

# 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)

## Help Spread the FAITH

Thank you for making last year's Help Spread the FAITH Appeal a success. Thank you for answering Christ's call to evangelize. The Help Spread the FAITH Appeal makes our own local evangelization efforts, like FAITH Magazine and the televised Outreach Mass, possible. Bishop Earl Boyea believes that FAITH has been an important part of our evangelization plan. FAITH is sent to your home and every Catholic home each month by our parishes and diocese. Many of our fellow Catholics have become disconnected from the life of the Church, and Bishop Boyea believes that FAITH Magazine has been the best way to reach out to them. In addition to FAITH, our diocese continues to evangelize with interactive Web sites, weekly television Masses, the U.S. bishops' national efforts in local parish initiatives. By supporting the Help Spread the FAITH Appeal, you will help us continue to answer Christ's call to reach out with the Gospel message. **Your gift to Help Spread the FAITH will support:** 1) **FAITH Magazine:** a monthly magazine sent to you and every Catholic in the diocese - 80,000 homes. **FAITHmag.com:** an interactive online resource with daily changing content. 2) **Television Outreach Mass:** a weekly broadcast of the Diocese of Lansing. 3) **U.S. bishops' national evangelization efforts:** impacting the media and our society. By supporting St. John Vianney and our diocese in this Help Spread the FAITH Appeal, you will enable us to carry out evangelization efforts in St. John Vianney, our diocese and the nation. Your support ensures that FAITH Magazine will continue to be sent to every Catholic home in the diocese of Lansing. You will ensure that the Outreach Mass will continue to be broadcast and the U.S. bishops will continue their national evangelization efforts. Christ called us to proclaim the Gospel from the mountaintop. In today's society, that is a big challenge. We all know the power of the media. With your support, we can use that power to reach out with a positive message - a message that we belong to someone - Jesus. Thank you for your consideration.

## 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. And...we will also have them available after Masses on the weekend of October 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>. Let Melinda in the parish office know if you are able to help Oct. 11/12.

## 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. 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.

Hi!

I am writing this the day after our "Ministry Fair and Dinner" that we had together in the new configuration of our four parishes now becoming one. I was pleased to see so many new faces. I wish to continue to urge our new parishioners to get involved in the many volunteer opportunities that we offer. And if you have any new ideas about parish ministry, please let me know. It was a great evening and I want to thank all those who helped to make our fair a success.

This is a time of transition for us as a parish. We need to move "out of our comfort zones" and make the extra effort to get to know each other. We must remember that we are Catholic and it is a basic premise of our faith that we go together to God. You cannot be truly Catholic and say, "It's just God and me." We are not Catholic like some people who are Jewish. You are not born Catholic. It's a choice. And that choice is repeated throughout our lives. We have to keep making the choice and God knows and I know that the choice is not always easy. We need to remember that there are others struggling to make this journey to God just as we are struggling to be part of God's Plan.

Let us pray for each other. Let us pray that the Lord will bless our endeavors to be one parish. You are all in my prayers and heart.

Fr. Tom

**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.



### Food Collection October 4 & 5

St. John Vianney parishioners continue to help those among us who need so much. Suggestions this month include salad dressings, jams and jellies, cooking oil, dishwashing liquid soap and coffee (1pound cans). God's blessings to everyone who help those less fortunate.

### First Friday

Friday, October 3rd is the First Friday of the Month. We take Communion to the homebound and recovering. If you are unable to attend Mass or have no one to bring the Eucharist to you, please call the office at 235-1812 and give us your name. Once a month someone will call on you. If you are temporarily homebound you can call and inform us when a visit is no longer necessary.



<b>Stewardship of Treasure, Sept. 21, 2008</b> .....	<b>\$8,006.50</b>
<b>Loose Collection</b> .....	<b>\$637.00</b>
<b>Children's Stewardship (13 Envelopes)</b> .....	<b>\$15.00</b>
<b>American Evangelization</b> .....	<b>\$55.00</b>
<b>Assumption</b> .....	<b>\$3.00</b>
<b>Total Weekly Collection</b> .....	<b>\$8,716.50</b>
<b>St. Vincent de Paul Poor Boxes</b> .....	<b>\$20.25</b>

*The first son in today's Gospel said he would do his father's bidding, but did not. The second son balked at first, but then repented and did as he was asked. What service is God calling me to do? Which son am I more like?*

## SJV Library News

**From the Book Shelf:** The hidden years of the child Jesus are reverently imagined by Anne Rice in her novel, CHRIST THE LORD. It is essentially a mystery story in which the boy is fully believable as he struggles to understand his miraculous gifts and staggering responsibility. It is a work of fiction "that transcends story and instead qualifies as an act of faith." -{Kirkus Review} Check it out!

**Children's Books...** Our library is in need of more children's books. Appropriate donations will be gratefully accepted. Books can be left at the office or in the return box next to the library bookcase.

**Book Selection:** Adult books are now filed in alphabetical order by title and a corresponding list is available on top of the library bookcase. Pass the word along if a book is particularly worthwhile.

**Reminder...** Books are to be returned in 3 to 4 weeks.



### Daughters of Isabella

Daughters of Isabella, Circle 530, business meeting and Halloween Bingo, October 14th, 2008, at 1:00 p.m. in Holy Redeemer Hall.

### Beginning Experience

Beginning Experience of Lansing will offer a spiritual weekend for separated, divorced, and widowed persons on October 3 - 5, 2008 at the St. Joseph Retreat Center in Jackson, Michigan. The program helps people who find themselves single again deal with the natural grief process and offers an opportunity, through God's assistance, for turning the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth. Pre-registration is required. Please call any of the following people to request an application and information: Nancy (517) 371-2397, Suzie (517) 267-9273, Karen (517) 449-3906, or Pam (517) 784-7585.

### Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus."  
Philippians 2

The readings today remind us of God's mercy and compassion. We are called to look for the Lord in our lives.

The first reading has a challenging message to each of us. We are called to receive God's gift of forgiveness. The call of this truth is how do we share, extend that gift within our families, our community, our world.

St. Paul in the second reading urges each of us to allow God to form each of us in the likeness of Christ. We are also called to be aware of how others mirror Christ's' loves and compassion to us.

The gospel speaks of Jesus telling the people how those who are looked down upon are the ones who are responding to his message. Matthew asks us to look for the signs of forgiveness and compassion among all people.

We need to ponder who is calling us to conversion and new life in our community. How are we called as people of faith to be that sign Jesus gave us in his ministry?

Sr. Eileen



**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 - ST. MICHAEL, ST. GABRIEL, & ST. RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS**

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

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 - ST. JEROME**

8:00 a.m. Herman Zerweck by his Family

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1 - ST. THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS**

10:30 a.m. Rose Jackovich by Gene Jackovich

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2 - GUARDIAN ANGELS**

8:00 a.m. George Michalek, Sr. by Msgr. Michalek

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3 - ST. THEODORE GUERIN**

10:30 a.m. Michael Kagerer by Ruperta Bol

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4 - VIGIL, TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

4:00 p.m. Rose Cranston by Shirley Seidel

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5 - TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00 a.m. Maria Giles by Denny and Bridget Drumm

11:00 a.m. William Matsco by his wife, Virginia

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

**READINGS FOR OCTOBER 5**

**27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



ISAIAH 5:1-7  
PSALM 80  
PHILIPPIANS 4:6-9  
MATTHEW 21:33-43

**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.

**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.

**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 30**

7:00 p.m. RCIA (CR)

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1**

8:00 a.m. St. Joseph Workers

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2**

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

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3**

8:45 a.m. Soup Kitchen Ministry

10:30 a.m. School Mass

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

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4**

Food Collection

2:00 p.m. Rosary at Kith Haven

5:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00 p.m. PCHS Cross Country Dinner (PC)

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5**

Food Collection

9:00 a.m. F.R.E.P. (PC)

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

3:00 p.m. Class Reunion Committee Meeting (CR)



Altar Care

**Altar Care**

Team # 2: Beth Grohoski, Helene Foster, Anne Ploucha, and Carmie Sleva. Thank you!

**Altar Servers**

**Adult Server for September 29-October 3**

8:00 a.m. John Linker

**Saturday, October 4**

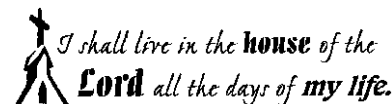
4:00 p.m. Andrew Bade & Tyler Lowe

**Sunday, October 5**

8:00 a.m. Michael Mulqueen & Patrick O'Connor

11:00 a.m. Nicholas Racette & Barbara Davidek

7:00 p.m. Alex Saunders & Carly Moore



Our human nature finds it very difficult to accept God's way of doing things as "just." Many of Jesus' parables tell us that God does not judge things the way we would. God knows our hearts and understands our struggles in a way we don't even know ourselves much less anyone else. There is nothing to be gained by trying to measure our "goodness" nor in comparing it to others. Our focus should be on how well we are trying to follow Jesus and leave the rest in the hands of our merciful God.

*The Lord is good to all and compassionate to all his works.*

-PSALM 145:9

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

