

AUGUST 29, 2021

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. John Vianney

Catholic Church



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He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:14-15

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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

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Sister's Corner

Little Things Make a Difference. The small groups discussing the book: *Return: How to Draw Your Child Back to the Church* were reviewing a section that described the faithful prayer and fasting of St. Monica as well as the support and advice of St. Ambrose in helping Monica pray for her son Augustine as well as her abusive and unfaithful husband. St. Monica's faithful prayer and fasting offered to God helped bring St. Augustine to God and even her husband converted before his death. Reading about the lives of the saints and even reading their own autobiographies or spiritual journals or diaries if they exist can be very enlightening. We discover how they struggled with the difficulties in their lives and prayed. We can begin to see what is possible in prayer. When we speak about a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, we can see how the saints experienced and developed in their relationship with Christ. We can come to know Jesus through reading the Gospels, hearing and seeing Him in our imagination reaching out, touching, looking at, feeling for, and loving others, we come to understand that Jesus loves us this way too. As we spend more time in prayer, we come to experience the love of Jesus. If you don't already pray regularly at a certain time each day or evening, I suggest beginning with just 10 minutes a day. As you become more comfortable with silent prayer, you may find you are drawn to desire more time alone with the Lord, whether reading Scripture or telling God your needs or thanking Him. The saints and Scripture have much to teach us. August 27th was the Feast of St. Monica and August 28th was the Feast of St. Augustine.

The Hyde Amendment has been a protection for 46 years against tax payer funded abortions. The Helms Amendment also. It seems there is an effort in Congress to remove both. If removed, not only will tax dollars pay for abortions, but health care providers and professionals will be forced to perform abortions or refer against their beliefs. Contact your congressmen to make your views known. Support the USCCB's petition by contacting: NoTaxpayerAbortion.com.

Dates to Remember:

- Aug. 30 Blood Drive at SJV from 2:00 – 7:00 p.m.**
- Sept. 3 Mass at 10:30 a.m. at Shattuck Manor**
- Sept. 9 Life in the Spirit at SJV from 7 – 9 p.m. Registration is required. No fee, but donations will be welcome at the end of the evening.**
- Sept. 12 Outdoor Mass at 10:00 a.m. followed by Bring Your Own Picnic.**
- Sept. 13 Widows Gather at 10:30 a.m.**
- Sept. 15 Sister Janet's Presentation on Our Lady of Sorrows and Remembering Sept. 11 at 10:00 – 11:45 a.m. Mass at Noon follows.**
- Sept. 17 3rd Friday Adventure Trip to Flint Art Museum. We will depart the SJV parking lot at 10 a.m. We carpool and share cost of gas.**
- Sept. 27 Right to Life Benefit Dinner 6:15 p.m. call 799-4464 for more information.**
- Sept. 27 Discuss last part of the book, Return, pp. 141.**
- Sept. 29 Discuss last part of the book, Return, pp. 141.**
- Oct. 17-18-19 Donations for Parish Rummage Sale after Mass till 3 p.m. and other days 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.**
- Oct. 21-22-23 Parish Rummage Sale.**

Weekly Readings

Old Testament:

Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-8

The book of Deuteronomy contains a lengthy farewell speech of Moses as the people prepared to enter the Promised Land. Moses makes it clear that they are expected to remain faithful to the Lord after they have settled in their new land.

New Testament:

James 1: 17-18, 21b-22, 27

Today and for the next four Sundays, we will read passages from the letter of James. Two points will be helpful background to today's passage.

First: In the Jewish law, the first fruits of the harvest are given to God. This expresses the truth that the *whole* harvest ultimately belongs to God. Second: In the Old Testament, widows and orphans were classic examples of poor and defenseless people.

Gospel:

Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Jesus chastises the religious leaders and the Pharisees for their strict interpretation of the Jewish laws. Many Jewish laws were mere human precepts and not God's commandments. Jesus tells the crowd that evil comes from within the heart and not from outside observances. In other words, people tell you one thing, but live differently.

Faith Formation

Children’s Registration Forms for Faith Formation are due in August.

Family Fees are not due till October. If you have misplaced your form, extra forms can be found at the Kiosk in the Gathering Area and on the parish website.



Catechists are needed for the lower grades. Contact Sr. Janet if you are interested in helping. Call 989-790-5086 to discuss this further.

Families seeking preparation for Baptism, marriage, RCIA to prepare to become Catholic, in need of completing reception of sacraments, or an annulment should call Sr. Janet at 989-790-5086 to make an appointment to discuss requirements. For Baptism, we do ask for at least a month advance notice. For Marriage, we require at least six months and advise at least a year. Do not rent a hall until you have met with Sister to discuss requirements and determine if the Church is available on your desired date.

Stewardship Message

Give it all Back

Pop culture has given us a unique idea of the term justice. Justice, we often think, is about taking. Taking what’s owed. Taking revenge. Taking what we deserve. This worldview tends to make mincemeat of our Catholic social teachings. Seeking the good of the poor, a call to community and participation, solidarity — on the face of it, in a society where everything must be earned and we are encouraged to hoard for ourselves whatever success we can achieve, these principles look a lot like highway robbery.

But when you remember the presence of an omnipotent, all-loving and all-merciful God, it turns our gunslinging sense of justice on its head. For how does justice inhabit the same universe as a God who is so quick to give and indeed to forgive?

Well, very easily, when we remember Who exactly is the source of every good and perfect thing in this world. There is no law that cannot be traced back to the Word. And the Word saves our souls.

Is that justice? No, that is a gift. It is the reckless, indulgent gift of a father whose love is greater than His anger. What is justice in the Biblical sense?

The answer is simple. Look at your life. See the hours in your day? See your spouse, your kids, your grandkids? See the house they live in, the money in your wallet, the food in your fridge, the breath in your lungs?

Calling it all your own, refusing to share any of it — that’s robbery. Giving it all back to the One who gave it to you — that’s justice.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Readings

Week of Aug 30– Sept 4, 2021

- Mon:** 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13/Lk 4:16-30
- Tue:** 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37
- Wed:** Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44
- Thur:** Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-6/Lk 5:1-11
- Fri:** Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-5/Lk 5:33-39
- Sat:** Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8/Lk 6:1-5

On the Lighter Side



Parish Information

Christian Outreach for July and August

Thank you so much for the generous items to the Migrant Workers. They were very appreciative of the items. For the months of July and August we are going to brighten up some of the residents at Healthsource and St. Francis. This past year has been so hard for the residents in the Long-term care facilities because of the Pandemic. The residents could not receive visitors which really took a toll on them. We would like to collect kind notes that will bring a little bit of happiness to the residents. Please feel free to write as many cards as you would like. This will be great for the students that need service hours. There will be empty note cards in a basket on the table in back if you need and there will be a basket for the filled cards. Please address the cards with Dear Friend and some very encouraging words. You can sign the card with your name and St. John Vianney. Also don't forget to pray for each person you write the card for. Thank you for spreading your Christian joy with those that need it.

We invite you to take part in a LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR at St. John Vianney Church, designed to help awaken your faith and bring about a personal spiritual renewal and a fuller release of the power of the HOLY SPIRIT in your daily life. Thursdays from 7:00—8:30 pm beginning Sept 9th thru Oct 21st. Call Bob at 989-412-0054 for more information and to sign up.

Diocesan Information



Faithful gather for Eucharistic procession and more On Sunday, faithful joined together for a Eucharistic procession that began at the Cathedral and continued through the Cathedral neighborhood, which includes Ascension St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw. The procession included prayers in remembrance of COVID-19 victims and in gratitude for healthcare heroes. The procession was part of a three day celebration of the Feast of the Assumption of Mary.

Former journalist and youth minister becomes newest seminarian for the Diocese of Saginaw In 2007, Andy Cipolla graduated with a degree in journalism from Eastern Michigan University. Shortly afterwards, Cipolla teamed up with two friends who were starting their own news website called the Ypsilanti Citizen. Years after sharing Ypsilanti news through his website, Cipolla recently delivered some news of his own to family and friends. He is the newest seminarian in formation for the Diocese of Saginaw. He will attend St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in St. Meinrad, Indiana.



Five women professed their perpetual vows as Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma, Michigan at the Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption in Saginaw on Monday, Aug. 16. Sister Maria Juan Anderson, Sister Andrea Marie Lee, Sister Maria Crucis Garcia, Sister Miriam Fidelis Reed and Sister Brigid Mary Meeks each professed their perpetual vows.

A Catholic Grief Recovery Series will be held at Our Lady of Peace in Bay City. The series runs Mondays, September 13 - October 25, 2021 from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. This series is for any adult who is grieving a loss due to death that occurred three months ago or longer. The series will help those who are grieving to better understand grief, learn coping skills and develop the ability to move forward. For more information or to register please contact Linda Knepler at 989.892.6031. Presented by Our Lady of Peace Parish in collaboration with the Office of Respect Life, Catholic Diocese of Saginaw.

A Catholic Grief Recovery Series will also be held at St Christopher Parish in Caro. The series runs Tuesdays, September 14 - October 26, 2021 from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. For more information or to register please contact Paul King at 309.339.8222. Presented by St. Christopher Parish in collaboration with the Office of Respect Life, Catholic Diocese of Saginaw.

Community Events

“The Saginaw County Right to Life Focus on Life Benefit Dinner with guest speaker, Victoria Robinson, will be Monday, September 27th, at 6:15 pm at Horizons Conference Center. Plan to join hundreds of other pro-lifers as we focus on life. Call 799-4464 or send an email to sagcountyrtrl@yahoo.com for more information.”

St. Dominic Parish is planning to go to NCYC – National Catholic Youth Conference for those in 9th-12th grade, Nov 18-21. Those wishing to attend, please contact Nikki at nikki@stdominicsaginaw.org or 799-2334.

Youth Ministry Registration – At St. Dominic Parish, during the weekends of Aug. 14-15 and Aug 21-22 there will be a quick on-line registration following all masses for our youth ministry program for 5th – 12th grade. Youth ministry will take place on Sunday evenings beginning mid-September. You can also register on-line at the parish website under the Youth Ministry tab.

Visit Aquinas College this summer! Aquinas College welcomes high school students to our campus this summer to experience firsthand what it means to be a Saint! Visit opportunities include Personal Visits, Information Sessions and Twilight Tours. Come discover why small is mighty! Details and registration can be found at aquinas.edu/visit.

Financial Stewardship Update

Parish Support:

Aug 21/22, 2021

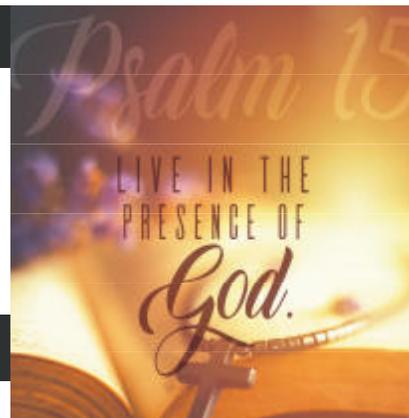
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Gospel Reflection

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Albert Einstein said that the “true measure of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination.” Being a disciple of Jesus Christ requires a great deal of imagination. It is not enough to simply attend to facts, rules and rituals and consider the job done. Quite contrarily, the Gospels demands creativity, of trying to discern how to put flesh on the Beatitudes and properly serve God’s children. Jesus never doled out a top down agenda. Not once did he ever demand conformity over conversion or sacrifice over mercy. The Gospel is always about putting people in touch with their compassionate, forgiving, and unconditionally loving God and meeting them where they are.

For Jesus, it often meant breaking a few rules. Well respected and time-honored traditions had to be set aside in order to attend to what really mattered. God’s compassion, mercy and true conversion were always the trump cards. The story of the Good Samaritan, healing on the Sabbath, and bypassing of purification rituals all display this theme. Human beings can get too hung up on protocol and tradition. This is so much so that often preserving all of these things is of greater concern than the beggar knocking on our door or the sinner looking for mercy. It is no wonder, then, that we can easily become hypocritical. Many can see us on our knees in prayer while our true heart and actions, rooted in judgment and self-preservation, are hidden from others. It is a trap into which we can easily fall. Who cares how we live our lives as long as our hands are properly washed!

Here enters the need for imagination and the distinction of truly being a wise and intelligent person. It takes a good measure of creativity and a lot of guts to really be a doer of God’s word and not merely a hearer. Being a person who doesn’t just tell people about God but shows people God requires courage and ingenuity. That’s why people like St. Francis of Assisi and St. Teresa of Calcutta are timeless. Their genuineness speaks volumes generation to generation. It’s risky business taking the step to allow God into our hearts. Permitting God to release us from the grip of our evil thoughts, infidelity, greed, malice, sexual improprieties, licentiousness, envy, arrogance, folly, and the like takes courage. That’s why we prefer to spend our energy rearranging the future rather than take measures to secure a foundation that is most certainly crumbling.

Music Ministry

Do you or your child play a musical instrument? Strings, Woodwinds, Brass, or Percussion? Would you like a way to give back to the church? All instruments can be worked into a liturgy! Playing for one song, or more. Contact Roberta if you are interested. Roberta@sjvsaginaw.org

CHOIR MEETING

There will be a meeting for current members and for those interested in joining the SJV adult choir on:
Tuesday, August 31st at 6:30pm
 We will begin the meeting in the gathering space.

CHIME CHOIR

Chime choir will have their first meeting on Tuesday, September 7th at 4:30pm

Prayer Request

Requests call: Sue Rapin 799-7588

Cancer:

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, Connie, Don, Lowell, Ted, Lucy, Amber, Jennifer, Debbie, Diane, Steve, Keith, Glen, Tom, Cyndi, Jerry, Paul, Lisa, Dylan, Charlie, Kathy, Beverly, Amy, Robin

Health:

Patty, Diane, Trevor, Jessie, Becky, Gloria, Mia, Bethany, Joylynn, Christine, Fred, Kendra, Jeannie, Mary Ann, Adam, Trinity, Fred, Lorene, Mary Jane, Marcile, Jacob, Jean, Maddison, Joanne, Carson, Cecelia, Wayne, KG, Barbara, Ilene, Clare, Dale, Bill, Jamie, Gerry, Laura, Bob, Steve, Jim, Stephanie, Deb, Angelica, Millie, Katriel, Cindy, Liz, Ted, Goldie, Ruth, Ilene, Tanya, Kay, Pat, Albert, Stanley, Meghan, Jackie, Jan, Lisa, Joanie, Dave, Lucy, John

Surgery/Help/Military:

S: Dave, Tom
H: Sharon, Darren, Barb, Dick, Judy, Esparza Family, Jacob, Christine, Seane, Zachary
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