



St. Mary & St. Joseph Parish

One Holy Family
Together In Christ

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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 brothers and sisters,

Last weekend I started a three-part homily series on the Mass. This was partly in response to feedback from parishioners and partly because the Mass is the activity around which our Catholic and parish life is centered. The more we understand what's going on, the greater the opportunity to enter into the Mass in a faith-filled and thus fruitful way. We know the Mass isn't magic. I wanted to share the quote from St. John Vianney that I mentioned because it gets to the heart of it all; it's a great starting point for all further reflections.

"All the good works in the world are not equal to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass because they are the works of men, but the Mass is the work of God. Martyrdom is nothing in comparison for it is but the sacrifice of man to God, but the Mass is the sacrifice of God for man." —St. John Vianney

The power of the Mass comes from Jesus, and the fact that His saving sacrifice is made present. How important to know that the Mass is God's activity first, a work that we are called to receive and then make our own through being one with our living Lord, Jesus Christ.

One change that I am making during our Sunday Masses (including the Saturday Vigil, of course) is to follow the example of Fr. Doug Osborn, and provide a short introduction to the first and second readings. Many of you have commented on how helpful this is. Please let me know what you think going forward.

Our parish Mardi Gras dinner and benefit is next week. Come!! This is a wonderful evening, with great food, music, fellowship and even the opportunity to do a little dancing. And you get to support our Lifeteen high school youth and their activities. I hope to see you there.

May God bless you and your family abundantly this week.

Fasting and Abstinence:

Don't forget that Ash Wednesday (along with Good Friday) is a universal day of fasting and of abstinence from meat in the Catholic Church. This means every Catholic (except for medical reasons, like sickness or pregnancy) from 18 years old until you turn 59 is supposed to fast, and every Catholic from 14 years old and up is to abstain from eating meat. In addition, all the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat, and the entire season of Lent is a penitential time. It is a praiseworthy practice for parents to find suitable ways for their younger children to also enter into the penitential nature of these days.



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. John Reaume, Samantha Allen, Pat Elliott, Kathy Root, Brian Jones, Dick Reed, Jerry Reed II, Chuck Harris, Claire Clough, Helene Sloan, and James Elford.



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.



Ash Wednesday Masses:

Masses on Wednesday, February 14, which is Ash Wednesday this year, will be:
8:30am St. Joseph
7:00pm St. Mary

St. Mary & St Joseph Parish Mass Schedule

Monday, February 5 - No Mass

Tuesday, February 6 - St. Mary

Eucharistic Adoration - 7:20am to 8:20am

Mass - 8:30am - Margaret Doyle by Richard & Nancy Folaron

Wednesday, February 7 - St. Joseph

Eucharistic Adoration - 7:20am to 8:20am

Mass - 8:30am - Audra Hyatt by Marie Dyer

† **Sacrament of Reconciliation - 9:00am to 9:30am**

Thursday, February 8 - St. Mary

Eucharistic Adoration - 7:20am to 8:20am

Mass - 8:30am - Dorothy McDonald by Fred & Shirley Vasicek

Friday, February 9 - St. Mary

Eucharistic Adoration - 7:20am to 8:20am

Mass - 8:30am - Karen Stinger by Klaus & Betty Rittig

Saturday, February 10 - St. Mary

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

Mass - 5:00pm - Chris Coady by his family

Sunday, February 11

St. Joseph Mass - 8:30am - Ann Berger by Marie Dyer

St. Mary Mass - 11:30am - St. Mary and St. Joseph Parishioners

The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Prayer...



....Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unflinching care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. 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.

Marriage Matters



St. Mary & St. Joseph Parish

Date Night

Couples of All Ages Welcome!

Join Us

On Saturday, February 24th

@ 6:30 pm

For Dinner, Prayer & Discussion

@ St. Mary Church, Durand

This date's theme is:

Card Games: Euchre & Stop the Bus



RSVP on sign-up sheet, in gathering space, by February 21st

The Menu includes:

Ham Dinner

Please bring a dessert, side, salad, or soda to share.

Our goal is for you and your Better Half to have fun hanging out with other couples, share a meal, and learn how our faith helps us live successful, holy, and joyful marriages.

All couples are welcome! You do not need to be Catholic or Married!

Quick Catholic Question

Question: Why do we burn candles during liturgies? And why must our candles be a certain percent beeswax?

Answer: The Significance of Candles in the Liturgy. The word “candle” comes from the Latin verb *candeo* meaning “to shine, glow, or burn.”

Throughout Church history, the candle has represented Christ: the perfect candle, THE Light of the World.

In him (Christ) was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. John 1:4-9

Traditionally, liturgical candles are made of beeswax, and this is no accident or coincidence. Virgin worker bees dedicate their lives to the creation of the wax and the nourishment of the hive, these bees have come to represent Our Lady, the Virgin mother who gave birth to the pure flesh of Christ, with Christ’s pure flesh being symbolized by the pure beeswax. What a detailed, beautiful symbol of this reality!

Different candles are used for different parts of the liturgy.

The Easter / Paschal / Baptismal Candle


Altar Candles, Sanctuary Lamp, Advent Candles

As regards to material, the candles used for liturgical purposes should be of beeswax. This is adhered to as a symbolic reference to the flesh of Christ. In the case of the paschal candle and the two candles which are of obligation at Mass, it has been decided that they must be of beeswax not less than 75 per cent.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) prescribes candles for Mass “as a sign of reverence and festiveness”. But it makes no further determination regarding the material of their composition, except in the case of the sanctuary lamp, the fuel for which must be oil or wax (see Holy Communion and Worship Outside Mass, Introduction, no. 11).

Remember if you have a question you want to ask, just email us at quickcatholicquestions@gmail.com or simply write your question down and drop it in the collection basket and it will find its way to us

St. Joseph Liturgical Assignments for February 11



Eucharistic Ministers: Jerry & Marge Reed, Karrie Johnston
 Sacristans: Jerry & Marge Reed
 Lectors: Paul Johnston, Jim Mathis
 Servers: Aidan McGuire, Timothy Halleaux

The 2018 Knights of Columbus Scholarship...



...Applications are now available in the St. Mary Gathering Space. The scholarships are open to graduating high school seniors planning college and current college students who are members of the parish. Remember, these scholarships are judged on Faith and volunteerism within the church and community and due March 9, 2018 to Shiawassee Community Foundation. There will be two \$1,000 awards. The Scholarship Committee.

This week's prayer to carry in your hearts and your prayer time:
Lord, thank you for the gift of your mercy.

THANK YOU! Thank you to our parish family for all your prayers and kind words during the loss of our mother, Dorine E. Sill, who passed away January 11. You all have been a great blessing to us. Thank You. Bill and Pat Sill.

To all the Ladies of the parish...




...our next Altar Society meeting will be held Tuesday, February 20 at 6:00pm in the St. Mary gathering space. We want to make sure we are all ready for the Annual Raffle and Bake Sale taking place on March 17 & 18.

RCIA...

...Anyone wanting to enter the Catholic Church or wanting to learn more about the Catholic faith, please contact Dcn Wayne at the parish office 989-271-8434.

Parish Support for the weekend of January 28



January 28 offerings (general collection).....	\$3,814.00
Energy.....	\$3.00
Outreach.....	\$81.00
Building Debt.....	\$102.00
Worldwide Evangelization.....	\$225.00

Sponsor of the Week
Fast Eddie's Car Wash/Oil Change
 See the full ad on the back page. Please patronize these sponsors, as they make our bulletin possible. Also, let them know where you saw it!



Feb. 11 cut off is Feb. 5 by 10:00am
bulletinmj@gmail.com

Volunteers needed...
 ...for decorating for St Joseph for Lent. Please meet on Tues, Feb 13, at 10:00am for decorating at the church.

Monday Night Scripture...
 ...will be starting on Monday, Feb. 12 at 6:30pm at St Mary in the gathering space. "On the Way to the *Promised Land*", learn about the Israelites journey to the promised land, and Jesus' invitation to follow Him as a disciple. (Loyola Press) Book cost is \$8.50. Sign-up sheet in the gathering space.

Mardi Gras Dinner & Benefit...
 ...Saturday, February 10, 6:00pm - 11:00pm at St. Mary in the lower level. Purchase your pre-event tickets this weekend for \$20. After Sunday, February 4, tickets are \$30 at the door.



Mardi Gras Dinner Benefit includes your choice of Chicken Divine or Marinated Pork Loin dinner, Bourbon Street Raffle, 50/50 Raffle, King Cake Prize, open bar, music and more! All proceeds benefit St. Mary & St. Joseph Life Teen youth group.

LIFE TEEN

Mardi Gras Set Up...
 Friday, February 9, 5:30pm-9:00pm, St. Mary Church. Join us in the lower level of St. Mary to decorate and set up for our Mardi Gras dinner benefit. Parents are welcome!

Mardi Gras Dinner...
 Saturday, February 10, 4:00pm-finish, St. Mary Church. Come dressed in black slacks and white top to serve our guests at our Mardi Gras Dinner Benefit. We will be going over details of the night and then going to 5pm Mass before the dinner.

ATTENTION ALL CRAFTERS

St. Mary Altar Society Annual Raffle and Bake Sale will be held in March. We are asking our talented parishioners to get ready to donate craft items. We would appreciate the items by March 11 and will be collecting them in the St. Mary gathering space. Our Raffle and Bake Sale will be held on March 17 & 18. Please call Patty Dotson at [989-413-2111](tel:989-413-2111) or Renee Walters at [989-251-3125](tel:989-251-3125) with any questions. We really appreciate you sharing your talents!

St. Francis Retreat Center Events Announcement...

...All couples are invited to a day-long marriage retreat, "**Building trust, communication, and intimacy with each other and Our Lord,**" Saturday, Feb. 10, from 9:30am - 4:00pm at St. Francis Retreat Center. The cost is \$95 per couple and includes morning Mass, lunch and materials.

...Take a mini pilgrimage to St. Francis Retreat Center to start your Lenten journey on a retreat entitled, "**40 Days to a Better You,**" Feb. 14 from 9:00am - 3:30pm. Includes Mass, lunch, and materials. The cost is \$65 or \$55 for seniors 60+.

...Contact St. Francis Retreat Center for more info at: stfrancis.ws or 517-669-8321.