

# St. John Vianney Parish

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“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)

## 60 Years of Learning in the Light of His Love!

This Friday, September 19, 2008 at 10:30 a.m., our new Bishop, Most Reverend Earl Boyea will be joining us to celebrate our all-school mass and the 60th Anniversary of our school. We hope that you will be able to join us for this very special day. Immediately following mass we will be having a reception at the school. All are welcome to join us as we thank the Lord for blessing us for the past 60 years and pray for another successful 60+ years. For more information please contact Steve Wolbert at (810) 233-0381 or e-mail at [steve.wolbert@gmail.com](mailto:steve.wolbert@gmail.com)

## Our St. Joseph Workers Are Awesome!

Our St. Joseph Workers spent many hours this summer helping to move items between DuKette and St. John Vianney Schools and then worked very hard to help get our school ready for the new year. We especially appreciate their extra time this summer and always appreciate all that they do!

Sincerely,

The Staff and Students of SJV Catholic School

## Children's Liturgy

Sarah Bushey has volunteered to lead the Children's Liturgy here at St. John Vianney. If you are interested in assisting with teaching or helping on Sundays please contact Sarah at 810-659-8464. We will start on Sunday October 5. Additional information will be in upcoming bulletins.

## Parish Fair



Ministry Fair

September 22, 2008 we will hold a parish fair in which we come together for dinner and take the opportunity to see all the possible ministries and volunteer opportunities that we offer. People can sign up on those nights; anyone who is interested and not able to attend the fair should just stop by the office and we can assist you in learning about the many service opportunities we have here at our parish. Please RSVP to our office by **Wednesday, September 17** and even if you are not interested in volunteering just come to meet your fellow parishioners.

## 2009 Calendar Raffle

St. John Vianney Catholic School is sponsoring an exciting new raffle! Daily prizes are \$25.00 with a "Special" day each month offering a larger prize (for example, Mother's Day is \$150.00). And...if you win, we immediately put your ticket back in the drum – so each ticket offers 365 opportunities to win! Tickets can be purchased at either the school or parish office for \$25.00 each. If you have any questions or want tickets to sell, contact Melinda at the parish office 235-1812. Makes a fun gift for those people that have everything!!

## 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.

THE LORD IS  
KIND and MERCIFUL;  
SLOW to ANGER,  
and RICH in COMPASSION.

The most astounding thing God has ever done is to become human. Jesus came not to condemn us but to reveal God's love and save us. He did not put himself above others but became a servant to all. Reflect on the humility of Jesus and consider how you respond when you feel slighted or wronged in some way. Do you deserve better than Jesus, who died on the cross like a common criminal?

*And being found in human form he (Jesus) humbles himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.*

- PHILIPPIANS 2:8



The altar flowers for this weekend are donated in loving memory of Michael Bielaczyc by Eddie Bielaczyc.

Thank you for your generosity!

**Please Pray For Our Parish Family,** as we enjoy the last days of summer 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.



PRAYER REQUESTS

### Choir Returns



Our choir "Welcome Back" dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 18 in the Community Room of the Parish Center. This is a potluck. Members please bring a dish to pass. New members, come as our guest! We welcome our returning members and a spouse or guest, as well as new members who are interested in joining (bring a guest, if you wish). Let's break bread together before we begin our new season! Please R.S.V.P. to Meg at 743-2482, and also let me know what type of dish you will bring. Thanks!



Stewardship of Treasure, Sept. 7, 2008 .....	\$13,026.00
Loose Collection .....	\$584.00
Children's Stewardship (13 Envelopes).....	\$15.00
American Evangelization.....	\$107.00
Assumption.....	\$10.00
Fuel Donation .....	\$20.00
<b>Total Weekly Collection.....</b>	<b>\$13,762.00</b>
<b>St. Vincent de Paul Poor Boxes .....</b>	<b>\$128.44</b>

*Stewardship is not optional! "None of us lives as his own master and none of us dies as his own master," says St. Paul. "While we live we are responsible to the Lord, and when we die we die as his servants."*

## Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross

"Do Not Forget The Works Of The Lord"

Psalms 78

The readings and prayers of this feast recall how Christ poured himself out for each of us.

The first reading tells of the Israelites difficulty in trusting God. They complained against God and Moses. Moses enabled the people to understand in some small way of God's love and forgiveness. They realized that they needed to pray and accept God's call in our lives. Often we are like the people of old and complain about the suffering of the crosses in our lives. But we must remember God's saving power and forgiveness through the cross.

The second reading also reminds and challenges us to accept the cross in our lives. The Eucharist calls us together to celebrate God's loving presence in our lives.

The gospel again tells us of the importance of our celebration of the Eucharist on Sunday. Embracing Christ's cross as a sign of God's everlasting love for us. As we celebrate the Eucharist we receive the forgiveness for our failures to respond to God's presence in our lives. How sad that some people fail to appreciate or take part in this saving celebration with the faith community. Reach out and encourage family and friends to join us at the table of the Lord.

Sr. Eileen

### Food Collection

Last weekend there were 403 personal and food items donated. The generosity of the parishioners of St. John Vianney continues to help the needy of our community. Thank you to everyone who donated.



### F.R.E.P.

The Family Religious Education Program (F.R.E.P.) at St. John Vianney is preparing for its third year of monthly instruction. Participation in the program is for ALL members, not just school-age children. Volunteers are also being recruited in many areas to assist in running the program as well. If you would like to register, or have any questions be sure to speak with members of the F.R.E.P. planning team (Randy Petrides, Martin Jennings, Lisa Burgess or Maureen Kelsey) after mass or contact the parish office.

### Diocesan Youth Jamboree

It is time to get ready for the Diocesan Youth Jamboree. This exciting event brings together 1,000+ 9-12 graders from all over the diocese to participate in workshops, prayers, worship, Mass with the Bishop, a dance and much, much more! It is November 2 at the Lansing Center in Lansing. The cost is \$25 on or before September 30 or \$40 by October 15. No registrations after October 15. For more information, and to get your registration materials, contact Maureen Kelsey at 235-1812, [sjvyouthgroup@yahoo.com](mailto:sjvyouthgroup@yahoo.com) or go to the website at [stjohnvianneyyouth.googlepages.com](http://stjohnvianneyyouth.googlepages.com) (no www) and follow the Jamboree Link.

## Masses For The Week

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 - OUR LADY OF SORROWS**

10:30 a.m. Betty Alunno by Pat &amp; Judy Allen

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 - ST. CORNELIUS & ST. CYPRIAN**

8:00 a.m. Odelia Thelen by Fr. Fred Thelen

10:30 a.m. Kith Haven Mass-Robert Gazall by Vince &amp; Jo Harrison

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 - WEEKDAY**

10:30 a.m. Florence Biddulph by her Family

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 - WEEKDAY**8:00 a.m. Michael Kagerer (1st Anniversary)  
Florence Duso & Family**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 - WEEKDAY**

10:30 a.m. Jack &amp; Frances Hughes by their Family

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 - VIGIL, TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

4:00 p.m. St. John Vianney School (60th Anniversary)

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 - TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00 a.m. Sam Stewart III by Sacred Heart's Altar Society

11:00 a.m. John Noyle by his children, Brian &amp; Andrea

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

**Altar Servers****Adult Server for September 15-19**

8:00 a.m. Larry Loje

**Saturday, September 20**

4:00 p.m. Alison &amp; Kristin Davis

**Sunday, September 21**

8:00 a.m. Matthew George &amp; Stephen Schlott

11:00 a.m. Hannah &amp; Jacob Steffen

7:00 p.m. Kristin &amp; Anthony Stevenson

**Powers High School BBQ & Raffle**

Powers Catholic High School will be celebrating its 38th Homecoming on Friday, September 26. Tickets for a pre-game Homecoming BBQ are available by calling Powers Advancement Office at 810-591-0100. There will be special recognition to the classes of '73, '78, '83, '88, '93, '98, and '03.

The annual Powers Partners in Progress raffle will also take place that evening. Top prize is \$5000. Tickets are \$25. They will be available after masses at St. John Vianney next weekend September 20-21. Any current Powers parent that can assist with ticket sales next weekend is asked to call Mike McCarthy at 810-519-4056 by Thursday.

**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.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

10:30 a.m. Mass at Kith Haven

11:00 a.m. Senior Appreciation Lunch in Davison

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

8:00 a.m. St. Joseph Workers

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

6:30 p.m. Choir Dinner (CR)

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

SJVS 60th Anniversary Celebration with Bishop Boyea (PC, CR, &amp; Café)

10:30 a.m. School Mass

6:30 p.m. Bingo - Fisher Hall (Team #2)

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

5:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

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



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

Thank you!

**READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 21****25 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

ISAIAH 55:6-9

PSALM 145

PHILIPPIANS 1:20C-24, 27A

MATTHEW 20:1-16A

**Minister Schedule**

New schedules will soon be prepared for Eucharist Ministers, Cup Ministers, Lectors, Hospitality, Adult and Altar Servers. The schedule is from November 1, 2008 through February 28, 2009. Please contact the parish office (235-1812) with any changes, updates or specific requests in your information by Wednesday September 24, 2008.

We are also in need of Eucharist and Cup Ministers for the Saturday 4:00 p.m., Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. masses. **We have an immediate need for an usher for Sunday at 8:00 a.m.** If you are able to serve please call the Church office at 235-1812 as soon as possible. That way we can get you trained by the November 1, 2008 schedule.

**SJV Women's Retreat**

Women of SJV are invited to our annual retreat "**Jesus: Ever Ancient, Ever New.**" **September 19-21, 2008: St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt, Michigan.** The suggested donation is \$130 (two nights, six meals, five to seven presentations by various religious leaders). Carpool transportation is also available. For questions or to register, please call Pat Slackta, (810) 635-3716.