

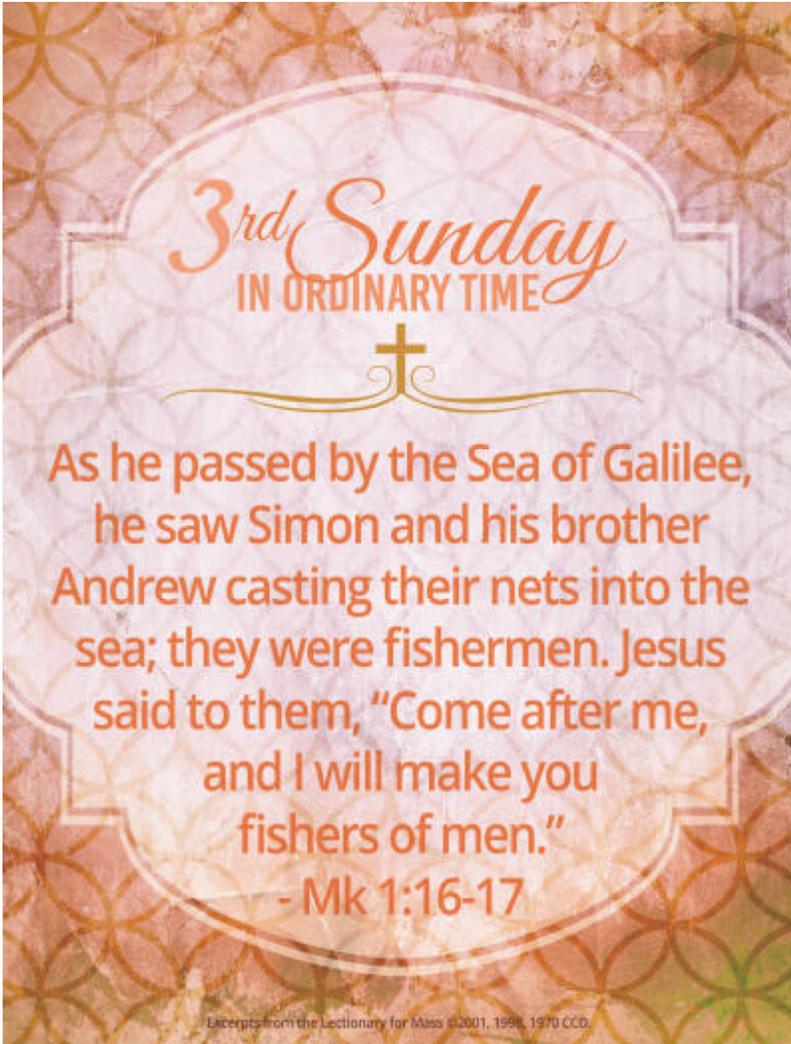
JANUARY 17, 2021

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time



# St. John Vianney

Catholic Church



## MISSION STATEMENT

*We are a people called together by God and empowered by the Spirit to continue the mission of Jesus on earth. We are a community of faith, hope and love, who strengthen and encourage one another and share a common mission of building the Kingdom of God.*



## Vision Statement

*Committed to growing in faith together, guided by the Holy Spirit, we will be the hands of Jesus, continuing His work in our parish, community and the world.*

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### MASS SCHEDULE:

**Sat: 5:00 pm**

Private confessions 4:00 pm-4:30 pm

**Sun: 10:00 am**

**Wed: 12:00 pm**

### STAFF:

#### **Director of Parish Life**

*Sr. Janet Pewoski, CSJ*

#### **Sacramental Minister**

*Fr. Richard Jozwiak & Fr. Bert Gohm*

#### **Music/Choir Director**

*Roberta Conley*

#### **Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper**

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## Sister's Corner

**Ordinary Time** began January 11<sup>th</sup> after the Sunday Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. We will be in Ordinary Time through Tuesday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>. Lent begins Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> with Ash Wednesday. Following Lent and the Easter Season which ends after Pentecost on May 24<sup>th</sup>, Ordinary Time resumes. During Ordinary Time we do not celebrate a particular aspect of Christ's mystery, but we do celebrate the whole of His mystery. There are 33 or 34 weeks in Ordinary Time.

**Witness to Life January 21 – 29** prayers and programs continue this week. Check the Diocesan Website and sign up for daily emails and podcasts. The Novena for Life continues through the 29<sup>th</sup>. Witness to Life Mass on Jan. 29 at 6:30 p.m. will be live streamed from the Cathedral. In person attendance requires registration. A link can be found on the Diocesan Website. Audio Recordings and Podcasts continue featuring a variety of familiar presenters.

A copy of the **9 Days for Life Novena** can be found on the Diocesan Website, and there may be some print copies available in the Gathering Area.

**Catholic Leadership Study:** The priests and Directors of Parish Life will be taking their one hour surveys soon to identify their strengths, preferences, and educational/professional desires for training or enrichment. Sr. Janet will be contacting 5 – 10 parish leaders to represent various aspects of the parish and also ages. These individuals will be asked to take a brief survey (10 – 15 mins.) plus the Disciple Maker Index (15 – 20 mins.). This will help them reflect on their spiritual growth and engagement with parish life. Eventually, all parishioners will be invited to take the Disciple Maker Index. Surveys will be available on line, emailed, or hard paper copies for those who are not computer savvy. The Leadership Institute has already worked with 200+ bishops, 2,600 priests, and 22,000 parish/diocesan staffs and key volunteers. They started a pilot program with 4 dioceses last year and are beginning another with 4 dioceses this year including Saginaw. Their goal is to have 12 – 15 dioceses work on a collaborative pilot. There is no cost except for time.

**A Copy of the Act of Consecration to Mary for our Nation** was provided for your prayer by the Christian Service Commission. I added a brief history of the Act of Consecration for your review. There are different versions of the prayer, but this is the one found in a Catholic Bible.

## Weekly Readings

### Old Testament:

#### **Jonah 3: 1-5, 10**

The Book of Jonah is only two pages long and tells a parable about a man called by God to preach repentance to the pagan city of Nineveh. Jonah's first response was to sail as fast as he could in the other direction. After his adventures with a large fish, God called him a second time. Today's passage picks it up from there.

### New Testament:

#### **1 Corinthians 7: 29-31**

In this section of the first letter to the Corinthians, Paul responds to written questions they had sent to him. Some questions had to do with how we, who believe in the next life, should relate to the things of this life. Paul expected that Jesus would return in glory soon, so he gives some advice which we hear in this reading.

### Gospel:

#### **Mark 1: 14-20**

Here in Mark's Gospel, we hear the first words of Jesus' teaching: "This is the time of fulfillment. The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel." Jesus issues a command to all who will follow him. Then, we hear the call of his first disciples, Simon and Andrew, James and John who immediately leave everything behind and follow the Lord.

## Faith Formation

**Our Children's Program did resume in person classes on January 5<sup>th</sup>, and we will continue to meet in person.** If there is a need to conduct classes at home, Sister will email/call parents and catechists. For now, the plan is to continue to meet on site for classes.

**First Confession or Reconciliation is scheduled for Sunday, February 7, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.**

**Anyone seeking Baptism of a child, Marriage Preparation, or an Annulment** should call 989-790-5086 to make an appointment with Sr. Janet to discuss necessary requirements.

Marriage preparation requires at least a six month, preferably a year of advance planning. Do not rent a hall until you have discussed requirements and confirmed that the church is available on your desired date.

**Adult Enrichment Classes** continue to meet virtually on Mondays at 10 a.m. for Scripture Study or Book Discussions with Cindy Shea and for RCIA by arrangement with Rose Langdon.

**Grief Ministry:** Women are meeting with Sr. Janet on Monday, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 a.m. and for Men with Russ Herlache on Wed. Feb. 3 at 10:30 a.m. Grief Ministry is not a one time meeting. The process of grieving and mourning takes more than a year for most people, perhaps even five years. Our program is designed to meet once a month for the course of a year during which time we cover feelings and experiences that are common to the process or unique to individuals. After that first year, for those who like we sometimes continue to meet for social outings and the support of friendship. Questions: Call Sr. Janet 989-790-5086.

## Stewardship Message

### Give Until It Hurts

One of the characteristics of Everyday Stewardship is to be committed — to persevere daily in a way of life acknowledging that everything belongs to God.

I know, I know. Easier said than done.

Just ask Zebedee. It's quite an image we get from the Gospel, after all. "So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him."

There was Zebedee, about his business, mending nets with his two sons, who were undoubtedly his best workers — they had to have been more dedicated than the hired men, who worked for wages rather than for family. And in an instant off they go, following this strange man.

I don't know about you, but if my kids left me on a hot summer day to finish the lawn by myself, I wouldn't be too happy.

But Zebedee must have been someone quite special. Perhaps he realized that his sons didn't belong to him — not really. They belonged to God, and from the beginning of time, it had been appointed that they would be among the first disciples of Christ. He passed, he called, they followed, and Zebedee obliged. He simply went back to mending his nets, I imagine.

Zebedee already understood what St. Teresa of Calcutta would say millennia later: "Give until it hurts."

"You're wasting my time." "I've done so much for her; she owes me this." How often do we think things, and even people and relationships, belong to us? The truth is none of them do. We must be ready, as Zebedee was, to surrender them to God when He comes walking past.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## Readings

### Week of Jan 25 - Jan 30, 2021

**Mon:** Acts 22:3-16 /Ps 117:1bc, 2 /Mk 16:15-18

**Tue:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 /Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10/Mk 3:31-35

**Wed:** Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1-4/Mk 4:1-20

**Thur:** Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6/Mk 4:21-25

**Fri:** Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40/Mk 4:26-34

**Sat:** Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-73, 74-75/Mk 4:35-41

## On the Lighter Side

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## Parish Information

**Do you need your YEAR END TAX STATEMENTS?** Please contact Michelle in the parish office to let her know you want your tax statement. Contact Michelle by email: [stjvianney64@aol.com](mailto:stjvianney64@aol.com), phone: 989-790-5086.

### Christ's Mission Appeal

Assessment: \$60,754.50

Pledges: \$43,714.38

(As reported by the Diocese  
1/14/2021)

Balance Due: \$17,040.12



### Building a Brighter Future at St. John Vianney

#### **Debt Reduction**

As of December 31, 2020

Loan amount: \$800,000.00

Balance owing: \$386,582.82

The pledge campaign ended 12/31/2020 but not all pledges were paid. Please consider continuing to use the capital improvement envelopes each month to help eliminate the remaining balance owed.

**MyParish App** was a resource given to us for free several years ago. They have since changed their policy and will be charging us a monthly fee. We have chosen not to continue with the MyParish App.



We will be setting up a new parish app for free through our online giving company ShelbyNext. Look for the launch of our new app February 2021

### **Christian Outreach Committee**

Thank you so much for the generous gifts of hats and mittens. We distributed the hats and gloves to Emmaus House, Underground Railroad, Saginaw Rescue Mission, and Carrollton Elementary School. These organizations were so grateful. Thank you also for the generous gifts to Healthsource, gift cards to Mustard Seed, consumer cards to Partnership and to 10 Carrollton Elementary Families. The organizations are so very grateful for the generous donations especially during these hard times. For the months of January and February, we will be collecting food items for the 1% Veterans Food Pantry. Please send, canned fruits, vegetables, meats like tuna and chicken, pasta, rice, spaghetti sauce, canned or boxed meals, soups, paper products and cleaning supplies. We appreciate all your help. Thank you for being the light and the salt of the Earth by spreading the gospel through your good works.

## Diocesan Information

This year, with renewed commitment to pray for an end to abortion and raise awareness of the sanctity of human life, despite the current challenges to gather and march in person, we are excited to offer many new ways to pray and raise our voices across our diocese.

Please commit to "Witness to Life" together, as one, by **joining us in some or all of the following:**

**Witness to Life Concluding Mass** - Friday, January 29 at 6:30 p.m. Registration is required for in-person attendance. A link to register will be shared at a later date.

### **Listen to Audio Recordings (Podcasts)**

Below are recordings featuring local clergy and lay people such as Father Adam Maher, Father Bill Rutkowski, Father Christian Tabares and many others.

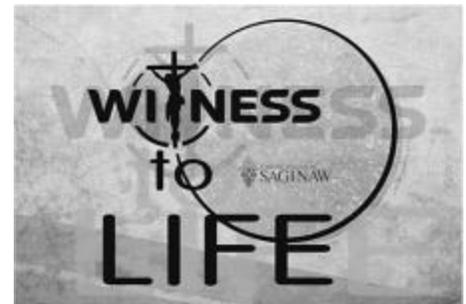
Here's How you can Participate in "Witness to Life"

**Sign up to receive emails from us Jan. 21 to 29.** These emails will include daily reflections related to the sanctify of life, links to recorded shows and more. Only people who sign up will receive these emails.

**Start listening** to some of our locally produced podcast episodes now

**Watch live streams** of events from the Cathedral from Jan. 21 to 29.

**Pray the Nine Days for Life Novena** from Jan. 21 to 29.



## Community Events

### **Single Catholic Women Discern Call to Religious Life**

Are you a single Catholic woman, age 19-35, trying to discern your call in life? Are you feeling called to give your life to God? The Adrian Dominican Sisters invite you to spend the weekend with them and with other young Catholic women discerning their future.

The virtual Zoom and See for Yourself weekend is Friday and Saturday, February 12-13, 2021. It will include time for prayer, silence, faith-sharing, and fun, as well as the opportunity to learn about the life of a Sister and the Dominican life.

Please register online at <https://tinyurl.com/ADSDiscern>. For information, contact Sister Tarianne DeYonker, OP, Vocation Co-director, at [tdeyonker@adriandominicans.org](mailto:tdeyonker@adriandominicans.org) or call or text her at 517-920-1395.

The Adrian Dominican Sisters, a Congregation of about 500 vowed women religious and more than 200 Associates, traces its roots back to St. Dominic in the 13th century. The Sisters minister in 22 states and in the Dominican Republic, Norway, and the Philippines. The Congregation's Vision is to "seek truth, make peace, reverence life."

## Financial Stewardship Update

**Parish Support:**

January 16/17, 2021

Collection..... \$ 2,667.00

ACH ..... \$ 601.00

Online ..... \$ 65.00



Online giving is different from ACH and is now available through the website [www.sjvsaginaw.org](http://www.sjvsaginaw.org).



## Gospel Reflection

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

It was a normal day by all accounts, but John just wasn't feeling himself. He was a little lightheaded and out of sorts. Later in the afternoon, he experienced a sharp pain in his chest and arm. Quick thinking and action brought John to the emergency department with a diagnosis of a significant heart attack. Surviving this ordeal, he found himself face to face with his cardiologist, having an honest conversation about things that needed to change. "I came close to death," John found himself thinking. Then came the remorse. He was a young man with a loving wife and children who were very close to facing life without him. John found himself with intense sorrow for living an unchecked and self-indulgent life that almost brought him to his demise. He wanted to change.

We all have our wake-up calls. We have experiences and encounters that force us to really think twice about choices we have made and directions we have taken. Often, we find ourselves looking at those we have hurt square in the eye and wallowing in our foolishness. We regrettably realize that we have allowed our needs to lure us into making some cruel mistakes. We impulsively say things and flip-flop do things that reveal our unredeemed and unhealed self. It is a self we stumble over and try to tame but can't quite seem to master and control. Help!

We spin our wheels, naively thinking that we will somehow, perhaps through persistence, get ourselves unstuck. But, we don't. We just get out of the car, feeling very helpless, and ignorantly look at the mess we got ourselves into. Did we ever think to ask someone for help? Or, taken the advice of One who is wiser and avoid this route altogether? "Come after me," are words that Jesus says to all of us. In order to heed his invitation, we must leave our ego-self behind and follow.

When we really see and understand the freedom, peace, justice, and love he offers, we find ourselves with such sorrow in our hearts for how foolish and silly we have been. All the misguided choices and sinful actions come full view and we see how risky our random impassioned behaviors really have been. Repentance is beautiful. When done with a sincere and contrite heart, it directs us to the glory that can be ours, ignites us with the challenge of living a life in service of others and reminds us that all is well.

## Music Ministry



**Beautiful New Mass Setting**

In a few weeks I will be introducing a new mass setting written by Sarah Hart that we will be using during Lent.

A couple years back I brought her to SJV to do mass and a concert! She is an amazingly talented musician and is one of the top Catholic composers with OCP (Oregon Catholic Press)

Check out her mass:

**Mass of St. Mary Magdalene**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QsiPJSvSnx0>

## Prayer Request

Requests call: Sue Rapin 799-7588

**Cancer:**

Daniel, Randy, Beryl, Robert, Yvonne, Alan, Terry, Marsha, Melissa, Theresa, Steve, Charlie, Janine, Annette, Nicole, Marta, Richard, David, Karen, Sr. Elaine, Gary, Tony, Sue, Omar, Linda, Kim, Danny, Manny, Brenda, Eileen, Tammy, Marlene, Dick, Bill, Gerry, Brian, Sherry, Erin, Toni, Jason, Dottie, Sharon, Jennifer, Dave, Jean, Pat, Cindy, Beth, Meredith, Donna, Dennis, Kent, Art, Ann, George, Joe, Bobbi, Mel, Gary, Ben, Vicky, Bob, Herrick, Lori, Judy, Evelyn, Jack, Angelica, Jerry, Diane, Connie, Don, Lowell, Lisa, Jim, Ted, Lucy, Amber

**Health:**

Mary Jane, Kayla, Wally, Judy, Irene, Leo, Cathy, Helma, Jenny, Christine, Gloria, Marcella, Adam, Donna, Clara, Bonnie, Ronald, Richard, Karl, Marcile, Jacob, Jean, T, Melissa, Patty, Sue, Lucy, Larry, Maddison, Joanne, Grandma L, Leroy, Marianne, Alec, Carson, AJ, Vivian, Mitch, Ilene, Don, Ken, Helen, Chuck, Bennett, David, Carol, Cecelia, Wayne, Claudette, Brian, Dave, Andy, Paul, Tiffany, Kelly, Remi, Marty, Holly, Janis, Nancy, Marcia, Dee, Amber, Kirsten, Laura, Mike, Luke, Brian, Lynn, Ron, Steven, Joan, Ellen, Cyndi, John, Ann, Jennifer, Jeremy, Jan, Rebecca, Dennis, Elijah, Charlotte, Julie, Michelle, Stan, Mary, Marilyn, Kevin, Dorothy, Linda, Doris, Betty, Tim, Lennon

**Surgery/Help/Military:**

**S:**  
**H:** Debi, Joan, Sue, Mary, Clare, Christine, Connie, Lorraine, Melvin, Jayde, Jenny, Jenna, Mitch, Marilyn, Derek, Alison, Norm, Family of Wayne, Chad, Kathy, Bethany, Lynn, David  
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