



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,

Happy Fourth of July! Thanks be to God for all the blessings we have because we live in the good old U.S.A. *Please join me in giving thanks to God on July 4 by coming to Mass at 9:00am at our St. Joseph church.* We will also have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 7:50am-8:50am. Come!

One way we as Catholics have been working over the past few years to protect and build up our country is a Fortnight for Freedom, which concludes on July 4. This is a time to dedicate ourselves to **pray, learn, and act** in regard to religious freedom in our country. One of the greatest laws in our land is freedom of religion. This law recognizes that every person is called by God and, therefore, has the duty and obligation, *and thus the right*, to seek God, and when finding Him, follow Him. We know that not everyone arrives at the same conclusion concerning God, and thus freedom to practice one's religion must extend to the civil, political and social realm, what some call the public square. No one has the authority to force someone into practices that they believe are objectionably evil.

Presently in the USA, we are experiencing a change in some of our laws to a "freedom of worship": you are allowed to practice your religion behind closed doors, but not in the public, and if your belief conflict with the majority we will force you to do what you believe is wrong. Even some Catholic politicians speak of how they have certain personal beliefs and values, but they won't act on them in their job as politicians. Nor will they stand up when proposed laws force Catholics (and peoples of other religions) to enter into activities that they find evil. Some of the areas that this is happening is with abortion, contraception and marriage. The list is growing

not shrinking, sadly.

But this is not the freedom of religion that our country enshrines in its laws, and many have died to protect. Freedom of religion is the right to practice one's religion in public and not be forced into practices that go against one's religion. This is not discrimination nor bigotry, but a choice to live the truth in love. This is an issue that ultimately will effect every religion and every person. If we allow our laws to force people to do what their religion teaches as evil, then we have become an oligarchy, possibly even a dictatorship, where rights are no longer based on unchangeable truths but on those who have power.

Citizens of every age are called on not just to enjoy the benefits of one's country, benefits that others have sacrificed to make possible, but also to work and sacrifice to ensure that justice for all is ever more a reality and not just words on a page. Of course, we as Catholics believe that if we live out our Catholic faith as it is meant to be lived (not just behind closed doors in church, but in our daily choices), we will make the best of citizens. How are you praying, learning and acting to make our country truly a place of freedom, justice and peace?

On a different topic: THANK YOU to all who volunteered to clean out the Delaney house and run the Estate Sale. We are getting close to the final step: selling off the property.

Finally, our Finance Council met last week to look at this coming fiscal year's budget. It looks like we will be in the black this year on our normal expenses, which is good. (You might recall that the gift from the estate of a parishioner puts our overall budget well in the black, but these funds can only be used for building needs.) Our regular giving was down this year by about 14% or \$50,000, which is not as good. We will be finalizing our budget in the coming weeks. Please keep our parish in your prayers and look for a full financial update soon.

May God bless our country and all of you abundantly this coming week.

St. Mary & St Joseph Parish Mass Schedule

Monday, July 2 - No Mass

Tuesday, July 3 - St. Mary

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

Mass - 8:30am - Margaret Doyle by Louis Hemond-Wilson family

Wednesday, July 4 - St. Joseph

Eucharistic Adoration - 7:50am to 8:50am

Mass - 9:00am - Gary and Cathy Beiser by Schaefer-Feige family

† **Sacrament of Reconciliation** - 9:30am to 10:00am

Thursday, July 5 - St. Mary

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

Mass - 8:30am - Kay & Gene King by Joe & Karen Lezovich

First Friday, July 6 - St. Mary

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

Mass - 8:30am - Alexander Ruska by Mary Mitosinka

Saturday, July 7 - St. Mary

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

Mass - 5:00pm - Richard Twomley by friends at the 5:00pm Mass

Sunday, July 8

St. Joseph Mass - 8:30am - Leo and Wilma Dolehanty by Children

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

Rest In Peace

We pray for William H. Brooks

Husband of Deborah, father to Sarah, Jennifer W., Jennifer S. & Andrew

...that he may now enjoy the great blessings of eternal life. We pray also for his family and friends that they may find peace in the promises of Christ.

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Grow - Pray.....for others 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.

Elizabeth Craig, Cindy Strahorn, Jake Caverson, Rita Girard, Brian Jones, Lois Wachter, Janette Borke, Connie Spooner, Mary Stevenson, and Kristin Bartes.

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.

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**Grow - Serve.....others' needs
16th Annual Rodeo**

July 20 & 21, Gaines Park



Rodeo admission is \$12 for adults 13 & up. \$5 for children 5-12. Children under 5 are free.



Gates open at 5:00pm. Limited bleacher seating. Bring a blanket or lawn chair for lawn seating.

Food, water and soft drinks may be purchased.

No coolers. No alcohol. No pets.

The Mother Teresa Group will be holding a **Cowboy's Breakfast on Sat., July 21, from 9:00am to 11:00am** at the St. Joseph hall (next door to the rodeo grounds. Menu includes: scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, biscuits & gravy. Price is \$7 for adults, kids 5 to 10, \$4, under 5 is free.

To advertise your business or be a sponsor for the rodeo, Please call Lee: 989-413-9105. Advertising can include 1/4 to full page ad in program and/or signs on fences and gates.

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The Mother Teresa Group will be holding their monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 3 at 6:30pm at the St. Joseph gathering space.

Transfers and changes in the Diocese effective July 2, 2018...

Bishop-Elect Gerald Vincke will be relieved of his position as Pastor of Holy Family Parish, Grand Blanc and St Mark Parish, Goodrich. He will become Bishop of Salina, Kansas.

Rev Joseph Krupp will become Pastor of Holy Family Parish, Grand Blanc and St Mark Parish, Goodrich;

Rev Todd Koenigsnecht will become Administrator of Sacred Heart Parish, Hudson and St Mary on the Lake Parish, Manitou Beach.

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The Durand Knights of Columbus 7955 will receive an AED/Defibrillator later in June from a grant through The Shiawassee Community Foundation. Because the St. Mary church already has an AED, the St. Mary Council will donate the AED to the Gaines St. Joseph church. An AED will attempt to reestablish a heart rhythm electrically with paddles and battery power after a heart stops with a heart related problem.



At a later date we will be asking for volunteers to take a class on how to use these AED's. Ideally, we would like to have at least two or more volunteers who regularly attend each Mass at the two parishes so there will be someone with this knowledge at every Mass.

Thank You, The Durand K of C St. Mary Council 7955

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Volunteers are needed...**



...to help with the rodeo set-up, tear down, cook tent, admission gates, parking & etc. There will be a meeting on Tuesday, July 10, 7:00pm, at the St. Joseph Hall. Sign up sheets are also in the gathering space.

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Because of the Fourth of July week, the Durand Knights of Columbus Council 7955 have moved their July meeting to Thursday, July 12 at 7:00pm, rather than July 5.

This week's prayer to carry in your hearts and your prayer time:
St. Catherine, help me to make a habit of prayer.

PARISH SUPPORT FOR THE WEEKEND OF JUNE 24



June 24 offering (general collection).....	\$4,875.00
Outreach.....	\$105.00
Building Debt.....	\$355.00
Assumption.....	\$10.00
Peter Pence.....	\$10.00

DSA Thru Week Ten - 166 Pledges totaling \$26,368. We are at 82.66% of our goal of \$31,898. Thank you to all those who have pledged so far.



July 15 cut off is Mon., July 9 by 10:00am. Due to the July 4 holiday week, the July 8 bulletin cut off **WAS** Thursday, June 28 at 10:00am.

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Sponsor of the Week

Knights of Columbus #7955

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!

**13th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Prayer...**



...O God, who through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of light, grant, we pray, that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth. 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.

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**Grow - Pray (and WITNESS).every day
Save the Date! Saturday Sept. 22
Diocese of Lansing Made for
Happiness Assembly!**

You are invited to join thousands of faithful Catholics from all 77 parishes in the diocese for an all day gathering that will be comprised of three main events: an outdoor **Eucharistic Procession** from St Mary Cathedral in Lansing to the Breslin Center in E. Lansing(9:00am-11:30am), the **Assembly Gathering** featuring inspiring speakers and music(1-4:30), and an **All-Diocesan Mass** (4:30pm-6:00pm) Advanced registration is required and space is limited!

To register go to madeforhappiness.org

SPECIAL OFFICE HOURS CLOSURE NOTICE:

Due to the Independence Day Holiday, the St. Mary and St. Joseph offices will be closed July 4.