

St. Mary & St. Joseph Parish



One Holy Family in Christ

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ments, they will save
you;
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too shall live; Mt 5:16

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary
Time ~ A
February 16, 2020

Durand Location
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

Gaines Location
9450 Duffield Rd., Gaines, MI 48436
1-989-271-8434

Mass Time:

Sun.: 8:30am
Weekday Masses - See Bulletin
Office hours: Tues., 9:00am to 3:00pm
Wed., Thurs., 9:00am to 1:00pm.
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Mission Statement

As members of St. Mary and St. Joseph Parish, we believe that we share in the mission of Jesus through our baptism and commitment to the values expressed in the gospel.

The dedication of our parish to the Holy Spirit calls us to be particularly attentive to the inspiration and guidance of the Spirit as we:

- gather as a community that worships together and supports one another in spiritual growth;
- witness to our belief through sharing our faith with others and providing for education in faith to our members;
- respond with compassion to both the spiritual and corporal needs of those around us;
- care for the many gifts we have been given and seek to use them wisely.

We do all of this as members of a larger community of believers within the Diocese of Lansing and greater Roman Catholic Church.

~Sacraments~

Baptism: You must be a registered active member of St. Mary & St. Joseph 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 our parish office for times and dates.

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



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From Deacon Wayne's Desk

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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Growing up in the 60's and coming into adulthood in the 70's taught me two very important things. Growing up on my parents farm in the 60's taught me to work hard, helping in the needs of the family. We lived knowing what we wanted to do was always second to the needs of the family and farm. Growing up in a strict Catholic family taught me to know the rules of the Church, the home and the family. When to sit, stand, work, and play. Then moving into adolescence/adulthood in the 70's, my curiosity and the world taught me to test those rules. It was a difficult time to grow up being taught right from wrong and rebelling against all that. It wasn't until much later in my life that I realized the wonderful blessing these experiences brought me.

Our readings today are all about understanding God's commandments and how these boundaries, these rules, give us a wonderful, foundational gift that points us to true freedom. If we only look to them as restrictions, we will have missed the wisdom of what God is teaching us completely. Our CHOICE to integrate them in our lives should be out of love of God and not in fear of God. We can easily fall into the mind set that if we follow the checklist of the ten

commandments out of obligation only then God will then accept us, love us.

"Most of us were taught that God would love us if and when we change. In fact, God loves you so that you can change. What empowers change, what makes you desirous of change is the experience of love. It is that inherent experience of love that becomes the engine of change." – Richard Rohr

So please try to grasp that we need to live inside of these limits out of love for God. When we do this, these limitations become our foundation to freedom, where we limit what we want and place first in our life what the needs of others are. That kind of transformation is not merely a following the rules out of obligation—but a change at the very heart of the way you receive, hear, and pass on God's love each moment. We stop judging others and we look inside ourselves, to better ourselves. Judging your own brokenness brings you to a transformed heart and the ability to see those whom you would normally judge right or wrong as someone broken just like you. We die to ourselves and are resurrected to new life.

Apparently, we don't really know what life is until we know what death is. You can't experience rebirth until you have somehow died. We Americans think we are an exception to this pattern, and we create a totally new and unfounded spirituality of constant and false resurrections, our own self set rules that we can change and manipulate. We refuse to die to ourselves and we move through life with no compass, no sense of what our true foundation is that leads to a spiritually fruitful life. There is an essential structural balance between restrictions and freedom, between boundaries and knowing how and when to move beyond boundaries. Every one of our Catholic initiation rites say that the candidate must be led into some sort of boundary some sort of "tomb", some small "death", where we move beyond what we want and desire.

So, this leads us perfectly into Lent and Easter another chance for our heart to be changed by dying to ourselves and resurrection to a new life. Do not let either the Lent and Easter experiences go by you this year as simple calendar dates that we go through the motions of, to be artificial, or worse, not even expecting any change in us. By choosing freely and lovingly to live inside these restrictions, limitations, Commandments, we will experience profoundly during Lent, living inside our mature spiritual container, our own "tomb". Breaking out of this "tomb", where we find ourselves living for others instead of our own selfishness we come to the resurrection of new life where we can cry out in a loud and conquering voice "Christ is risen, he is truly risen!"

Dcn. Wayne

St. Mary & St Joseph Parish Liturgy Schedule

Monday, February 17 - No Liturgies

Jas 1:1-11, Ps 119:67,68,71,72,75,76, Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday, February 18 - No Liturgies

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

Jas 1:12-18, Ps 94:12-13a,14-15,18-19, Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday, February 19 - Gaines

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

Mass - 8:30am - Jim Elford by Kathy Root

Jas 1:19-27, Ps 15:2-3a,3bc-4ab,5, Mk 8:22-26

Thursday, February 20 - Durand

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

Mass - 8:30am - Jared Trebtoske by Tim Trebtoske

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Jas 2:1-9, Ps 34:2-3,4-5,6-7, Mk 8:27-33

Friday, February 21 - No Liturgies

Jas 2:14-24,26, Ps 112:1-2,3-4,5-6, Mk 8:34-9:1

Saturday, February 22 - Durand

1 Pt 5:1-4, Ps 23:1-3a,4,5,6, Mt 16:13-19

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

Mass - 5:00pm - St. Mary and St. Joseph Parish-ioners

Sunday, February 23

Mass at Gaines - 8:30am - Alma Wendt by the Family

Mass at Durand - 11:30am - Jack Cyr by the family

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Lv 19:1-2,17-18, Ps 103:1-2,3-4,8,10,12-13, 1 Cor 3:16-23, Mt 5:38-48

This Week in Our Parish: Feb 16-22

Mon - 6:00pm RCIA Durand
7:00pm Woman's Group, Gaines


Tues- 9:00am Woman's Group, Durand
1:00pm Rosary Group, Durand - (NOTE new time)

Wed- 9:30am Food Pantry, Gaines Hall


Thurs- 6:30pm Choir Practice, Durand
7:00pm KofC, Durand

Fri- 5:00pm Spaghetti Dinner, Gaines Hall

Sat - 8:30am Outreach Food Distribution
10:00am Choir practice, Gaines
6:00pm Mardi Gras Party, Durand



St. Mary Outreach Food Pantry Volunteers Needed:
 The next food distribution is on **February 22**. Volunteers are needed for the following: **Friday, February 21** 8:30 am: Food unloading. Initial food packaging (packers) and building setup 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 517-230-9613 or stmaryfoodpantry@gmail.com.
 Thank you again for your continued support. God Bless.



ASH WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 26TH
MASS TIMES
 8.30 A.M. - GAINES
 6.00 P.M. - DURAND

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
 Will be each Friday during Lent beginning Feb 28th, 7-8 p.m. at the Durand Location. Adoration and Confessions from 7-8 pm. Please take this special time for prayer and devotion as we remember the Passion of Our Lord.


Mardi Gras Dinner Benefit
Save the Date: The Mardi Gras dinner benefit for Religious Education will be February 22 from 6:00pm-11:00pm at the Durand Location Lower Level. The cost will be \$15 per person. Tickets will go on sale after all masses beginning January 25. If you have any questions, e-mail stmjaltarsociety@gmail.com.



Building Fund

As was previously announced, we have officially closed on the Baldwin Road property, as was bequeathed to our parish by Mary DeLaney. As a result, we are asking all who contribute to the Building fund to suspend making building fund donations, as the debt we owe for the Gaines church building will be totally paid off in full. There will no longer be building fund envelopes. We would encourage you to prayerfully consider donating to the general fund. Thank you for that consideration, and thanks to all who donated to the building fund, as we can now look to our debt free future.

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time Prayer...
 ...O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. 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.




How to setup an account at Formed.org:


1. Go to: <https://formed.org/signup>
2. Enter zip code 48429
3. Highlight St. Mary and St. Joseph Parish and click, then click on Next
4. Fill in you name and email address, then click on Sign up.
5. You now have access. Enjoy!

NOTE: Once you sign out, to gain access again, go to:


1. <https://watch.formed.org/login>
2. Enter you email address you used above to set up an account.
3. Go to your email inbox and open the Sign into FORMED message.
4. Click on Sign in Now.
5. Click on the Start Watching button in your browser window.



SAVE THE DATE: KofC Council 12186 will be holding Spaghetti Dinners on Feb. 21 at the Parish Hall in Gaines from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. \$8/person, 6 & under free. All you can eat! PLUS; Meatball Sub-\$5.



A prayer to carry in your hearts and your prayer time:
Help me to be more attentive at Mass.




PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SUFFERING OF ST. MARY & ST. JOSEPH PARISH
 For those who are ill at home, in the hospital or in the nursing home.
 Terry Clark, Donna Cormier, Christina Proulx, Joseph Harris, Lisa Terry, Judy Bristley, Eric Thompson, Jane Bowler, Kathy Root, Alex Proulx and Brenda Kimber.
 Please note: Individual names will remain on the prayer list for four (4) weeknds, 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.

Parish Giving Parish Support for Feb. 9

COLLECTION FOR WEEKEND FEBRUARY 9, 2020

General Collection (Budgeted weekend amount).....	\$4,708.00
General Collection (Received).....	\$5,755.00
Overage.....	\$1,047.00
Energy.....	\$252.00
Outreach.....	\$72.00
Worldwide Evangelization.....	\$20.00

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The February 23 bulletin cut off is Monday, February 17 at noon.
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