

St. Mary & St. Joseph Parish



One Holy Family in Christ

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First Sunday of Lent ~ A
March 1, 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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 1, 2020

Our Three Temptations

Faith tells us that what ultimately defines us and gives us our identity and energy is the image and likeness of God in us. We are God's blessed ones, masters of creation, special to God and special within creation. And we know this long before religion tells it. Deep down, whether we admit it or not, we each nurse the secret of being special. And this is not just ego or narcissism but a congenital imprint inside our very souls. Imprinted in the core of our being is the sense that we are not just an accidental, anonymous chips of dust, almost invisible on the evolutionary conveyer-belt, destined to flicker for an instant and then disappear forever. We know we are more. We, literally, feel timelessness, eternity, and immortal meaning inside of ourselves.

In our daily lives that often causes more heartaches than it solves. It is not easy to live out our blessed, special status when, most of the time, everything around us belies that we are special. As much as we experience ourselves as special, we also experience emptiness, anonymity, and our ordinariness. And so it can be easy, in the end, to believe that we aren't special at all, but are precisely small, petty spirits, haunted by over-inflated egos. But, while over-inflated egos do cause their share of heartaches, it is a still an unhealthy temptation to believe that we are not blessed simply because life

finds us one-among-six-billion-others, struggling, and seemingly not special in any way. Faith tells the true story: We are, all of us, made in God's image and likeness, blessed, and our private secret that we are special is in fact the deepest truth. However, that isn't always easy to believe. Life and circumstance often tire us in ways that tempt us to believe its opposite. It happened to Jesus.

He too was tempted, and there was a particular prelude to his vulnerability:

During his baptism, he had heard his Father say: "You are my blessed son, in whom I take delight!" Those words then formed and defined his self-consciousness. Knowing that he was blessed, Jesus could then look out at the world and say: "Blessed are you when you are poor... and meek ... and persecuted."

But throughout his life Jesus struggled to always believe that. For instance, immediately after his baptism, we are told, the spirit drove him into the desert where he fasted for forty days and forty nights – and afterwards "he was hungry". Obviously what scripture is describing here is not simply physical hunger. Jesus was empty in ways that made him vulnerable to believe that he was not God's blessed child. These were his three temptations:

First, the devil tempted him to this effect: "If you are God's specially blessed one, turn these stones into bread." In essence, the devil's taunt was this: "If you believe that you are God's specially blessed creature, why is your life so empty?" Jesus' reply, "One doesn't live on bread alone!" might be rendered: "I can be empty and still be God's blessed one! Being blessed and special is not dependent upon how full or empty my life is at a given moment!"

The second temptation has to do with human glory and its absence. The devil shows Jesus all the kingdoms of the world and says: "All of these will be yours if you worship me!" The taunt is: "If you're God's blessed one, how come you're a big, fat nobody? Not famous, not known, anonymous." And Jesus' reply might be worded this way: "I can be a big nobody and still be God's blessed one. Blessedness doesn't depend upon fame, on being a household name!"

The third temptation follows the same lines: The devil takes Jesus to the top of the temple and challenges him to throw himself down to make God catch him since, in faith, it is promised that God won't let his blessed one "dash his foot against a stone". Jesus responds that we shouldn't put God to the test. The temptation and how we should resist it are both contained in his reply. In essence, what Jesus says when the devil challenges him to throw himself off the top of the temple to prove his specialness is this: "I'll take the stairs down, just like everyone else!" Our blessedness is not predicated on having a VIP elevator, or on having any special privileges that set us apart from others. 9

the test, demanding more than ordinary life can give us. Enter into this lent know exactly who you are.

An article by Fr Ron Rolheiser July 8, 2007

Dea. Wayne

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.



Christina Proulx, Alex Proulx, Donna Cormier, Brenda Kimber, Roy Beville, Elizabeth Hincka, Julie Okenka, Susan El-sarelli, Courtney and Toby Versola, Nick Hall, Randolph Garcia and Monica J. Coolidge. 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.

St. Mary & St Joseph Parish
Liturgy Schedule
Monday, March 2 - No Liturgies
 Lv 19:1-2,11-18, Ps 19:8,9,10,15, Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday, March 3 - No Liturgies
Eucharistic Adoration - 8:00am to 8:40am
 Is 55:10-11, Ps 34:4-5,6-7,16-17, 18-19, Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday, March 4 - Gaines
Eucharistic Adoration - 7:20am to 8:20am
Mass - 8:30am - Helen & Willard Bartes by Anne Bartes
 Jon 3:1-10, Ps 51:3-4,12-13,18-19, Lk 11:29-32
Thursday, March 5 - Durand
Eucharistic Adoration - 7:20am to 8:20am
Mass - 8:30am - Mary Allen by Bob & Carol Smith
 Est C: 12,14-16,23-25, Ps 138:1-2ab,2cde-3,7c-8, Mt 7:7-12
First Friday, March 6 - Durand
Eucharistic Adoration - 7.20 am to 8.20 am
Mass - 8.30 a.m. - Martin & Lillian Siminski by Tim Trebtoske
 Ez 18:21-28, Ps 130:1-2,3-4,5-7a,7bc-8, Mt 5:20-26
Saturday, March 7 - Durand
 Dt 26:16-19, Ps 119:1-2,4-5,7-8, Mt 5:43-48
 † **Sacrament of Reconciliation - 3:30pm to 4:30pm**
Mass - 5:00pm - St. Mary and St. Joseph Parish-ioners
Sunday, March 8
Mass at Gaines - 8:30am - Helen D'Angelo by Kathy Root
Mass at Durand - 11:30am - Mitchell Wilcox by Joe & Patty Guzniczak
 Gn 12:1-4a, Ps 33:4-5,18-19,20,22, 2 Tm 1: 8b-10, Mt 17:1-9

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Will be each Friday during Lent, 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.

Save the Date! The St. Mary's Knights of Columbus 7955 will be having their annual Polish Dinner on Saturday April 18, 2020 after the 5 pm mass. Plenty of food and fellowship for all! More information to follow.

Mother's Day BBQ, save the Date! The St. Mary's Knights of Columbus 7955 will be hosting a special Mother's Day BBQ on Saturday May 9th after the 5 pm mass. More information to follow.

This Week in Our Parish: Feb 29-March 7

Sun- 9:30am MTG Bake Sale, Gaines
 Mon - 6:00pm **No RCIA Class - Resumes Mar 9th**
 7:00pm Woman's Group, Gaines
 Tues- 9:00am Woman's Group, Durand
 1:00pm Rosary Group, Durand
 6.00 p.m. Mother Teresa Group Meeting, Gaines
 Wed- 6.30 p.m. Altar Society Meeting, Durand
 7.00 p.m. - Working Hands Ministry, Durand
 Thurs- 6:30pm Choir Practice, Durand
 Fri- 5:00pm Fish Dinner, Gaines Hall
 7:00pm Stations of the Cross/Holy Hour Durand
 Sat - 10:00am Choir practice, Gaines

Rest In Peace

We pray for Theresa E. Clark
 Wife of Bill,
 Mother of Katherine and Michael...
 ...that she may now enjoy the great blessings of eternal life. We pray also for her family and friends that they may find peace in the promises of Christ.

 The **Mother Teresa Group** meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 3rd, 6:00pm at the Gaines gathering space.

 The **Altar Society** meeting will be Wed, March 4th, at 6:30pm at the Durand location. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend!

 **First Sunday of Lent Prayer...**
 Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. 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.

There will be a **Finance Council meeting** on Tues, March 10th at 7:00pm at the Durand location.

 **K of C Council 12186 Fish/Shrimp Dinners...**
 ...continue through the season of Lent ending on April 10 at the St. Joseph Hall. Fish only cost per adult is \$10, under 5 are free. Dinners Fish & shrimp, \$11.00, Shrimp only \$11.00. Dinners start at 5:00pm and end at 6:30pm. Due to a Genesee County Health Department ruling, donated soup can no longer be accepted. Currently there are plans to provide two types of soups, made in the hall kitchen. All are welcome! Check our website for details:
<http://www.kofccouncil12186.org/events.html>

Fasting and Abstinence...
 ...This means that 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 supposed 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.

Parish Support for Feb. 23

COLLECTION FOR WEEKEND FEBRUARY 23, 2020

General Collection (Budgeted weekend amount).....	\$4,708.00
General Collection (Received).....	\$4,592.00
(Shortage).....	(\$112.00)
Outreach.....	\$57.00

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 The March 8th bulletin cut off is Monday, March 2nd at noon.
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