

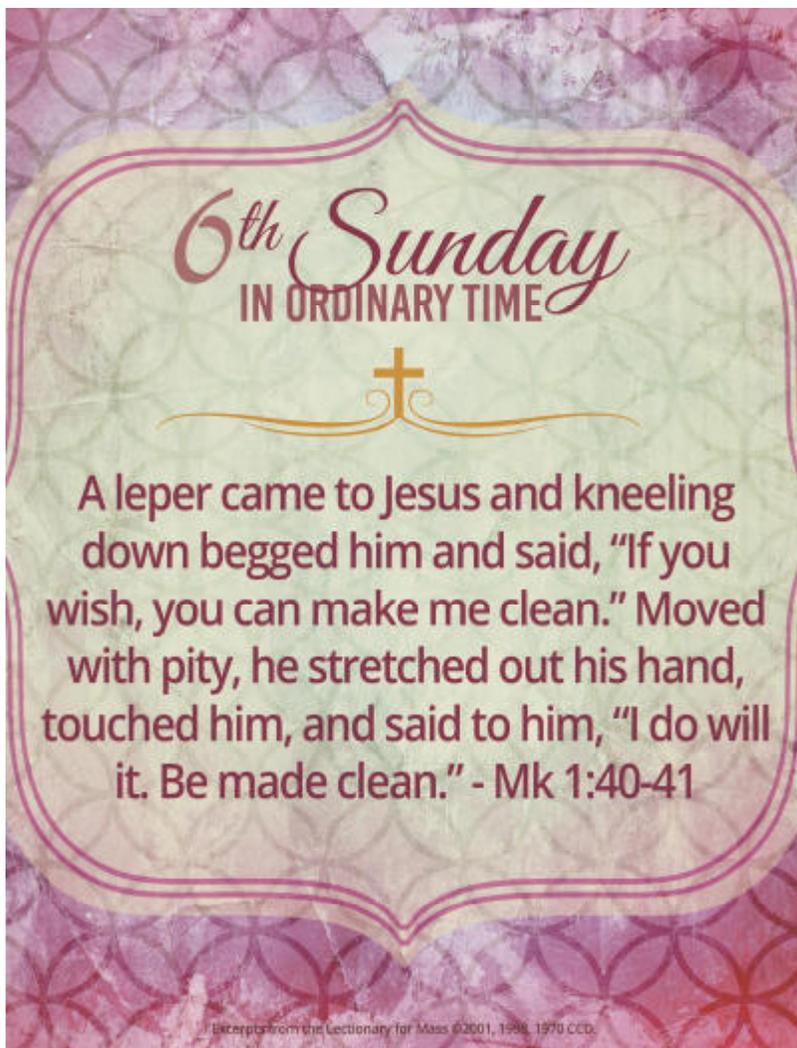
FEBRUARY 14, 2021

6th 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*

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### **Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper**

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## Sister's Corner

**World Marriage Day Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>:** We celebrate the sacredness of marriage and the Sacrament of Matrimony. We celebrate your fidelity and love. Don't forget your sweetheart on Valentine's Day! Happy Heart's Day!



**Ash Wednesday Begins Lent on Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>:** We will have Mass with distribution of ashes at Noon and 7:00 p.m. You will receive a "pinch of ashes" on your head per directions from the Vatican instead of the "thumbprint of ashes on your forehead" this year due to covid safety no touch guidelines. **Prayer, Almsgiving, and Fast and Abstinence** are the standard practices of Lent. **Abstain from Meat** on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent for those who are age 14 and older. **Fast** on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by eating two smaller meals and one full meal for those who are 18 – 59 years of age. **For reasons of health and well-being, observance may not be required by some.** You are encouraged to attend daily Mass if only virtually and to engage in some extra forms of prayer or devotion or study. Consider keeping the Rice Bowl on your dining room table as a reminder to contribute to the needs of the poor either from what you save by eating less groceries or what commitment you wish to make to the poor.

**Lenten Offerings at St. John Vianney: Join a Lenten Virtual Gathering The Way of Jesus with Sister on 3 Mondays or 3 Wednesdays of Lent from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.** Sign up sheets are available in the Gathering Area or email Sister at [jpewoski@csjoseph.org](mailto:jpewoski@csjoseph.org) your name, email, phone number and preferred evening Monday or Wednesday asap. We will start on Feb. 22 and Feb. 24. Packets for reading, reflection and sharing for 5 weeks will be available to pick up on Ash Wednesday. There are readings for the weeks we do not meet virtually. These can be emailed if need be. You need access to a computer preferably with a webcam so that we can see and speak with you! There is no cost.

### Holy Week Schedule:

**April 1 – Holy Thursday Mass at 7:30 p.m. No potluck due to covid safety guidelines.**

**April 2 – Good Friday Service at 1:00 p.m.**

**April 3 – Easter Vigil .....at 8:30 p.m.**

**April 4 – Easter Sunday..... at 10:00 a.m.**

**Private Reconciliation is available Saturdays from 4:00 – 4:30 p.m. or by appointment as needed. Call the office and we will contact the priest to set up an appointment.**

### Catholic Leadership Diocesan Study:

Representatives of Parish Leadership will be taking a leadership survey and the Disciple Maker Survey. All parishioners are invited to take the Disciple Maker Survey which will help you reflect on your spiritual faith journey and help the diocese determine what aspects we need to provide in terms of program and formation to enrich and develop your faith. The Disciple Maker Survey link will be available by Feb. 17. Paper copies will be provided upon request to the office. Michelle will be setting up access to a computer in class room 1 if you do not have a computer.

## Weekly Readings

### Old Testament:

#### **Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46**

The third book of the Bible, Leviticus, is a collection of Jewish laws. Old Testament people believed that being clean or unclean (that is, kosher or non-kosher) was based on what was considered to be normal or abnormal. For example, because a snake slithered on the ground rather than walked, it was considered abnormal, and therefore unclean. By the same standards, people with disabilities or deformities were seen as unclean. We see a particular ease addressed in this reading.

### New Testament:

#### **1 Corinthians 10: 31—11:1**

Today's passage concludes a long section of First Corinthians in which Paul has been addressing disputes between Jewish Christians and Gentile Christians about what foods are kosher. Paul now makes a general observation that while we may in principle be free to do this or that, we should avoid those things that disrupt harmony and peace.

### Gospel:

#### **Mark 1: 40-45**

The story of the healing of the leper shows us the compassion and the tenderly touch of Jesus. As we celebrate the Church's sacraments, think of all the times the priest extends the healing touch of Jesus to those who receive the sacraments. Jesus reminds us, "wherever two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

## Faith Formation

### Children's Program:

**First Confession or Reconciliation for our Children will be on Sunday, Feb. 21 at 1:30 p.m.**

Classes for our children continue to meet in person on Tuesdays from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

**Adult Lenten Virtual Program begins either Mon. Feb. 22 or Wed. Feb. 24 with Sister Janet from 6:30 – 7:30**

**p.m.** Sign up today on sheets in the Gathering Area or email Sister at [jpewoski@csjoseph.org](mailto:jpewoski@csjoseph.org) as soon as possible. I realize the Lenten Bulk mailing may not have arrived by Feb. 10 to register by this date. If you or someone you know would like to join this, please email me your name, email, phone number and preferred evening meeting time Monday or Wednesday.

**Adult Enrichment with Cindy Shea/Sue DeKett Book Study is also meeting.** Interested individuals should have contacted Cindy to order a copy of the current book being studied: "The Return of the Prodigal." If you need a book, contact Michelle at the parish office. Contact Cindy or Sue for the start date and time.

**Seeking Baptism, Marriage Prep, or an Annulment?** Contact Sister Janet to set up an appointment to discuss the requirements and preparation needed. If you are planning a wedding, please do not rent a hall until you have met with Sister to discuss what is required and if the Church is available for your desired date.

**Funeral Arrangements:** Sometimes folks are not aware of what to do when. Ideally, the parish will be aware of the progression of your loved one's health. Pre-covid times, we probably would have been able to visit them in the hospital or bring communion to the home, but that is not as possible these days. Normally, when someone has passed, the family calls the funeral home to make arrangements with them. The funeral home calls Sister to let us know that a funeral for a parishioner is needed. The funeral director with the family and with Sister work out the best time or preferred date and time for the funeral. Sister contacts the sacramental minister to determine if he is available for the desired date and time. Sometimes we need to compromise to find a time that works for all. Advance planning: Some parishioners seek to plan their own funeral by selecting Scripture readings and hymns. Sister has copies of suggested readings for those who might like to do this. Some people also make advance arrangements with the funeral home to take this burden off their loved ones, so that all is arranged with the exception of the date and time of course.



## Stewardship Message

### The Unfailing Goodness of God

I have always wondered why Jesus told the cleansed leper not to publicize how he had been healed by the Son of God. It's not that I can't understand why Jesus would want to keep the matter quiet — after all, he knew that as soon as people heard, he would be mobbed with requests for healings, and his movements restricted.

What gets me is the fact that Jesus simply must have realized the leper would not listen to him. Why give someone a command you know they will ignore? It's a complicated question, and when I reflect on it, I can't help but connect it to another equally complicated question: why does God, all-good and all-knowing, allow bad things to happen?

Yes, God is all-good and all-knowing. So when He gives us free will, He knows what we will do with it. However, He is also all-powerful. He can and will bring good from any situation, any tragedy, or even any instance where someone ignores Him.

Was it a sin for this leper to do other than what Jesus had said? That's a heavy question for a Sunday morning! But it's plain to see that, even though this man ignored Jesus' command, God still used his actions. How many were brought to Christ because of the news spread by this leper!

As someone trying to live out a stewardship way of life, what is God requesting of you right now?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## Readings

### Week of Feb 15 - Feb 20, 2021

**Mon:** Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13

**Tues:** Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21

**Wed:** Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thur:** Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 9:22-25

**Fri:** Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

**Sat:** Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-6/Lk 5:27-32

## On the Lighter Side

### Are there HMOs in Heaven?

A doctor, a nurse, and the top executive of an HMO died and were in line together at the pearly gates. St. Peter asked each one what good they had done in their lives.

The doctor said, "I have devoted my life to the sick and needy and have had a part in caring for and healing thousands of people."

St. Peter replied, "That's great. Go ahead into heaven."

The nurse chimed in, "I have supported the doctor and his patients my entire life as an adult, have taken time to explain things to patients, and have helped them lead healthy lives."

"Wonderful," says St. Peter. "Please proceed in with the doctor."

Then the executive said, "I was the president of a very large health maintenance organization. I was responsible for the healthcare of millions of people all over the country."

St. Peter says, "Oh, I see. Please go on in ... but you can only stay two nights!"

## Parish Information

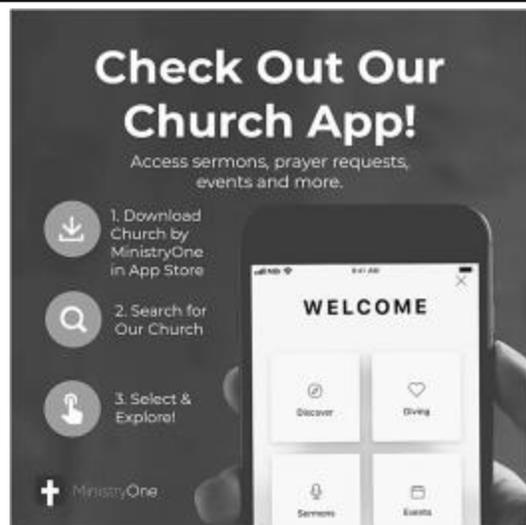
### A SAME YET DIFFERENT ASH WEDNESDAY IN 2021 ...

We have had a year filled with different ways of living and praying. There are fewer people in church. No water in the font. Less singing. No coffee and doughnuts on the way home. Yet we still pray. Instead of distributing ashes as a cross on the forehead -- unsafe in this time of the COVID 19 pandemic -- we can still receive them by sprinkling on the top of the head (permitted by our Catholic Church's ritual rules respecting an ancient liturgical practice). We may look a little cleaner. Regardless, we can still repent -- and believe in the Gospel! We will still bear ashes home to begin our Lenten disciplines and practices. Come to Ash Wednesday, February 17 at 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm



### Christian Outreach Committee

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.



### Our New Mobile App is Here!

Welcome to our New mobile app. This is a new app and we will be making changes as we go, so we need your help. As you use the app please let Michelle or Roberta know of things you would like to see, or difficulties you may come across. About the modules:

**DISCOVER** - The discover button will have the most recently uploaded homily at the top, followed by basic information then the bulletin. When you select the bulletin it opens a link that you can access the bulletin from our webpage. On the Bulletin and Parish Information page is a "Submit button" that button does nothing and they are working on a fix to remove it in the future.

**GIVING** - Allows you to make an online donation

**EVENTS** - At the top of Events you have 2 tabs, "Upcoming" & "My Events" "Upcoming" will feature everything we post, "My Events" will have information on an event you sign up for thru the app, if you create a profile on the app. You can access the bulletin, general information and future events.

**HOMILIES** - Has all the videos connected to the YouTube channel Roberta has created. This button will allow you to explore Homilies, Spirit Sparkles with Sr. Janet and music videos created by Roberta.

**CONTACT US** - At the top of Contact us you have 2 tabs, "Contact" & "Prayer". You can use the contact to send a question or message to the church, if you want to send a prayer request please choose prayer and send it from that tab.

**PROFILE** - This button allows you to create your own profile and sign into the app, this is not required to use the app. This is needed if you choose to give online and you will be able to access your giving history. If we create events that you can sign up for on the app you will need a profile to have the "my events" tab hold your information.

**MESSAGES** - This button has 2 tabs on the top "Unread" & "Received". This button is where you will receive push messages we send out and once you open and read the message it will automatically move to the received tab.

### Christ's Mission Appeal

Assessment: \$60,754.50

Pledges: \$46,944.38

(As reported by the Diocese 1/28/2021)

Balance Due: \$13,810.12

### Do you need your YEAR END TAX STATE-

**MENTS?** 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.



**Diocese of Saginaw and St. John Vianney** will be participating in a parish survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute! We need your help!

**Please help us by participating in a 10-15 minute survey online.** The survey can be accessed at <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/dcpy9d78y9> from **February 17 thru March 22, 2021** and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole. You can access the survey on our website, [sjvsaginaw.org](http://sjvsaginaw.org), Facebook, Church by Ministry one mobile app. You may come and take the survey online at church in class room 1 during normal business hours.

A paper copy can be requested thru the Parish Office at 989-790-5086. Once completed return the completed paper survey, to the parish office by March 22, 2021. Thank you for helping with this important project!

## Community Events

**Calling all Catholic Men!** The National Catholic Men's Conference is a FREE virtual event for Catholic men of all ages. Pray with men across the nation and hear from 30+ presenters with live and recorded presentations. There is something here for every man, The free event goes February 19-21. Register today at [go.virtualcatholicconference.com/NCMC2021](http://go.virtualcatholicconference.com/NCMC2021)

## Financial Stewardship Update

**Parish Support:**

February 6/7, 2021

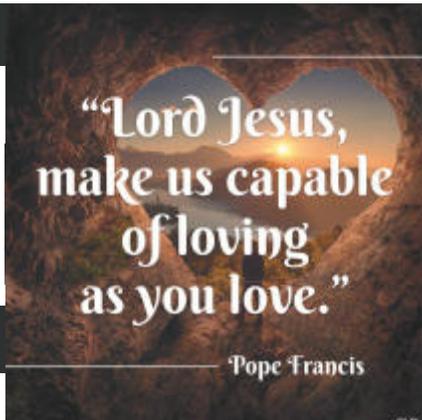
Collection..... \$ 9,290.00

ACH ..... \$ 501.00

Online ..... \$ 395.00



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



## Gospel Reflection

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The Church, as a voice of the Gospel, proclaims the sacredness of all human life. Everyone created by God is fashioned in God’s image and has Divine DNA at the center of their soul. God never leaves what God creates but always remains intimately bound to what he has given form. Everyone has a place and because they have received the gift of Divine Blessing, nobody deserves to feel inferior, unworthy, unwanted, unclean or marginalized. Even the most broken of souls has a place. We, the Body of Christ, have the privilege and responsibility to give voice to the voiceless. The cries of the little one in his or her mother’s womb are just as sacred as the cries of one who is homeless and hungry. The migrant deserves our attention as much as the forgotten elderly and even the prisoner, with a heart hardened by anger and resentment, deserves respect and dignity.

The Gospel of Life is often hard to swallow, and we would rather keep those we consider unclean, different or unfixable in a place by themselves. It is hard to see them with us, but they deserve to be. There is far too much violence in this world and the result of that violence is the assault on human life. Many are forced to leave the place they call home in search of safer ground, finding few if any along the way who will help them. How different today’s Gospel story would be if Jesus gave in to what was politically correct at that time. The leper would have been turned away and a soul, already beaten down by disease and fear, would have experienced an even deeper wound. Jesus wouldn’t have captured much attention from anyone, nor would he have mirrored the Father’s compassion and love.

Where do we stand with all of this? Do we at least understand that God’s vision is often in conflict with the vision put forth in our world and even the one we advance ourselves? There is no doubt that it is incredibly challenging to find a place for everyone at the table. This challenge is compounded when the systems of operation and structure that are so ingrained in us affirm power and privilege rather than inclusivity and justice. Everything really goes askew when the powerful begin to control who is entitled to wholeness and inclusion, and greed becomes a driving force. Prejudice and entitlement raise their ugly heads and we find ourselves with quite a mess. It’s time to admit that things have been a mess for a very long time. The mess needs to be healed, not by erasing it but by allowing God to touch it and make it whole. We need to bring God back to the center of life where God belongs. There are no easy solutions to the world’s dilemmas. But, knowing that wholeness, healing, and dignity are worthy pursuits, we can more confidently labor to achieve God’s vision.

## Music Ministry



**VIRTUAL ONLINE CONCERT**  
**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 14TH—3:00PM**  
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## Prayer Request

Requests call: Sue Rapin 799-7588

**Cancer:**

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**Health:**

Mary Jane, Marcella, Marcile, Jacob, Jean, Maddison, Joanne, Carson, 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, Jim, Steve, Ken, Tammy, Diane, John, Bill, Sandra

**Surgery/Help/Military:**

**S:** Doreitha  
**H:** Alison, Norm, Family of Wayne, Chad, Kathy, Bethany, Lynn, David, Alex  
**M:** Nicholas, Robert Zamora  
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