourself to the children's names and return gifts by December 7. If you missed this opportunity and would still like to sponsor a child, please call the office or Teresa Schaffer at 659-9034. There are plenty of children still in need at the Soup Kitchen. If you are not able to take a name, we greatly appreciate other donations of sock and underwear.

Volunteer Recognition Dinner

If you have volunteered for **anything** during this past year at St. John Vianney Church please join us at the **Volunteer Recognition Dinner** on Saturday, December 6. The time is 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. Please call the office (235-1812) with your reservation by Wednesday, December 3.



Soup and Scripture

The Lord is coming. Let us prepare. Sr. Carol Weber will present on the Scriptures of Advent, encouraging all of us to join more fully in a renewed feeling of expectancy and joyful anticipation of the celebration of Christmas, the first coming of Christ. We will enjoy a simple meal together before the talk. O Come, O Come Emmanuel. Sr. Carol Weber, OP. Scriptures of Advent, Monday, December 15, 2008, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in St. John Vianney's Parish Center.



It may feel comforting to 'know' we are good Christians because we follow all the rules and go to church. But if you listen to what Jesus has told us, you know that following rule is not the key. Care for others, loving our neighbor is what really matters. There is no virtue in praying when someone is in need of help that you could give. The rules are there to help us become more open to the needs of others, to see and respond as Jesus would have done. What are you doing to help others?

As often as you did it for my least brothers, you did or me.
 -MATTHEW 25:40

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

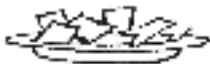
Vocations Cross

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 the Vocation Cross home for one week, please sign up in the vestibule, or call Celeste Milne at 234-6296.



The family of Imogene George thanks Fr. Tom, Sr. Eileen and the community of St. John Vianney for all your support and prayers during this past year. We are fortunate to belong to such a caring parish. St. John Vianney will always be in our prayers.

The Family of Imogene George



CHURCH SUPPORT

Stewardship of Treasure, Nov. 16, 2008	\$9,659.00
Loose Collection	\$359.00
Children's Stewardship (7 Envelopes).....	\$12.00
All Saints	\$15.00
Book Rack.....	\$8.95
Campaign for Human Development	\$30.00
Fuel Donation	\$35.00
Total Weekly Collection	\$10,118.95
St. Vincent de Paul Poor Boxes	\$16.88

When the Son of Man comes in glory, may we be among those who have fed the hungry, welcomed the stranger, and clothed the naked. For Jesus tells us clearly that it is those who have demonstrated good stewardship by sharing their gifts with the less fortunate who will receive God's blessing and inherit the kingdom.

Feast of Christ The King

"Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord."
 Mark 11

The feast this week reminds us of the message of the gospels throughout the past year. As we look forward to the new liturgical year we are challenged to reflect on how we have walked with the Lord Jesus this past year.

Each of the readings speak of how we are called to respond reach out to those with whom we walk in our journey of faith.

We are given the image of the Good Shepherd who continues to watch over the flock. As Jesus speaks to each of us we need to reflect on our own personal response to the call and also how we as a society follow the way of the Good Shepherd.

Let us pray together as families, as community that we might follow the call of the Good Shepherd in our daily lives.

Sr. Eileen

Church Office Closed
 The parish will be closed Wednesday, **November 26, 2008**, at Noon. The office will also be closed all day Friday, November 28, 2008. Happy Thanksgiving!

Guidance Counselor Needed

Powers Catholic High School is searching for a full time certified guidance counselor. Please access our website, www.powerscatholic.org for application details.

Parish Membership

Welcome to St. John Vianney. Are you new to the parish or attending Mass here regularly and wish to register? Please register at the Parish Office during weekly office hours between 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. or call 235-1812. Also a reminder to parishioners, please notify us of any change of address or phone number. Thank you.



Advent

Advent has a two-fold character: As a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered; as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period of devout and joyful expectation.

Advent begins with Evening Prayer I of the Sunday falling on or closest to 30 November and ends before Evening Prayer I of Christmas.

The weekdays from 17 December to 24 December inclusive serve to prepare more directly for the Lord's birth.

-General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, 39, 40, 42.

**Masses For The Week****MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24 - ST. ANDRE DUNG-LAC & COMPANIONS**

10:30 a.m. Mark Bachman by the Bachman Family

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25 - WEEKDAY

8:00 a.m. Mary Tarro by the Parish

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26 - WEEKDAY

10:30 a.m. John Speicher by the Parish

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27 - THANKSGIVING DAY9:00 a.m. Sue Zerweck by her Family**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28 - PRESENTATION OF THE VIRGIN MARY**

10:30 a.m. Dale Barker by Fr. Tom

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29 - VIGIL, FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:00 p.m. Special Intentions for Anne Ploucha by Bill and Helene Foster

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 a.m. Maria Giles by Phyllis Bachman

11:00 a.m. Robert Sundwick and Harold Pilon by Dcn. John Sundwick

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

READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 30**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

ISAIAH 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7

PSALM 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9

MARK 13:33-37

Christmas Craft Bazaar

St. Robert CCW presents it's 31st Annual Christmas Craft Bazaar Saturday, December 6, 2008, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. St. Robert Activity Center, 310 N. Cherry St., Flushing. Over 100 tables of unique items baked goods, candies, and raffles. Lunch is available. Free Admission. No Strollers, Please.

Holiday Roll Sale

St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Church (2333 N. Elms Road) is again offering baked nut, poppyseed, apricot, and prune rolls (\$9 each) on Wednesdays beginning November 12th (2-5 p.m.) Sorry, no advance orders taken. For more information, call (659-4887) or email: stmichaelbyz@aol.com.

SJVCS Raffle Tickets Available

St. John Vianney Catholic School is sponsoring a fun raffle throughout all of the 2009 calendar year. Each \$25.00 ticket purchased means 365 chances to win! Tickets are available at either the school or parish office.

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

*This Week in our Parish***WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

1/2 Day of School

8:00 a.m. St. Joseph Workers

10:30 a.m. School Mass

12:00 p.m. Church Office Closes

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 279:00 a.m. Thanksgiving**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28**

Church Office is Closed

6:30 p.m. Bingo - Fisher Hall (Team #4)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Giving Tree

5:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Giving Tree

12-2:00 p.m. Youth Group (CR)

Altar Care

Team # 5: Liz Alunno, Helen Bade, Phyllis Goff, and Arlene Hodge.

Thank you!

Altar Servers**Adult Server for November 24-28**

8:00 a.m. Larry Loje

Saturday, November 29

4:00 p.m. Rachel & Emma Burgess

Sunday, November 30

8:00 a.m. Gerald Starkey & Richard Chimnet

11:00 a.m. Haley Borrow & Joshua Tobias

7:00 p.m. Luke & Mitchell Milne

**PCHS Class of 1978**

Luke M. Powers, Class of 1978, 30 Year Reunion on Saturday, November 29, 2008 in the Chapel and Commons, G-2040 W. Carpenter Rd., Flint. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Mass is at 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel, FYI - Fr. Osborn will be presiding. Offertory collection will be donated to Luke M. Power's Tuition Assistance Program (anyone wanting to participate in the mass please email: sharonjozsa@yahoo.com). Dinner at 7:00 p.m. Dancing and Mingling to follow. Cost is \$25.00 per person. Please mail payment and reservation in ASAP. Please send your check/MO to: Sally (Braniff) Conley, 4312 Esta Drive, Flint, MI 48506. Email: sparkles4312@umflint.edu, phone 810-736-8878 (home), 810-347-2408 (cell), 810-762-3383 (work). Please make sure to include your current contact information with payment.

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.