

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)

Life is a Miracle!



Respect
Life
Sunday

We expect to pay more for something that will last a long time. We value rare or unique items, and works of great beauty can be extremely expensive. Yet our society seems to place little value on the one thing that is truly priceless – human life itself. If we compare human beings to things that we prize, by every measure human beings come out on top.

Durability; Human beings last *forever*. Everything on earth will pass away, the earth itself will pass away. But God offers each of us eternal life. **Uniqueness;** Every human being is unique, unrepeatable and irreplaceable. Even identical twins have different fingerprints, facial expressions, personalities. Never in the history of humankind has there been another you, nor will there ever be. **Beauty;** Is there anything more beautiful, anything you'd rather look at a dozen times a day, than the face of a loved one?

From the moment of conception, the awesome complexity of a new human life unfolds. Parents provide the 46 chromosomes, but God supplies the human soul to create the person he knew and loved from all eternity. Even before birth, human life is miraculous: the differentiation of cells, the development of organs with highly specialized functions, the maturing of the brain, the memory and the five senses. Every human being shares the same origin, nature and destiny, but our features and physiques, skills, interests, tastes and habits are astonishingly diverse.

What is most miraculous about human life is why we exist at all: "God created the universe in order to be able to become a human being and pour out his love upon us and to invite us to love him in return" (Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger).

God created every human life in his image. Each possesses inherent God-given dignity equal to that of every other human. Life is a gift, ours to take care of – but not to throw away, and never to take from another. God calls each of us to safeguard our own lives, and also the lives of those in need of assistance, attention, prayers. Surely we can do no less than heed his call.

Laws that permit or promote abortion, infanticide, human cloning, destructive embryo research or physician-assisted suicide ignore the sanctity of each human life and undermine the foundation of a just and healthy society. As citizens and people of faith, each of us should actively advance our convictions in the public square in every legitimate and ethical way. We should rededicate ourselves to upholding the sanctity of human life, and hold those elected to represent us to the same standard.

By our Christian example and advocacy for public policies respectful of the human person, we can create a culture which affirms the miracle and glory of every human life. Excerpts from: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Hi!

I will be away for most of the week with the other priests of the diocese. It is our yearly convocation with the Bishop. It is an important time in that we discuss many of the present issues facing our diocese. We do get some free time while we are there, but for some reason we have to get up early in the morning every day so that our meetings can take place during the morning. That's so our golfing priests can get a round in during the afternoon. I am not a golfer. I would golf if they allowed me to play the ball in the fairway in which it lands, but they have rules that you must play the holes in sequence. We again gather in the evening and have another meeting and most days we end around 10:00 p.m. So it is not exactly a restful time. Please keep us in your prayers and say a prayer that yours truly does not get elected to some office in the diocese, as I have my plate full enough presently.

Enjoy the beautiful fall weather. I love the fall and football! I would love to call off the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturdays during the fall, but I know that there are many of you who would not like that. I wasn't thinking about Saturdays in the fall when they ordained me. And I know that the bishops of the world at the Second Vatican Council were not thinking about football on Saturdays when they enacted the liturgical reform of allowing Sunday Mass attendance on Saturday evenings. And I was never consulted. God has a strange sense of humor. It seems that every Michigan game begins at 3:30 p.m. I suspect that if I go to hell I will continually being saying Mass at 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays, leaving the TV just as Michigan is about to score. We all have our vices and complaints; thank God for the book of Job. At least in our Church being an ornery human is acceptable. We do need to be patient with each other. Please keep me in your prayers, as I you. You are all in my prayers and heart.

Fr. Tom

Welcome New Choir Members!

We welcome our newest choir members, and extend an invitation for others to join us! You can join at any time. We are preparing for Thanksgiving and will soon start Christmas music as well. Come help us thank and praise the Lord! Practice is at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays in the church. Enter by the door on Bagley Street. Hope to meet more new friends soon.



Stewardship of Treasure, Sept. 28, 2008	\$8,364.50
Loose Collection	\$559.00
Children's Stewardship (14 Envelopes).....	\$16.00
American Evangelization.....	\$1,579.00
Total Weekly Collection	\$10,518.50
St. Vincent de Paul Poor Boxes	\$61.83

In the Gospel today, the owner of the vineyard sent messengers to collect his share of the harvest from the tenant farmer; but there was not a single good steward on the property! God is the owner; we are the tenants. What sort of stewards are we?

**Important Notice For
New Eucharist Ministers**

We will have a meeting on Wednesday, October 8 at 1:30 p.m. in the church. We will prepare for your service in this important ministry. If you are unable to come to this session please call Sr. Eileen at 235-1812 and we will plan a time that will meet your schedule. Thank you.

Ushers - We are still in need of ushers for 8:00 a.m. Mass and 7:00 p.m. Mass. If anyone would be able to help with this important ministry please call the church office.

Once again, we ask that persons who has brought food for funeral dinners, please claim your dishes from the kitchen. There are many dishes left in the kitchen. Also, it would help if you put your name on your dish. Thank you.

SJV Fall Parish Retreat

The Spiritual Development Commission will sponsor a Fall Retreat for our SJV Parish on Saturday, November 1. The retreat will be an afternoon of spiritual renewal. We will start with lunch at 12:00 noon followed by speaker Deacon Alex Jones. Deacon Jones is from the Diocese of Detroit. Plan on attending this exciting event. Cost will be \$10.00 per person. Please call the church office to register. Deadline for registration is Wednesday, October 29.

Next Weekend

Next weekend a Mass is being said for the members of this parish who are buried at New and Old Calvary Cemeteries, in Flint. Especially remembered are parish members who no longer have family to pray for them. New and Old Calvary Catholic Cemeteries, serve as a symbol of the community of believers, a community unbroken by death. At New and Old Calvary Catholic Cemeteries, serve as a symbol of the community of believers, a community unbroken by death. At New and Old Calvary Catholic Cemeteries, our mission does not end with the burial. Catholic Cemeteries exist because every life is worth loving and remembering - always.

Please Pray For Our Parish Family, we urge you to 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.



Movie Time

Here are the classic movies for October, shown at Showcase West at Graham and Corunna Roads. Monday at 1:00 p.m., \$2.00 admission, popcorn and drink. Everyone welcome.

October 6, *Road to Bali*, starring Bing Crosby & Bob Hope:
 October 13, Columbus Day NO SILVER SCREEN:
 October 20, *The George Burns and Gracie Allen Show/The Jack Benny Program*:
 October 27, *My Dear Secretary* starring Kirk Douglas.



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6 - WEEKDAY

10:30 a.m. Bill Burns by Bill and Helene Foster

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7 - OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8 - WEEKDAY

10:30 a.m. Communion Service

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9 - ST. DENIS & COMPANIONS, ST. JOHN LEONARDI

8:00 a.m. Communion Service

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10 - WEEKDAY

10:30 a.m. Susan Burns by Fr. Tom

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11 - VIGIL, TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 p.m. Betty Thompson by her Family

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12 - TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m. Our St. John Vianney Parish Family
 11:00 a.m. Deceased Parishioners buried at New and Old Calvary Cemeteries
 7:00 p.m. Special Intentions for Tom and Betty Gormley by Tom and Mary Coyne



The Week Ahead

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

8:00 a.m. St. Joseph Workers
 6:00 p.m. Nolan Drive Meeting (CR)
 7:00 p.m. RCIA (Rectory)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

10:30 a.m. School Mass
 6:30 p.m. Bingo - Fisher Hall (Team #1)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

Calendar Raffle Ticket sales after mass
 5:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

Calendar Raffle Ticket sales after all Masses
 12-2:00 p.m. Youth Group (CR)



Altar Care

Team # 3: Peggy Royce.

Thank you!

**READINGS FOR OCTOBER 12
 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



ISAIAH 25:6-10A
 PSALM 23
 PHILIPPIANS 4:12-14, 19-20
 MATTHEW 22:1-14

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

“We are choice vines planted by the Lord.”
 Isaiah 5

The readings this week call us to ponder, reflect on how well we are bearing the fruit of God’s grace and love in our lives.

The first reading from Isaiah begins as a song of the landowners care for his vineyard but also reminds us of God’s love for each of us. The landowner takes great care to prepare the soil and to plant only the best vines. God has given each of us the gifts and graces to allow us to grow and enrich our lives in the ways of justice and love.

St. Paul in the second reading urges us to be more conscious of God’s love and direction in our lives. We are challenged to allow and make real in our lives, the attitudes of Christ Jesus. This takes effort, prayer and openness to God’s action in our lives.

The gospel continues the theme of the vineyard, the planting of the seeds to bring forth new fruit. The master of the vineyard take care to ensure that the seeds planted would produce proper fruit. We, like the land owner, often face setbacks in our journey of faith. But we too must hold fast to the hope given to each of us through our Baptism and our faith community.

Altar Servers

Adult Server for October 6-10

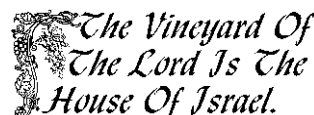
8:00 a.m. Bill Samida

Saturday, October 11

4:00 p.m. Rachel & Emma Burgess

Sunday, October 12

8:00 a.m. Richard Chimner & Gerald Starkey
 11:00 a.m. Aidan & Lily Hudgens
 7:00 p.m. Luke & Mitchell Milne



There are so many things to worry about - world concerns, national issues, local needs, and personal problems. It can be overwhelming. Paul urges us to present our needs to God with gratitude. Telling God our problems and what we want and need is nothing new. But doing it with gratitude? At first, it may seem to be a strange idea. What is there to be grateful for when you are feeling overwhelmed with problems? For one thing, you have a loving God who will help you if you are willing to receive his grace. There are also the problems themselves. They have important lessons to teach if you are open to learning. So as you pour out your troubles, thank God for the graces he will give you.

*Take care of this vine,
 and protect what your right hand has planted.
 - PSALM 80:14-15*

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

