



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.

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time Prayer...

...Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise. 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.

GROW + GO**Grow - Pray.....everyday**

If you have been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church

please believe in the possibility for hope and help and healing. We encourage you to come forward and speak out. Every diocese in the United States now has a victim assistance coordinator who is available to obtain support for your needs, to help make a formal complaint of abuse to the diocese and to arrange a personal meeting with the bishop or his representative, if you desire. The victim assistance coordinator for the Diocese of Lansing is: Cheryl Williams-Hecksel – 1-888-308-6252 or cwilliamshecksel@dioceseoflansing.org. In addition, you may also report through the law enforcement toll-free reporting hotline at (844) 324-3374 (Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm) or by email at aginvestigations@michigan.gov

GROW + GO**Grow - Serve....others' needs**

There will be special training for *Homebound Ministry* that will be on Sat, Nov 10 from 10:00am-11:00am at St Mary church. This is for anyone who is active in ministry to our homebound parishioners or would like to be.

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5:00pm – Anita Holek, Claudia Holek
Michael & Sharon Gould
11:30am – Joe & Patty Guzniczak
Brenda Wells, Tom Gomos

ST. MARY GREETERS FOR NOVEMBER 2018

5:00pm – Denise Maranzano
11:30am – Rene Walters

GROW + GO**Grow - Serve....others' needs****St. Mary's Angel Tree**

St. Mary's Angel Tree program is returning this year. If you or someone you know may need extra help with their children's Christmas gifts, please contact Becky Landris at 989-288-6265 as soon as possible. Thank you.

GROW + GO**Grow - Study....the faith.**

**Women of the Magnificat:
A Contemplative Retreat for Women
St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt MI
November 16-18, 2018**

Come away and spend some quiet time with Mary and Elizabeth in preparation for the Advent and Christmas season at this silent retreat. Topics covered include Church Teaching on the Magnificat, The Annunciation, Mary's Fiat, and The Visitation. Daily Mass is offered, as well as the opportunity for Reconciliation and Spiritual Direction. Cost is \$175 per person with \$25 due at registration as a non-refundable deposit. This includes all lodging, meals, and materials. Register online at www.stfrancis.ws or call 517-669-8321

St. Mary & St Joseph Parish Mass Schedule

Monday, October 29 - No Mass

Tuesday, October 30 - St. Mary

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

Mass - 8:30am - Chester (Chet) Grifka by Jack & Riky Drenovsky

Wednesday, October 31 - St. Joseph

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

Mass - 8:30am - Paul D. Freel by Sandy Bensing and family

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

Thursday, November 1 - All Saints Day, a Holy Day of Obligation

St. Mary Mass - 8:30am - Steve Doyle by Joe & Karen Lezovich

St. Joseph Mass - 7:00pm - Steve Doyle by Joe & Karen Lezovich

First Friday, November 2 - St. Mary

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

Mass - 8:30am - Michael Ryan by family

Friday, November 2 - Senior Care Center

Mass - 10:30am - First Responders and Healthcare workers

Saturday, November 3 - St. Mary

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

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

Sunday, November 4

St. Joseph Mass - 8:30am - Kristen Taylor Adams by Mary Deering

St. Mary Mass - 11:30am - Michael & Lawrence Kondel (Living) by Frank & Jackie Kondel

GROW + GO**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. Roy Beville, Janette Borke, Samantha Allen, Brandon Rios, Cindy Goad, Sandy Corron, Curt Rivard, Jean O'Bannon, Joe Lezovich, Alex Proulx.

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.

GROW + GO**Grow - Serve....others' needs****CPR/AED TRAINING**

On Monday, November 5, 2018, the Knights of Columbus #7955 will be hosting a CPR/AED training session at St. Mary Parish Basement Hall from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Even though all are invited to attend, we urge all Ushers, Greeters, Parish Staff, and teachers to attend. This is free to all. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions. Light refreshments will be provided.

From the Pen of the Pastor



Dear sisters and brothers,

This week has two important days...OK, three when we count Halloween. I am thinking of All Saints Day on November 1 and All Souls day on November 2.

For you lovers of Halloween—and who doesn't like dressing up and getting free sweets?— it's because of All Saints day that it exists at all (Halloween, of course, comes from All Hallows Eve, namely, the evening before All Hallows, or All Saints, Day.)

In any case, All Saints Day is a Holy Day of Obligation and has been a universal feast day (Roman Catholics throughout the whole world) since 837AD. Quite a while! And yes, it's still essential to come to Mass on this day, just like Sundays.

Our Masses on All Saints Day, November 1, 8:30am at St. Mary church. 7:00pm at St. Joseph church.

Then, on November 2 we have All Souls Day, when we pray in a special way for all those who have died. It's an important reminder that we believe in Purgatory, not a permanent place (like heaven and hell), but a time of purification for those who are not yet perfect, but have died in friendship with God, and so are need of perfecting or purifying. Their ultimate end is heaven. Our prayers and sacrifices assist them in this. The Mass is the most powerful prayer and sacrifice we can offer because it is Jesus' saving sacrifice on the Cross. So while we hope and pray that all our loved ones (and all who have died in Christ) are in heaven, we know that some may be in Purgatory. So we pray.

Throughout November we will continue to pray for the dead in a special way, including a special Mass on Nov. 7 for our deceased Knights and their wives.

May God bless all of us this coming week.

Important Financial Update

Over the past year and a half, our Sunday offertory has decreased significantly. This is partly due to having one less Mass on Sunday. There are fewer parishioners giving every week.

In our current fiscal year, which started July 1, 2018, we are averaging about \$600 less per week than we need to pay our regular bills. While we are financially sound over all, much of the money we have in the bank can only be used for the upkeep of our buildings, not for salaries, utilities, etc. Long term, a parish must be able to have a balanced budget, paying for its usual expenses from its weekly offertory. With limited staff and no costly parish activities, we have already trimmed the budget as far as possible without taking more significant steps.

So while there are significant reasons to give thanks to God for the financial situation at our parish, and to see that God is with us and to know that if we are faithful to Him, He will provide for us, I also see, especially as I listen to the leaders of our parish, that we need to take new action now.

I wanted to bring this to everyone's attention because this is your parish. I know that you have a great love of it, for our Catholic faith and for our merciful God. I am constantly grateful for the boundless generosity on the part of so many of you. One suggestion I will offer: If you are not currently tithing 5% of your income to the parish (and 10% overall), please consider increasing your offertory. If you are already giving at this level, please prayerfully consider if God is inviting you to give a little more. May God bless you and our parish abundantly this week. —Fr. Jon

November Event Calendar

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
All Saints Day Masses			
Outreach Food Distribution	Thurs/ 1 st Sat/ 3 rd	8:30am 7:00pm 9:00am	St Mary St Joseph St Mary
Christmas Bazaar Mother Teresa Group	Sat/3 rd	9am-4pm	St Joseph Hall
RCIA sessions AED/CPR Training	Mon/ 5-26 th Mon/ 5 th	7:00pm 6-8pm	St Mary Ed Bldg St Mary
Knights Mass for deceased	Wed/ 7 th	7:00pm	St Mary
Mass for Healing and Reparation & Eucharistic Adoration	Thu/ 8 th	6:30-8pm	St Mary
Homebound Ministry Training Life Teen Meeting	Sat/ 10 th Sat/ 10 th	10-11am 6:15-7:45pm	St Mary St Mary Ed Bldg
K of C Chicken Dinner Confirmation Retreat	Fri/ 16 th Sat/ 17 th	5:00pm 9am-5pm	St Joseph Hall St Mary
Advent by Candlelight ***** Advent by Candlelight	Sun/ 18 th Sun/ 25 th	5:00pm ***** 5:00pm	St Joseph ***** St Mary
Parish Council Meeting	Tues/ 27 th	7:00pm	St Joseph

Life Teen
HS Youth Conference
Sunday, Nov 4th, 8am-6:30pm
Lansing Center

Life Teen Meeting
Sat., Nov. 10th, 6:15-7:45pm
St. Mary Education Bldg.

Life Teen Mass
Sun, Nov 18th
8:15am-9:30am

Rosary

St. Mary:
Gathering space, Tues., 1:30pm

St. Joseph:
Sundays at 8am

Divine Mercy Chaplet

St. Mary: -Fridays at 9am
Litany to the Sacred Heart-
First Fridays

K of C

St. Mary
Nov 7, Wed, 7pm
Nov 15, Thurs, 7pm
Education Building

St. Joseph

Nov 6th, Tuesday
7pm
St Joseph Hall

Mother Teresa

Group

Meeting:
St. Joseph
First Tuesday at
6:30pm

Bake Sale:

Last Sunday -
After 8:30am Mass

Working Hands

Ministry

Wednesdays-
Nov 14, 28th
7-8:30pm

Thursdays-

Nov 1, 15, 29th
1-2:30pm

St Mary Ed Building

St. Joseph Food

Pantry

Wed, 10/31
Wed, 11/14
St Joseph Hall

Give thanks to the

Lord, for His is
good, His love is
everlasting.....

RCIA

Rite of Christian
Initiation for

Adults

Mondays

7pm

St Mary's Ed Building

Choir

St. Mary

Saturdays at 3:30pm
Sundays at 10:30am

St. Joseph

Every Saturday at
10:00am or
as scheduled

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Grow - Serve.....others' needs

The Mother Teresa Group is planning our second annual Christmas Bazaar, Saturday, Nov. 3. We are looking for crafters and vendors interested in renting tables for this event. This year tables will rent for \$25. The Mother Teresa Group is also looking for crafts to sell at our table. If you have something to donate, please contact any of the ladies. Lunch will be available as well as a bake sale. Table rentals are available. Please contact Jill Rohner for additional information at 810-836-1557

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St. Vincent truck will be at St Mary the weekend of Nov 18.

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There will be a gently used, clean coat drive at the parishes. Containers will be placed in each parish as well as in the Franklin Hay education building. Coats will first be offered to the needs of the parish first and then donated. Children and adult coats are needed. Children snowpants and boots are needed also. Coat drive will run for two weekends Nov 4 and 11.



Knights of Columbus: Mass on Wed., Nov. 7 for deceased Knights

All Knights, wives, families and widows are invited to a special Mass in November (the month we pray in a special way for those who have died) for all Knights and their wives who have gone before us. Mass will be Wednesday November 7 at 7:00pm at our St. Mary church. More details to come.

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Grow - Engage....in parish life

The Knights of Columbus would like to invite everyone to a luncheon after the 11:30am Mass on Sunday, Nov. 18, 2018 at the St. Mary's downstairs. We will be serving and treating everyone to Koegel Coney Dogs, chips, and refreshments. Please bring a passing dish if you wish.

The children will be singing before the 11:30am Mass and we would especially like them and their families to come down and enjoy the camaraderie and festivities. Thank you.

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Grow - Pray.....every day

There will be a retraining session for Protecting God's Children on Nov 8 at 7:00pm in the Franklin Hay education building at St. Mary. This is a required retraining for all who help with or work with the youth in the parish. All staff are required to be retrained.

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The Altar Society will be selling Rohllicky (nut crescent pastry) after all Masses on October 27 and 28. Order early so you won't miss out on these fine pastries. They go fast!

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**Grow - Serve.....others' needs
St. Mary Outreach Food Pantry
Volunteers Needed:**

The next food distribution is on November 3. Volunteers are needed for unloading. Initial food packaging (packers) and building setup takes place on Friday, November 2 at 6:00pm. On distribution day, we gather at 8:30am in the education building. For any questions concerning the St. Mary Outreach Food Pantry, please contact Diane Pelky at 989-288-4446 or Kathy Schmidt 989-288-4183 or stmaryfoodpantry@gmail.com.

Thank you again for your continued support. God Bless.



PARISH SUPPORT FOR THE WEEKEND OF OCT. 21

COLLECTION FOR WEEKEND October 21, 2018

General Collection (Budgeted weekend Amount.....)	\$5,192.00
General Collection (Actual).....	\$3,898.35
Shortfall.....	(\$1,301.65)
Energy.....	\$70.00
Outreach.....	\$369.00
Building Debt.....	\$205.00
World Mission.....	\$162.00
Help Spread The Faith.....	\$5.00

PLEASE NOTE: (updated) Since we are in our seventeenth month since St. Mary and St. Joseph Parishes merged and changed our name to St. Mary and St. Joseph Parish, we are asking for those parishioners that make their donations by check, to please start writing their checks out to St. Mary and St. Joseph Parish if you haven't already. At some point, Sagelink Credit Union now called **PFCU – Portland Federal Credit Union** (our banking institution) will be requiring that all checks be made out to our new name. Please keep this in mind when writing out your donation checks. Thank you so much. If you have any questions, please contact Paul Williamson at the office at 1-855-288-6704 Ext 7001

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Grow - Study....the faith

Ladies: You are cordially invited to attend the 6th Annual Diocese of Lansing Catholic Women's Conference entitled "Arise My Beloved" on Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 9:00am until 5:00pm at the Lansing Center. Join speakers Father Chris Alar and Kelly Wahlquist, musician Melanie Rea, emcee Erin Looby Carlson, Bishop emeritus Carl Mengeling, and Bishop Earl Boyea. We provide lunch, shopping, music, Adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Mass. Please join your sisters, daughters, and friends as we explore the deep treasure we have as a Catholic church. For more information and to register please visit www.LansingDioceseCWC.org.

This week's prayer to carry in your hearts and your prayer time: Lord have mercy on us.

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Grow - Serve.....others' needs

The Durand St. Mary Knights of Columbus Council 7955 is temporarily changing their monthly business meeting from the first Thursday to the second Thursday of the Month at 7:00pm.

This change will stay in place as long as there is a Reparation mass on the first Thursday. Thank You. K of C council 7955

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Nov. 4 bulletin cut off is Mon., October 29 by 10:00am. bulletinmj@gmail.com