



St. Mary & St. Joseph Parish

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St. Mary Church

700 Columbia Dr., Durand, MI 48429

1-855-288-6704

Mass Times:

Sat.: 5:00pm - Sun.: 11:30am

Weekday Masses - See Bulletin

Office hours: Mon., Thurs., Fri., 8:30am to
2:30pm.

Tues. 8:30am to Noon

Website: stmarystjoseph.org

Myparishapp.com

St. Joseph Church

9450 Duffield Rd., Gaines, MI 48436

1-989-271-8434

Mass Time:

Sun.: 8:30am

Weekday Masses - See Bulletin

Office hours: Tues., Wed., Thurs.,
9:00am to 3:00pm.

Website: stmarystjoseph.org

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~Sacraments~

Baptism: You must be a registered active member of either Parish for three months prior to the baptism. Parents are expected to attend a baptismal preparation class before baptism.

Marriage: Arrangements should be made at least 12 months before the date of the marriage to take marriage preparation courses.

Anointing of Sick: Upon request, contact the Durand office, 1-855-288-6704.

RCIA: Starts in the fall. Contact your respective parish office for times and dates.

Reconciliation: St. Joseph on Wednesday 9:00am to 9:30am. St. Mary on Saturday 3:30pm to 4:30pm. Special request, contact the Durand office. Check the bulletin for special times.



From the Pen of the Pastor...

Dear sisters and brothers,

As I am away next week, please welcome Fr. Doug Osborn to our parish as he covers our weekend Masses. We are blessed to have senior priests of our diocese help out so generously. In the next three years, it looks like we will have no more than three men ordained for our diocese, *a very small number indeed*, while several will be retiring from being pastors and moving to senior priest status. This means our parishes will be relying ever more on my elder brothers in the priesthood to help with the sacraments throughout our diocese. Thanks be to God that we have priests that love being in our diocese and love serving God's people! It is not the case, however, that we have an over abundance of senior priests. In fact, the ones we have often stay busy to the point of exhaustion (not that I've ever heard them complain).

Please say a prayer for all our senior priests, especially the growing number who are enter-

ing (or have entered) that stage of life and priesthood where it is no longer possible to help out at the parishes, or in public ministry, because of ill health. They continue to offer their prayers and sufferings for you, and, I know, greatly appreciate your prayers and support in return. And say a prayer, too, say many prayers, for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, especially from our own parish.

Are you a creative type? We need help with some of our parish outside signage. Please contact me to learn more on how you can help.

Are you a married couple that feels called to work with engaged couples? We need two more couples, who are practicing their faith, who can meet with engaged couples as part of their marriage prep process, and help them work through their FOCCUS marriage inventory. If you are willing to learn more and consider serving in this important way, please contact Dcn. Wayne at the parish office.

May God bless you and your family abundantly this week.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SUFFERING OF ST. MARY & ST. JOSEPH

For those who are ill at home, in the hospital or in the nursing home.

Claire Clough, Helene Sloan, James Elford, George Newberry, Debbie Newberry, Christian Carpenter, Ben Monroe, Diane Hincka, Kaylie Terry, Brooke Fuller, Derek Monroe, and Jennifer Monroe.



Please note: Individual names will remain on the prayer list for four (4) weekends, before being removed. If your illness is long term, your name should be put on the prayer board in the back of your church. St. Mary's parish office 1-855-288-6704 or the St. Joseph's office at 989-271-8434.

Pray for all men and women in the armed services.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS & GIFTS

Thank you THANK YOU to all who helped pick up, sort food and pack the 29 Christmas Baskets and to everyone who purchased gifts for the Giving Tree. Thank you to our local Gaines organizations, the Knights of Columbus and the Lions Club as well as individuals who gave financial donations. Also the Meijer Store for their generous gift card. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! St Mary St Joseph Parish and Gaines Community Council.

St. Mary & St Joseph Parish Mass Schedule

Monday, January 8 - No Mass

Tuesday, January 9 - No Mass

Wednesday, January 10 - No Mass

Thursday, January 11 - No Mass

Friday, January 12 - No Mass

Saturday, January 13 - St. Mary

« **Sacrament of Reconciliation** - 3:30pm to 4:30pm

Mass - 5:00pm - St. Mary and St. Joseph Parishioners

Sunday, January 14

St. Joseph Mass - 8:30am - Deacon Jack Daunt by Diocese of Lansing

St. Mary Mass - 11:30am - Dorothy McDonald by Sandy Finch

Special Note: While Fr. Jonathan is away there will be no Mass or Exposition on Tuesday, January 16.

RCIA...

...is meeting on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm at St Joseph's. The first meeting will be on January 11, 2018. RCIA is open to anyone wanting to join the Catholic Church, or wanting to learn more about the Catholic faith. Please contact the parish office or Dcn Wayne Corrion for more information.


LITURGICAL

 MINISTRIES

St. Joseph Liturgical Assignments for January 14


NOTE: All Liturgical Ministers should meet 5 minutes before mass every Sunday, in the gathering space near the Sacristy, to pray as requested by Father Jon.

Eucharistic Ministers: Vic Huddas, Anne Bartes, Don Carmer
 Sacristans: Vic Huddas, Anne Bartes
 Lectors: Marie Dyer, Mark Dyer
 Servers: Aidan McGuire, Kirklynd Lake




Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, January 24, 7:00pm-8:00pm at St. Mary church. Come spend an hour before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Join us for an hour of prayer, reflection by Fr. Jonathan, praise and music. Light reception to follow.



Marriage Matters

Valentine's Date Night Saturday, January 27, 6:30pm-9:00pm St. Joseph Hall. St. Mary & St. Joseph parish is hosting a night just for you! Open to all married couples, engaged couples and seriously dating couples of all ages. RSVP in the gathering space this weekend to save your spot! A Marriage Matters team member will be in the gathering space after each Mass this weekend and can answer any questions you might have.



Alpha

Did you miss the chance to register for the Alpha series hosted on Wednesday at St. Mary church? It isn't too late to register! We have a couple of spots left. Call Adriana Lindgren at the parish office to register (855) 288-6704. Alpha meets on Wednesday from 10:00am-noon at St. Mary in the gathering space.

Volunteers needed...

...to redecorate for Ordinary Time at St Joseph on Tues., Jan 9 starting at 1:00pm. Please sign up in the gathering space. Thanks to all who help make the church so beautiful, at St Joseph and St Mary.





LIFE TEEN

Mardi Gras Dinner & Benefit

Save the date for our big Life Teen fundraiser next month! Join the fun on Saturday, February 10, 6:00pm at St. Mary church in the lower level. Pre-event tickets can be purchased at the parish office for \$20, \$30 at the door.

The Epiphany of the Lord Prayer...



...May the splendor of your majesty, O Lord, we pray, shed its light upon our hearts, that we may pass through the shadows of this world and reach the brightness of our eternal home. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

There will be a **Finance Council Meeting** on Tuesday, January 16 at 7:00pm at St Mary church.



Parish Support for the weekend of December 24 & 31

December 24 offerings (general collection)	\$10,782.00
Christmas	\$5,270.00
Energy	\$60.00
Outreach	\$451.61
Building Debt	\$368.00
Share in the Care	\$25.00
Immaculate Conception	\$10.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$50.00
December 31 offerings (general collection)	\$4,659.00
Christmas	\$445.00
Energy	\$5.00
Outreach	\$25.00
Building Debt	\$1,531.00
Share in the Care	\$15.00
Immaculate Conception	\$5.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$440.00
Improvement Fund	\$5.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$15.00

St. Francis Retreats Announcement...

You are invited to 2 new retreats directed by Tony Sperendi.

Wednesday, January 17 from 9:00am-3:30pm **"A Contemplative Retreat on the Life of Jesus."** Focus or re-focus your life on Jesus this New Year. Along with presentations and discussions, let the silence and reflection be places of renewal for you. Cost is \$65 or \$55 for seniors 60 and over. Includes Mass, snacks, and lunch.

Friday, January 19 from 5:00pm-9:00pm **"Fun, Food, & Learning about Marital Love."** Reserve a spot and renew your marriage with a fun and informative evening. The cost is \$75 per couple and includes dinner and materials.

For more information go to <http://www.stfrancis.ws/> or 517-669-8321.

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