

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 (Church)

67th Anniversary

www.sjvkids.com (School)

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Each year on Catechetical Sunday, parishes across the country commission and bless those who work among us in our parishes as catechists. On Friday, September 5 we recognized and commissioned our teachers, day care staff – all catechists of St. John Vianney Parish.

The theme for the coming Catechetical Year - *The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church* - focuses on our intentional efforts to deepen our understanding of and relationship with Jesus. This question is one that each Christian must answer for her or himself each day. How we respond to this question affects how we live, pray, make decisions, and form relationships. This question goes to the very heart of Christian discipleship.

Our parish is blest to have such outstanding men and women of faith who work among us. They play such a vital role in the pastoral activity of St. John Vianney.

In the name of the Lord we thank our God for giving us such co-workers and pray that the Holy Spirit will guide and direct all of their work.



A special **“Welcome Back”** is extended to all of our St. John Vianney students, teachers, and staff. We want to take this opportunity to introduce our school staff for the 2008-2009 school year.

Pre K	Michelle McCartney	Music	Melinda Felt
Kindergarten	Linda Warner	Library	Sister Rita Herman, CPPS
1st Grade	Barbara Stanton & Cindy McNea	Principal	Kathleen Slattery
2nd Grade	Connie Grohoski	Secretary	Chris Martin
3rd Grade	Tracy Shaft & Elizabeth Stump	Kitchen	Anne Henderson
4th Grade	Alicia Borrow	Aides	Kathy Lince & Kim Skellett
5th Grade	Judy Gansen & Paul Riegel	Day Care Staff	Nancy Gallagher, Kathy Christle, Pam Jackson, & Denise Johnson
6th Grade	Sharon Cuttitta & Mary Skellett	Athletic Director	John Cramer
7th Grade	Steve Simms	School Finance	Melinda Holm
8th Grade	Elizabeth Petrides & Lara Daniel	Development	Steve Wolbert

On Tuesday, September 2, the faculty and staff of our parish school returned for the 2008-2009 school year. We are truly fortunate to have an outstanding faculty and staff with such a strong commitment to children and academic excellence. As they begin the new year let us assure them of our complete support and constant prayer. May God continue to bless all who support this great work of education.

**THE LORD IS
NEAR TO ALL WHO
CALL UPON HIM.**

The Sunday Gospel recounts the story of the vineyard owner who hired workers throughout the day and then paid everyone for a full day's work. Many sympathize with the workers who put in a full day and feel this was unfair. Some just think the owner must be nuts paying people more than they had earned. But that misses the point - this is about the reign of God. God does not play by our little rules nor does God deal with us as we deserve. God is generous. We need to learn to rejoice in his unconditional love for all of us.

*The Lord is good to all
and compassionate to all his works.*
-PSALM 145:9

MINISTER SCHEDULE

New schedules will soon be prepared for the Eucharist and 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 following masses: Saturday 4:00 p.m., Sunday 8:00 a.m., and 7:00 p.m. **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.

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.



DIOCESAN PUBLICATIONS

THANK YOU: This bulletin is furnished to the Parish without charge. The advertisements that appear completely defray all publishing costs with which the church would otherwise be burdened. Please patronize these sponsors as a thank you for their kind generosity.



Stewardship News

Stewardship of Treasure, Sept. 14, 2008	\$7,385.00
Loose Collection	\$648.00
Children's Stewardship (11 Envelopes).....	\$13.00
Total Weekly Collection	\$7,864.00
St. Vincent de Paul Poor Boxes	\$26.67

In today's Gospel, the vineyard owner says, "I am free to do as I please with my money, am I not?" We are likewise free. Is a generous return to the Lord in thanksgiving for His many blessings among the choices we have made?

NEW AND OLD CALVARY CATHOLIC CEMETERIES:



Fall clean up is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, October 1, 2008 and continue through October 20, 2008 (weather permitting). We are asking all families to please remove all items they wish to keep before October 20, 2008. Fall decorations may be placed beginning November 1, 2008. Starting October 1 through November 28, we will once again be taking orders for grave blankets and wreaths. Both the grave blankets and the wreaths include bows, poinsettias and pine cones. Reminder post cards will be mailed soon. If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please contact the Cemetery Office at 810-732-2620.

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.

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!!

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 or go to the website at stjohnvianneyyouth.googlepages.com (no www) and follow the Jamboree Link.

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.



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 - WEEKDAY

10:30 a.m. Special Intentions for St. Joseph's Guild

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 - ST. PIO OF PIETRELICINA

8:00 a.m. Florence Kubala and John Kubala by Frank and Mary Ann Gilsdorf

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 - WEEKDAY

10:30 a.m. Juanita Pauldine by John Pauldine

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 - WEEKDAY

8:00 a.m. Dale Barker by Fr. Tom

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 - WEEKDAY

10:30 a.m. Theresa Wendt by the Staff and Students of St. John Vianney School

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 - VIGIL, TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 p.m. Dr. Pura Penaverde by the Santiago Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 - TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m. Our St. John Vianney Parish Family
 11:00 a.m. Special Intentions for Alice Cox by Bill and Helene Foster
 7:00 p.m. Dennis Hassell by Rose and John McMunigal

READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 28

26 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



EZEKIEL 18:25-28
 PSALM 25
 PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11
 MATTHEW 21:28-32

PCHS 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.

ST. JOHN VIANNEY SCHOOL

SJV School is in need of used band instruments to loan to new students. If you have one to donate, please bring it to the church or school office. Thank you very much.
 Elizabeth Petrides

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.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES



The Week Ahead

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

6:00 p.m. Parish Fair (Parish Center)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

10:30 a.m. Mass at Kith Haven

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

8:00 a.m. St. Joseph Workers

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

10:30 a.m. School Mass

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

5:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

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



ALTAR CARE

Team # 1: Joene McAuliffe and Olisa Ward

Thank you!

ALTAR SERVERS

Adult Server for September 22-26

8:00 a.m. Gerald Starkey

Saturday, September 27

4:00 p.m. Kelsey Knag & Mary Herman

Sunday, September 28

8:00 a.m. Bill Samida & Mike McCarthy

11:00 a.m. Anne Petrides & Joshua Tobias

7:00 p.m. Kristopher Miller & Michael Garnett

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Seek the Lord... Call Him." Isaiah 55

The readings this week seem to focus on the importance of God's call in our lives. We are reminded once again of the importance of accepting and forgiving our brothers and sisters. We as people of God struggle with this many times in our lives. We see the world, the society in which we live, often move against these principles.

As we continue to travel the road of faith and love in our lives these readings give us direction and support as we continue to travel the road of faith and love in our lives. These readings give us direction and support as we continue to seek and listen to the Lord in our lives.

Let us take time this week as individuals, as families, as community to allow this message fill our minds and hearts with that love the Lord Jesus gives to each of us.

Sr. Eileen

Important Reminder... Please claim your dishes from funeral lunches. They are in the kitchen of the school.
 Thank you.