



# 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

Myparishapp.com

## ~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 in Christ,  
Happy Feast of the Epiphany! We especially celebrate in this feast that salvation is not just for the Israelites but for all the nations. Certainly, we rejoice in this gift of salvation! At the same time, this feast reminds us of

the mission placed on our lives to proclaim the Gospel. We should be praying for the grace to be bold in sharing the gospel in any opportunity we are given.

**Masses cancelled-** I'm sorry that our daily Masses and adoration are all cancelled this week. Please, take this opportunity to be praying for an increase of vocations!

**Retreat-** I humbly ask for your prayers for me as I head on my annual retreat this week. I will be with a few other priests from the Diocese at the John Paul II healing center. It is run by Dr. Bob Schuchts, who is well known for his book "Be Healed". I highly recommend reading it, if you get a chance. His work has been a source for significant healing in my life, and I pray that you can experience the same. I really look forward to this week of seeking the Lord's healing in deeper ways in my heart and life. Know that you will be in my prayers and especially remembered in the celebration of Mass this week.

May you have a blessed week walking with our Lord.

Fr. Dan



**PLEASE MAKE A NOTE:** All daily Masses for January 7 through 11 have been cancelled. Fr. Dan will be on retreat.

**GROW + GO**

**Grow - Pray....every day**

**Mass Intentions** - please call the office at St Joseph church if you would like to offer a Mass Intention for dates in December and in the coming months. There are several dates that need to be filled. 989-271-8434.

This week's prayer to carry in your hearts and your prayer time:

**Mary, make me holy.**

## St. Mary & St Joseph Parish Mass Schedule

**Monday, January 7 - No Mass**

**Tuesday, January 8 - No Mass**

**Wednesday, January 9 - No Mass**

**Thursday, January 10 - No Mass**

**Friday, January 11 - No Mass**

**Saturday, January 12 - St. Mary**

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

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

**Sunday, January 13**

**St. Joseph Mass** - 8:30am - Chuck Harris by Hart, Luck, and Bartlett

**St. Mary Mass** - 11:30am - Fr. Dan Westermann by Holy Family Parish

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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.

Cindy Goad, Doug Perry, Sam Yanta, Brian Jones, Bruce Lawton, Janette Borke, Carl Armor, Jessica Yanta, and 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.**

### Altar Servers Training

Since the last servers training was cancelled due to illness, there will be Altar Servers training for all current servers and any new youth or parishioners that would like to learn!

St. Joseph - Sat., Jan 19, 9:30am-11:30am

St. Mary - Sat., Jan 19, 12noon-2:00pm

Lunch will be provided! Mark your calendar!

### 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.



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Worldwide Marriage  
Encounter Weekend**

Jesus was and is the world's most perfect gift. Experience that gift anew in your marriage and grow close than ever before on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. Upcoming weekends will be held Jan. 25-27 at Holiday Inn-Troy and March 15-17 at St. Francis Retreat Center-DeWitt. Apply online at [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) or contact Chris & Darla Vinton at 731-531-9191



For 2019, the combined Knights of Columbus Councils are offering three scholarships through Shiawassee Community Foundation. These scholarship applications are available now through February

1, 2019. These are Faith based scholarships open to graduating high school seniors and currently enrolled college students of St. Mary/St. Joseph families in good standing and are available online at: [www.shiacf.org/scholarships/](http://www.shiacf.org/scholarships/) Scroll down to and click on "Online Scholarship Application". If needed, there is a "Scholarship Application Instructions" pad to click on. Thank You, The Knights of Columbus Scholarship Committee

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**Grow - Serve....others' needs**

Dear Parishioners: Please join us on the 3rd and 5th Friday of every month at 11:00am at the Argentine Care Center in Linden. We visit the residents, have a short prayer service and sing a few songs. Please see Vic Huddas or Paul for more information.



**Parish Support for the weekend of Dec. 23**

**COLLECTION FOR WEEKEND Dec. 23, 2018**

General Collection (Budgeted weekend Amount).....	\$5,200.00
General Collection (Received).....	\$9,837.00
Overage.....	\$4,637.00
Christmas.....	\$199.00
Outreach.....	\$65.00
Building Debt.....	\$149.00
Altar Society.....	\$70.48
Immaculate Conception.....	\$9.00
Share in the Care.....	\$15.00

**COLLECTION FOR WEEKEND Dec. 30, 2018**

Due to early submission of this weekends bulletin, collection information will be posted in the next weekends bulletin. Thank you.

**Sponsor of the Week**

**Rebecca C. McClear, Attorney at Law**

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!



The Jan. 13 bulletin cut off is Mon. Jan. 7 by 10:00am.  
[bulletinmj@gmail.com](mailto:bulletinmj@gmail.com)

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St. Mary's Altar Society is in need of a few more ladies to help with cleaning the sacristy in 2019. We need one person for June, October and November and 2 people for July. We clean twice per month and it takes 1-2 hours. Please call Carol Spoor if interested. 989-980-3642.



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As we begin our new year, Working Hands Ministry thanks all those who have been so generous in donating their time, talents, yarn, and money to those in need of prayer and comfort. We have been able to offer prayer shawls and lapghans to our parish, and also scarves, hats, slippers, mittens, scrubbies and washcloths to our Food Pantry guests, and scarves and hats to St. Luke N.E.W Life Center. Everyone who receives these items is so grateful, as are the members of our group to all who support us. We will begin working together again in January and invite those from both our churches to join us as we pray, knit, crochet or quilt, chat, and bless our work. We meet in the St. Mary Education Building from 7-8:30 pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1-2:30pm every other week. The dates for Wednesdays are: January 17 and 30, February 13 and 27, March 13 and 27, April 3 and 17 and May 1. The Thursday group will meet January 18 and 31, February 14 and 28, March 14 and 28, April 4 and 18, and May 2. We do not meet if Durand Area Schools are not in session due to weather.



**RESTORE, RENEW, AND HEAL- FEBRUARY 15 - 17  
RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT...**

... is a place to renew, rebuild, and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer you a supportive, confidential, and non-judgemental, environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal, and healing. [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org). Contact : Della Seeley/ New Life Center 517-993-0291, [nlcrachelsvineyard@gmail.com](mailto:nlcrachelsvineyard@gmail.com)

**The Man Event 2019**

Diocese of Lansing Catholic Men's Conference Feb. 23 at Our Lady of Fatima Church, 913 Napoleon Rd., Michigan Center, MI 49254. 10:00am to 5:00pm. Ticket prices: Adults \$40, Students \$30. What to Expect: Motivating messages, adoration and confessions, mouth watering pig roast BBQ lunch, music by Brian Flynn & Band, and Mass with Bishop Boyea (4:00pm). Registrations are now open. For more information or to purchase your tickets, visit [www.themanevent.org](http://www.themanevent.org).