

St. Mary & St. Joseph Parish



One Holy Family in Christ

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Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little
ones the mysteries of the
kingdom.** Mat 11:25

14th Sunday of Ordinary
Time ~ A ~ July 5, 2020

Durand Location
700 Columbia Dr., Durand, MI 48429
1-855-288-6704

Mass Times:
See liturgical schedule in bulletin.
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:
See liturgical schedule in bulletin.
Weekday Masses - See Bulletin
Office hours: Tues., 9:00am to 3:00pm
Wed., Thurs., 9:00am to 1:00pm.
Website: stmarystjoseph.org
Myparishapp.com

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1-855-288-6704

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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.



St. Mary and St. Joseph Catholic Church
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From Deacon Wayne's Desk

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - JULY 5, 2020

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;

you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Mat 11:25

This weekend in the USA we celebrate a national holiday, the 4th of July, Independence Day. As we have heard many times, this is the land of the free and the home of the brave. We should also remind us of the great freedom we long for in knowing, loving, and serving our Lord Jesus Christ. It is in Jesus that we find our ultimate freedom. So, in this relationship with Jesus comes freedom from sin and death if we only desire it and act on that desire. We no longer are slaves to sin. We are set free from the bondage of sin if we desire that freedom. As each of us will ultimately face death, we can look to and rely on our relationship with Christ to even be there to conquer death at the end of our lives.

But its not only the freedom from sin and death that we

can be assured of, but also the freedom to live in His Kingdom here *on earth as it is in heaven* as we hear in the Lord's prayer. Each day we awake, we have the freedom to make hundreds or thousands of choices that will either set us on that form path of freedom and the path of bondage, it is called free will. We may go through our day making these choices with little regard to whether each of them can bring us closer to the Kingdom. The truth is that each of most of these decisions we make can bring great freedom to live in peace and joy as we go through our days.

We long for freedom, it seems it is at the very core of our existence and when we are in that pocket of freedom when making GOOD CHOICES we in fact find our hearts desire which is that deeper relationship with God. Making choices that place us in the Kingdom doesn't mean that everything is going to be "sugar plums and fairy tales". While we are here on earth and part of our human condition will bring suffering and pain. We will find ourselves in a very real quagmire. Sometimes we have to make a decision that no matter how we choose, the outcome doesn't seem very promising, but we do the best we can to bring about God's Kingdom in that decision.

As we slowly come out of from under this pandemic, we surely do understand the freedoms we have lost. Places you cannot go. People you cannot hug. No sign of Peace at Mass. All of these are incredibly sad and difficult for us to abide with, but we must.

Continue to make choices that bring about God's Kingdom and not our little insignificant kingdom.

Things seem to be moving very slowly in our parish of SMSJ due to the virus. We will continue to reach out to you in every method we can to keep you updated. We have plenty of room at our weekday and weekend Masses so we will see you there soon hopefully. If you have any thoughts on things that may help our parish family as we move through these hard times, please feel free to call and let me know your ideas.

If you have not filled out a form for this years Diocesan Service Appeal for this year. I encourage you to do so. Prayerfully consider what you can give to the diocese and return it to us in the collection basket. We are doing quite well, and we are close to meeting our goal of \$25,984. So far, we have heard from approximately 25% of our parish and we only have approximately \$4,000 to go. Thank you to all who have filled these out and an advance thank you to those about to.

St. Mary & St Joseph Parish Liturgy Schedule

Please check the website/Facebook and/or MyParish App for updates.

Monday, July 6 - No Liturgies
HOS 2:16, 17C-18, 21-22, Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, MT 9:18-26

Tuesday, July 7 - No Liturgies
HOS 8:4-7, 11-13, Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7AB-8, 9-10, MT 9:32-38

Wednesday, July 8 - Gaines
Eucharistic Adoration - 7:20am to 8:20am
Mass - 8:30am - Doris Cormier by Mark and Marie Dyer
HOS 10:1-3, 7-8, 12, Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, MT 10:1-7

Thursday, July 9 - Durand
Eucharistic Adoration - 7:20am to 8:20am
Mass - 8:30am - Cliff McCollum by Tim Trebtske
HOS 11:1-4, 8E-9, Ps 80:2AC AND 3B,15-16, MT 10:7-15

Friday, July 10- No Liturgies
HOS 14:2-10, Ps 51:3-4, 8-9,12-13,14 AND 17, MT 10:16-23

Saturday, July 11 - Durand
IS 6:1-8, Ps 93:1AB, 1CD-2, 5, MT 10:24-33

† **Sacrament of Reconciliation** - 3:30pm to 4:30pm
Mass - 5:00pm - Floyd Harbin & family by Michele

Sunday - July 12
Mass at Gaines - 8:30am - Dennis Bartes by Anne Bartes
Mass at Durand - 11:30am - St. Mary and St. Joseph Parishioners
IS 55:10-11, PS 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14, ROM 8:18-23, MT 13:1-23 OR 13:1-9

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.

Brenda Kimber, Dave Hollenbeck, Karen Hayes, Lucas Hunt, Debbie Love and Jennifer Tulip.

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. Please continue to pray for all those that have been afflicted with or caring for someone with the Corona Virus. Also all the frontline Doctors, Nurses, EMTs, Police, Fire and all those continuing to work at Grocery Stores, Pharmacies, Food Banks and other essential stores. Thank you for all you do as we continue to pray for



A Thank-you letter from the Sage Family:

On December 27, 2019 our family lost our home and most of our belongings due to an electrical fire that started in the garage. In a matter of minutes, it went from a small fire to fully engulfing the garage and the entire attic of the house. Thankfully, someone was watching over us and everyone made it out safe, including our two year old grandson. I speak for my entire family when I say that I cannot express the gratitude we all feel knowing that so many people care and have been willing to help. The outpouring of support immediately after the fire was hard to comprehend and we are humbled and honored to be associated with such wonderful people. Shortly after the fire we started looking for a new home. After many weeks of searching we finally found the perfect place. We knew the minute we stepped inside that it was going to be our new home. We ran into quite a few bumps along the way and then COVID stuck and delayed closing on the house for three months. On May 4, 2020 we closed and took possession of the house two weeks later. These are unprecedented times we are living and it's hard to say what will happen tomorrow, let alone a few months from now. Having "life as we know it" cease to exist for a time has helped us to grow stronger and be ready for whatever comes our way in the future. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts to all of you that have supported our family during these trying times. Sincerely,
Shannon Sage and Family

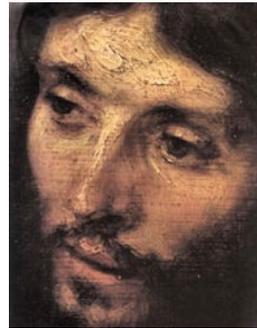


Live Stream of Mass...

Most of you may have noticed that SMSJ Parish has been live streaming the 5:00pm Durand mass on YouTube. It has been decided to continue to stream the 5:00pm Mass until further notice. We hope those that aren't able to physically attend or are uncomfortable attending will find the live stream an acceptable alternative. Thank you for your support.

KofC Council 7955 meeting change notice:
Due to the July 4 holiday, our July meeting will be held on Thursday, July 9 at the regular times.

14th Sunday of Ordinary Time Prayer...



...O God, who in the abasement of your Son have raised up a fallen world, fill your faithful with holy joy, for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin you bestow eternal gladness. 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.



Are you a user of Facebook? If so, go to www.facebook.com and search for:

Parish: **St. Mary and St. Joseph Catholic Church**

Gaines Knights of Columbus: **kofccouncil12186**

Altar Society: **stmjaltarsociety**

If your group is associated with SMSJ Parish, send your link to bulletinmj@gmail.com and it will be posted here.

The "**Walking Rosary**" will continue on Wed. at 2:00pm at the Gaines location, and on Thurs. at 2:00pm at the Durand location. All are invited to walk and pray the Rosary with Dcn Wayne.



ENVELOPES OR IF YOU WISH TO REGISTER

If you are not receiving church envelopes, please fill out the following, and return by dropping it into the collection basket. We will call for your information to register you, OR you can call the Durand location at 855-288-6704 during office hours to register OR register online a www.stmarystjoseph.org and click on "I'm New".

Name: _____

Address: _____

City : _____

Phone: _____



Parish Support for June 28

COLLECTION INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED IN NEXT WEEKS BULLETIN

DSA UPDATE: Total pledged through June 29th, 2020 is \$21,560. This is 82.97% of our goal of \$25,984. Thank you to those that have pledged so far.

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The July 12 bulletin cut off is Monday, July 6 at noon - bulletinmj@gmail.com

If you want to schedule an event utilizing a Parish facility, contact DCN Wayne using email dcnwaynesmsj@gmail.com