

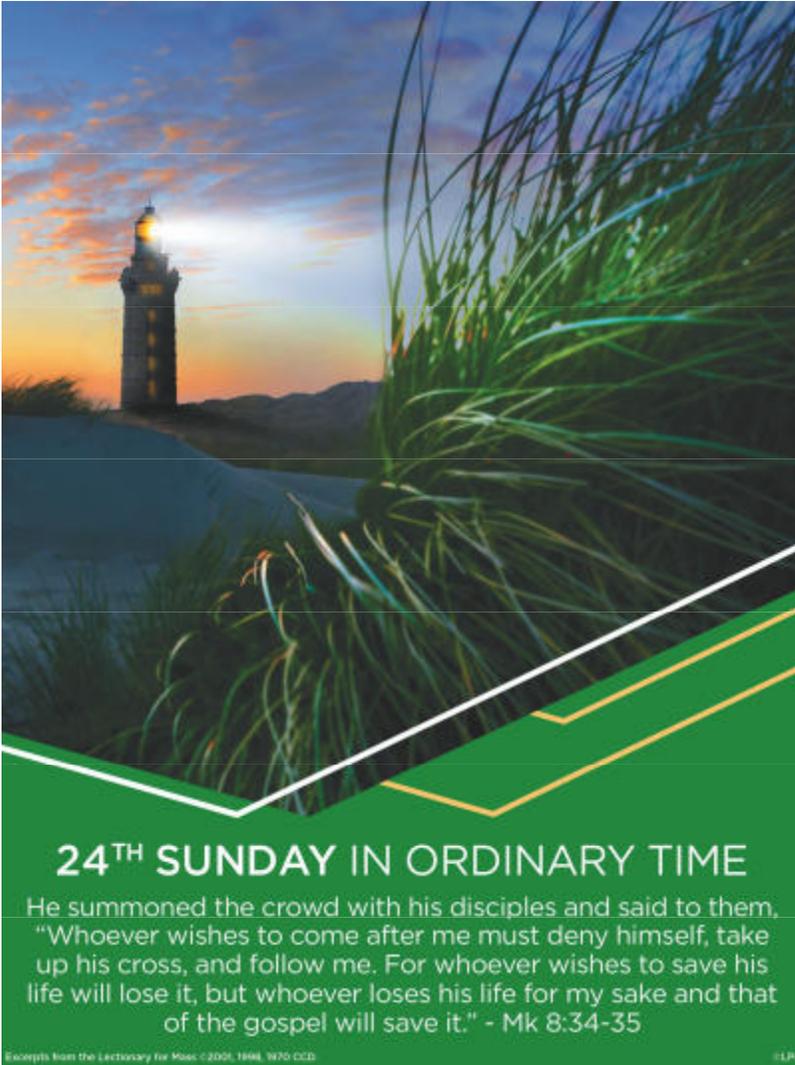
SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. John Vianney

Catholic Church



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He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." - Mk 8:34-35

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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.

6400 McCarty Road | Saginaw, MI 48603 | 989-790-5086

MASS SCHEDULE:

Sat: 5:00 pm

Private confessions 4:00 pm-4:30 pm

Sun: 10:00 am

Wed: 12:00 pm

STAFF:

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Sr. Janet Pewoski, CSJ

Sacramental Minister

Fr. Richard Jozwiak & Fr. Bert Gohm

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Sister's Corner

Welcome to our Sunday Outdoor Mass at 10 a.m. and Tailgate Picnic (weather permitting)! I've been praying for good weather – no rain! I hope you've packed your food and beverages on ice in a cooler and brought your eating utensils: plates, cups, silverware, napkins and a trash bag. Lawn chairs, sun glasses and a sun hat are important. Last year some folks brought mini grills! We'll have a good time. Roberta, her musicians and singers will brighten our day.

Ministry Display Boards: Check out the various ministries in the Gathering Area. Please consider joining one. Getting involved with a group helps you get to know people and feel more at home. Your help is needed! The more the merrier! Sign up sheets with your name and phone number are there. Chairs or members of the group will contact you for their next meetings or projects.

The Annual Financial Report will be provided this weekend. So far, so good. We aren't rolling in money, but we aren't drowning either. We are holding to a tight budget to get through this rough patch given Covid and all the ways that impacts you and us.

Sept. 13, Monday -Widows meet with Sr. Janet at 10:30 a.m. We have shifted from a formal discussion of a book on the Grieving Process (which everyone found an excellent help) to an informal gathering for a short prayer, sharing and socializing and creating some adventures to enjoy. Whether you are a recent widow or have been a widow for many years, you are welcome to join us. We currently meet in Room 3 off the Gathering Area. Those who are free or want to may go out to lunch afterwards. Join us. **Widowers are encouraged to contact Russ Herlache, but are welcome to join us as well.**

Sept. 15, Wednesday – Sr. Janet will offer a presentation on “Our Lady of Sorrows” and reflect on September 11th. The presentation will be from 10 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Noon Mass follows.

Sept. 17, Friday – This Third Friday Adventure is to the Flint Art Museum. We will depart the SJV Parking Lot at 10 a.m. Admission Fees are \$10 for adults, \$8 for Seniors. Plan on money for lunch, gift shop spending, and sharing the cost of gas as we carpool. Sign-up sheet is on the Kiosk or outside Michelle's Office.

October SJV Rummage Sale: One month from this Friday, we will be in the throes of preparing for and holding the Parish Rummage Sale. Hopefully, you've been cleaning, sorting, and saving items to donate. We will begin accepting donations after the Sunday Mass on Oct. 17 till 3 p.m. and on Oct. 18, Monday and Oct. 19, Tuesday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., and the Rummage Sale will take place Oct. 21, 22, 23. Many hands make light work. Remember how much fun you all had volunteering and getting to know one another? Remember how glad we were to have raised \$10,000 to help pay down the debt on the renovation? Does anyone remember who took the group photo of last time's volunteers? We find pictures of the displays, but I am looking for the picture of the volunteers. We were standing in the Gathering Area next to Michelle's Office. I'm looking for that picture. I know someone snapped a picture for us. Watch the bulletin for inserts on what kinds of things to donate, and when to meet with Karen to get organized to help. I promise I'll try to cook something good for lunch for the volunteers.

Youth Seeking Service Hours: Sr. Janet has a job for high school youth to help bring some items from her home to the church for the rummage sale. Parental permission forms are needed and an additional virtue trained adult or parents of the volunteer may accompany them. Karen Holton may also have some areas where your help would be needed.

Weekly Readings

Old Testament:

Isaiah 50: 5-9a

Chapters 40-55 of the book of Isaiah contain the message of a prophet who spoke to God's people during their exile in Babylon. Several times, the prophet speaks about a "Servant of God" who will one day deliver God's people and face many sufferings in doing so. Christians have traditionally identified Jesus with this "suffering Servant".

New Testament:

James 2: 14-18

Among the New Testament letters, the letter of James is the one most attentive to social justice. Today's passage offers practical advice about how to put our faith into action.

Gospel:

Mark 8: 27-35

The evangelist, Mark, tells his people as well as the disciples that Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem where he must suffer, die and be buried. But he will be raised up on the third day. The evangelist describes the pain and the service that came into the life of Jesus and we as his modern-day followers will also experience our own pain and suffering.

Faith Formation

Parents of Children in Kindergarten and Grades 1 – 5 should have returned registration forms by now. If you have not done so, but plan to have your child attend, please call me at 989-790-5086, so I know how to plan. Extra registration forms are available at the kiosk and on line at the parish website.

Every parent and Grandparent should consider this question: What am I doing to help my child/grandchild know Jesus and learn about our faith? In five or ten years, what will I most want to see has shaped the values of my child/grandchild? How we spend our time and what we value by the time we give to something or someone makes an impact. What morals and values they are taught by your example and reinforced through faith formation classes is important. Is God at the center of your lives, or is He an occasional stop off point? Life can be full of challenges and difficulties. Being able to turn to God and know how to do that can make all the difference in someone's life.

Catechists are needed. Please pray about helping us teach our children the faith. If you would be interested, call Sr. Janet at 989-790-5086. Classes are small in numbers.



Are you seeking Baptism, Marriage, or interested in becoming Catholic? Are you interested in obtaining an annulment? Call the parish office to set up an appointment with Sister Janet to discuss this further. We normally ask for at least a month advance notice for Baptism and six months for marriage although a year in advance is better. Do not rent a hall until you know the requirements and whether the church is available for the date you desire. Those interested in becoming Catholic should also call for an appointment, and we will try to arrange to work out a schedule that is mutually convenient for you and the adult catechists. Annulments require some in person conversation time and lots of paperwork. There is no fee. Call Sr. Janet at 989-790-5086 for an appointment.

Stewardship Message

Can You Walk the Walk?

I've met and talked with enough people to feel confident that if you polled 100 fallen-away Catholics about why they didn't want anything to do with the Church, the term "accountability" would pop up in almost all of their answers.

And to be fair, a lack of accountability isn't just a Catholic problem. Talking the talk but not walking the walk has been a shortcoming handed down throughout the ages, across all creeds and nationalities.

Loving our neighbor, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, feeding the poor — it all sounds fantastic, especially when we're the ones saying it. But the doing — well, that's a different story, isn't it? We would do well to remember that Christ calls one of his best friends "Satan" when Peter tries to convince Jesus to stray from his destiny.

Have you ever been called Satan by one of your good buddies? I'll bet it's not a great feeling. But think about what Peter was doing. He had just said, "You are the Christ." And now, mere moments later, he's saying: "Don't say these things. Don't say you're going to suffer. Don't say you'll be killed."

He was telling Christ to squander what the Lord had given him. He was telling him that having faith was fine, but being faithful? It's just a little too hard. God has a destiny for you, too, and He's asking you to be open to it. Maybe it's not in your comfort zone. Maybe you don't think you can do it.

Lord, give us faith — but help us, also, to do the work.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

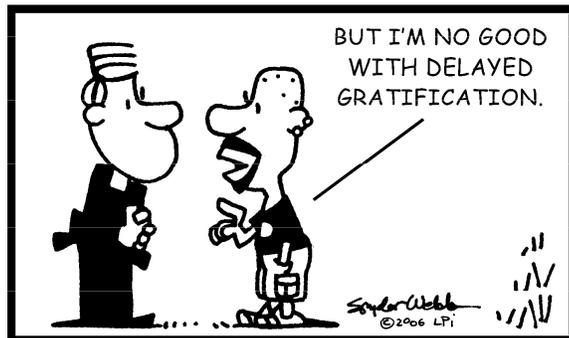
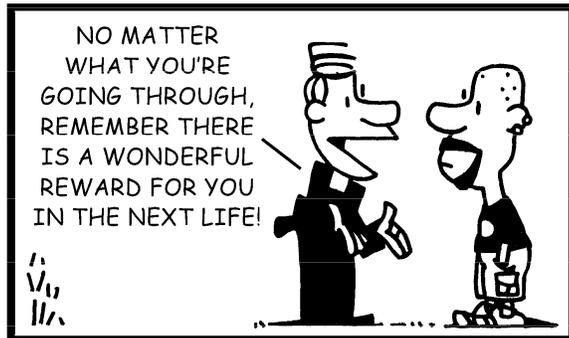
Readings

Week of Sept 13– Sept 18, 2021

- Mon:** 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 40:7-10, 17/Lk 7:1-10
- Tue:** Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
- Wed:** 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-6/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
- Thur:** 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-10/Lk 7:36-50
- Fri:** 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-10, 17-20/Lk 8:1-3
- Sat:** 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-5/Lk 8:4-15

On the Lighter Side

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Parish Information

Christian Outreach for September and October

For the months of September and October, we will be helping the Underground Railroad. Since 1977, the Underground Railroad has been serving victims of domestic violence, assault and stalking in Saginaw County. They provide emergency shelter and services to the victims of such violence in our community. **Their needs are simple: new women's and children's socks and pajamas. All sizes are needed, infant to women's 3X (and a few boys and mens for siblings). There is a high need for women's pajamas, size XL.** They are overjoyed to know that our parish community has reached out to assist them in the important work they do. **Thank you** for providing these items to them.



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.

Six Thursdays 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Hosted at: St. John Vianney Parish
6400 McCarty Rd.,
Saginaw, MI 48603

Sign up by calling the Parish Office at 989-790-5086 or sign up in the Gathering Area. There is no fee, but a free will donation is always welcome to help carry on the Renewal Ministry.

Save the Dates:

Sept. 16 ---- The Gift of Salvation
Sept. 23 ---- New Life in Christ
Sept. 30 ---- Receiving God's Gift
Oct. 7 ---- "Come, Holy Spirit"
Oct. 14 ---- Growth in the Spirit and
Transformation in Christ

For more information: Contact Bob Puszykowski at 412-0054



Remembering those who have died on September 11, 2001

For all who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, may the darkness and doubt which comes from grief, be enlightened by faith and friendship, we pray to the Lord. For those who protect us, especially those who serve in the military, the police, firefighters, emergency care, and rescue, we pray to the Lord. For the people of New York City, the Pentagon, and Pennsylvania, who live with the daily reminder and effects of evil deeds, that they may find peace, we pray to the Lord. For our beloved dead and those wounded by terrorist activities on September 11 and all other occasions, we pray to the Lord.



Lord God,

Your own Son was delivered into the hands of the wicked, yet He prayed for His persecutors and overcame hatred with the Blood of the Cross. Relieve the suffering of those harmed by violence; grant them peace and renewed faith in Your protection and care. Protect us all from violence, keep us safe from the weapons of hate, and restore us to tranquility and peace. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Diocesan Information

Join Us for Charismatic Mass Mark your calendars for these upcoming Charismatic Mass dates: August 21, 2021—September 18, 2021—Mass will be celebrated at 6:30pm Our Lady of Peace Parish, 607 E. South Union Street, Bay City.

Community Events

Unite Our Nation Rosary Rally at Michigan's State Capitol on Monday, September 13

Unite Our Nation, founded by the laity, is a non-political organization formed to help bring peace and prayer to local communities and healing to our nation. A local hour of prayer, including the rosary has been organized as Unite Michigan. Please join us on September 13, 3:00 pm in front of the steps at the Michigan State Capitol building in Lansing where we will be led in prayer by Fr. Derda. A public square rosary rally is a time to give witness to people of all races and beliefs, keep polarizing politics out, and focus on prayer to unite our nation. If you are interested in joining the leadership team or simply attending, please reach out to Sandra Sherwood at ejsherwood@charter.net. In the meantime, take a look at the Unite Our Nation website uniteournation.net to learn more and get more details on the event!

If you know anyone in need of food assistance, St. John Paul II, 469 Shattuck Rd, has a food pantry open every 2nd & 4th Monday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. If you want more information or have questions please feel free to contact Marty at 401-6738 or Bob at 753-6550.

Financial Stewardship Update

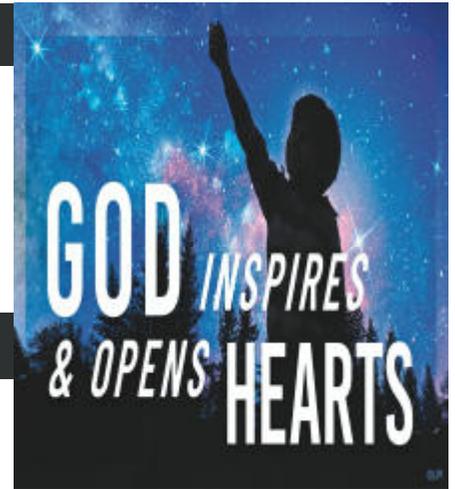
Parish Support:

Aug 28/29, 2021

Collection..... \$ 6,797.75
 ACH \$ 479.00
 Online \$ 280.00



Online giving is different from ACH and is now available through the website www.sjvsaginaw.org.



Gospel Reflection

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We need to get our bearings straight and properly lay life’s cornerstone. Otherwise, the rest of our journey will be skewed, and our judgment clouded. We can recall Jesus’ famous rebuke of Peter, “You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.” Even he, as one of Jesus’ closest friends struggles with understanding things and grasping the big picture. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) a renowned and learned French Jesuit priest often has these words attributed to him: “We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience.” Whether they were actually from his lips, they certainly mimic his thought. These wise words orient us and capture the essence of who we really are.

Many people consider spirituality an option. It is no wonder that they come to this conclusion when they predominantly define themselves using human terms and concepts. Immersed in this world view, they struggle finding any semblance of God because God does not work according to human expectations! This is especially true when suffering and death enter life’s picture. If we are only human beings having a spiritual experience, then we wrongly expect our spirituality to serve us as we desire. The human expectation is that my spiritual life is something that is useful in avoiding pain, hardship, and death, not something that gives the courage to live through it!

So, when we protest and get upset with God because our journey is becoming difficult, painful, treacherous, disappointing, and even pointing us toward death, Jesus rebukes us as he did Peter and gently reminds us how to see. It is God who inspires and opens hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, the true meaning of things is understood, and we receive a depth of insight and understanding that is not found following purely human paths. It is not our task to understand God, as God is beyond human understanding. Ours is the joyful privilege of simply resting in God’s presence simply because God is God and we are who we are. As spiritual beings having an exciting and adventurous human experience, it is in our DNA to do so. Through prayer we can let go and let be. This is how we lose our lives but then save them.

Music Ministry

CHIME CHOIR

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

CHOIR

Tuesdays at 6:30pm



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

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, Craig, Bernie

Surgery/Help/Military:

S: Dave, Tom
H: Sharon, Darren, Barb, Dick, Judy, Esparza Family, Jacob, Christine, Seane, Zachary
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Navy - Nathan LaClair, Paul Lewis, Josh Geese
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