

# 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](http://www.sjvflint.com) (Church)

67th Anniversary

[www.sjvkids.com](http://www.sjvkids.com) (School)



### Anointing Mass

Fr. Tom will offer an Anointing of the Sick Mass this week on Wednesday, October 15 at the 10:30 a.m. mass.

### Parish Potluck

Please join us on Wednesday, October 15 for our monthly Potluck Luncheon in the Parish Center after the 10:30 a.m. anointing mass. Please bring a dish to pass and share a wonderful lunch with your parish family. Donna Kurtz will be demonstrating how to arrange flowers after the luncheon. We look forward to seeing you there!



### Young Adult Ministry

The Flint Newman Center is now open on Tuesday evenings from 6:00-10:00 p.m. The Newman Center serves college students attending the University of Michigan-Flint, Kettering University, Mott Community College and Baker College. The evening sessions will consist of praise and worship, speakers, bible study, food, fun, and more. For more information please call 810-238-7931. The Newman Center is located in the lower level of St. Michaels Church, 609 E. Fifth Ave., Flint, MI.

### 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.

### St. Luke Feast Day

Come and join us for refreshments on October 18 & 19, in the vestibule following the 4:00 p.m., 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. masses to celebrate the feast day of Saint Luke. We look forward to seeing you then.



### St. Luke N.E.W. Life Center

Annual Fundraiser for St. Luke N.E.W. Life Center is Sunday, October 19, 2008 at Dom Polski Hall on Linden Road from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Dinner will include steak or chicken. There will be a raffle, silent and live auction items, live music and fun for all. Tickets are \$15.00 each or two for \$25.00. Please call 239-8710 for tickets and information. Tickets will also be available at the door.

### PCHS Presents: The Jungle Book

The Powers Catholic Theater Department is pleased to bring this children's show to you. Enjoy the adventures of Mowgli, a young boy who is lost in the Indian jungle and befriended by many colorful characters that help young Mowgli survive in the wild and face the fearsome tiger Shere Khan. The Jungle Book is guaranteed to delight audiences of all ages. Performances will be Thursday, October 23 at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, October 25 at 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m., Sunday, October 26 at 2:00 p.m. Ticket cost is \$7.00/person, \$5.00 for children, seniors & non-Powers students. Run time is 1 hour. For more info contact Alicia Evans at (810) 591-4741. Thank you for your support.

Hi!

I hope you noticed the bulletin insert last week regarding proposition 2 which will be on the November election ballot for our state. The Bishops of Michigan clearly want us as Catholics to vote no on proposition 2. Despite all that we have heard on TV and read in the newspapers, the reason for voting no is simple. You do not do research on human beings. I know the proposition states "embryonic stem cell research." But the Church and science both state that life begins at conception. We have created a nightmare due to in vitro fertilization. There are thousands of frozen embryos due to the fact that we can bring about conception outside the mother's womb. These frozen embryos are stored in case of potential failure that the implanted embryo dies due to various reasons. However, the success rate is relatively high. So the logic goes, since these embryos will never be implanted into a womb, why not use them for research? Also obviously an aborted fetus is not viable, so why not use it for research? There is a simple philosophical premise that we must remind ourselves about. The end does not justify the means. Just because we are capable of doing something does not mean that we should do it! So far there has been little success in embryonic stem cell research. But I have little doubt that eventually if research is allowed there will be products that will result. I use the word products because that is ultimately what lies at the heart of the matter. Do not be deceived by the use of the word "cures." The pharmaceutical industry is just that, an industry. Sure it brings to us various medicines, but AT A PROFIT!!! When life is no longer considered sacred the use of human beings as products is the inevitable outcome. Our history is full of such instances. Vote no on proposition 2.

You are all in my prayers and heart.  
Fr. Tom

**Welcome Gospel Choir**

This weekend we welcome the Gospel Choir from St. Agnes, led by Doris Viverette. They will be signing once a month on Sunday and occasionally on Saturday. At Christmas and Easter they may be singing with our parish choir. Welcome!



<b>Stewardship of Treasure, October 12, 2008</b> .....	<b>\$9,457.93</b>
<b>Loose Collection</b> .....	<b>\$527.00</b>
<b>Children's Stewardship (9 Envelopes)</b> .....	<b>\$13.00</b>
<b>American Evangelization</b> .....	<b>\$65.00</b>
<b>Proposition of Faith</b> .....	<b>\$86.00</b>
<b>All Saints</b> .....	<b>\$61.00</b>
<b>Fuel Donation</b> .....	<b>\$75.00</b>
<b>Total Weekly Collection</b> .....	<b>\$10,284.93</b>
<b>St. Vincent de Paul Poor Boxes</b> .....	<b>\$139.06</b>

*Each year at tax time, we conscientiously give "to Caesar what belongs to Caesar." Does my stewardship indicate that I am as faithful about giving "to God what belongs to God?"*

**Youth Group Wreath Sale**



The Youth Group will be taking orders for Christmas Wreaths on October 25 & 26 and November 1 & 2 at all Masses. The wreaths will be a mixture of Michigan Pines. They will come with a red bow and brown pinecones ready for hanging. The wreaths will sell for \$20 each. Green wire stands will also be available.



**"God's Call to Conversion"**

Come for an afternoon of worship and reflection. November 1 from 12:00 noon to 3:30 p.m. Deacon Alex Jones from the Diocese of Detroit will be our speaker. Lunch will be served and reservations must be in by October 27. Cost is \$10. Please call the church office to reserve a spot.

**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*

**Catholic Singles Retreat**

Are you interested in making new Catholic friends? Revitalizing your inner-self? Renewing your relationship with God? Finding peace and healing from past hurts? Are you 21 to 35 years of age and single? If so, you may want to consider attending a REFRESH weekend encounter. The next weekend will be held in Howell, MI, November 7-9, 2008. For more information feel free to contact: Michelle at 810-923-9904; Shawn at 989-245-7051 or email at refreshlansing@gmail.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.

**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.



**"St. Michael's Purrrrrfect Card Party"**

Please be our guest on Wednesday, October 29, 2008 at 12:00-3:00 p.m. Luncheon tickets are \$8.00 and raffle tickets are \$1.00.

**Prayer Chain Ministry**

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**MONDAY, OCTOBER 20 - WEEKDAY**

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

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21 - WEEKDAY**

8:00 a.m. Mary Trebby by the Sacred Heart Altar Society

10:30 a.m. Kith Haven Mass - Odelia Thelen by Fr. Fred Thelen

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22 - WEEKDAY**

10:30 a.m. The Ostrowski Family by Frank and Mary Ann

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23 - WEEKDAY**

8:00 a.m. Krystyna Zalubak by Ed and Anna Fisher

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24 - WEEKDAY**

10:30 a.m. Theresa Wendt by Anne Ploucha

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25 - VIGIL, THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

4:00 p.m. Florence and Virgil Lambert by their Family

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 - THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

11:00 a.m. Ray and Anita Beahan by the Beahan Family

7:00 p.m. Christine Ann Care by her Family

**Altar Care**

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

Thank you!

**READINGS FOR OCTOBER 26  
30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

EXODUS 22:20-26

PSALM 18

1 THESSALONIANS 1:5C-10

MATTHEW 22:34-40

**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.

**New Catholic CD's**

We have 9 new CD's on the following subjects: Seven Levels of Intimacy by Matthew Kelly, The Face of God by Blessed Mother Teresa, Making Sense Out of Suffering by Dr. Scott Hahn, Confession by Fr. Larry Richards, Understanding the Lords Prayer by Dr. Scott Hahn, Overcoming the New Age Movement by Matthew Arnold, Amazing Angels & Super Saints for kids! by Cat. Chat, Surviving with God in a Communist POW Camp by Captain Guy Gruters, and What Every Couple Should Know About Marriage & Prayer by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22**

8:00 a.m. St. Joseph Workers

7:00 p.m. RCIA (Rectory)

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23**

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

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24**

Special Persons Day

10:30 a.m. School Mass

6:00-10:00 p.m. Halloween Dance (PC)

6:30 p.m. Bingo - Fisher Hall (Team #3)

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25**

Wreath sales after mass

5:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26**

Wreath sales after all masses

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

**Adult Server for October 20-24**

8:00 a.m. Larry Loje

**Saturday, October 25**

4:00 p.m. Sean &amp; Patrick Mulqueen

**Sunday, October 26**

8:00 a.m. Paul Drevon &amp; Joseph Cole

11:00 a.m. Michelle &amp; Eric Deitering

7:00 p.m. Joshua Tobias &amp; Keegan Daniel

**Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"I have called you by name."

"I am the Lord, there is no other."

Isaiah 45

The first reading tells us of Cyrus being called by God. Cyrus responded to God's call by saving the people from exile. We too are called by God to share with others God's message of love and compassion.

Paul in the second reading gives thanks to God. We as a community of God's chosen ones are to give thanks for our many blessings. We as God's people here and now are to live out that thanks in our daily lives.

The gospel gives us again the Pharisees trying to entrap Jesus. But Jesus once again speaks the truth for all his followers. We too are to follow and speak the truth with kindness and compassion. We are challenged often by such questions in our lives. We too must stand firm in the truth as we respond to the questions of our time.

Sr. Eileen

Please Continue to Pray for  
Our Military and Their Families

