

The Catholic Community of  
**St. Mary and St. Joseph Parish**



Ministering to Durand, Gaines  
& surrounding areas

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The Twenty-Eighth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time~ B  
October 10, 2021

**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**  
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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

### **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.

Official correspondence should be sent to:  
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### **~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.

## From Deacon Wayne's Desk

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
- OCTOBER 10, 2021



***No creature is concealed from him, but everything is naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must render an account,*** Heb 4:13

Rendering an account of who we are and/or what we are, can be frightening, making us feel naked and exposed. We are always in the sight of God who sees all and is with us always, even in our darkest moments, puts us completely unconcealed. As we were taught as children, God is everywhere and knows everything. As we make choices to follow God or turn away from Him (trying to put Him out of our sight), we know, in our hearts, that we are only fooling ourselves.

Now this can be scary, but if we understand who we are (sinners) and who God is (Loving Father) and His unending font of Mercy, then we can move through our lives, acting in this world, making our choices based on loving God with our whole heart. Returning His love back to Him should be at the foundation of all our decisions, big and small. You see it's only when we put our selfish motives in front of what God is asking us to do, is when our nakedness is exposed. Embarrassment and shame are what we sense in those situations, because we know we put our wants and desires first before God's desires, like the bathroom door of a public restroom being thrown open as you stand there naked.

When do we feel comfortable standing completely exposed? When we are in the presence of someone who loves us completely. People who love each other find this comfort, because their relationship is completely based on love, forgiveness, and compassion. A spouse knows everything there is to know about the other, therefore, they understand and are accepting of the other, because even their faults and imperfections are trumped by mercy, love, and compassion. It is one of the greatest feelings in the world to be loved to that extent.

When we are spiritually naked/exposed, it means we are empty of our desires/wants and relying completely on God and what His plan brings. The rich young man in the gospel reading has followed all God's commandments but has

fortified himself with what he has accumulated. He then becomes sad relying on his possessions, and turns away from Jesus' invitation to follow Him. The message here is not that we should have possessions, but that we should not place them first in our life. Finding our spiritual freedom, means not being tied to the things of this world. All our possessions should be there to help us, but not become our focus.

*Dean. Wayne*

### Family Faith Formation and YOU

We had a wonderful time last Sunday as we officially kicked off Family Faith Formation. I would like to thank all our parents, volunteers, and staff for their willingness to get this moving forward. Week 1. The classrooms were full of excitement, and the parents spent time together in prayer, and learning/sharing more about their faith formation. There were some wonderful conversations shared. As we move into this school year, I ask that every parishioner pray for all our families.

This weekend we will be passing out a special prayer for those who would like to support this new effort in their prayers. This laminated prayer card is for you to pray and participate in the future of our Family Faith Formation experience. This is a special prayer asking for St. Joseph to intercede for us as a parish family, to grow together as a family in peace and unity.

Please say this prayer daily for the Protector of Jesus, St Joseph, to intercede for all of us in our parish family of St Mary St Joseph, drawing us together to become one in peace and joy. Thank you.

### Volunteer SPOTLIGHT

### Mike Pelky

Mike has been a member of our parish for 37 years. Mike has served in the Durand KofC in various positions including 2x as Grand Knight. Mike was also on the RCIA team for 4 years. Another important ministry that Mike is very much involved in, is our St Mary Durand Food Pantry where he and his wife, Diane have been leaders in this effort. Mike also assisted Diane as youth group leader for a few years. Thank you Mike for your service to our parish family of SMSJ.

## St. Mary & St Joseph Parish Liturgy Schedule

### Monday, October 11 - No Mass

Rom 1:1-7, Ps 98:1bcde, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, Lk 11:29-32

### Tuesday, October 12 - No Mass

**Scriptural Rosary** - 1:00pm

Rom 1:16-25, Ps 19:2-3, 4-5, Lk 11:37-41

### Wednesday, October 13 - Gaines

**Adoration** - 7:20am

**Mass** - 8:30am - Kathy Root by Pam Schaefer

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

**Rosary** - 2:30pm

Rom 2:1-11, Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9, Lk 11:42-46

### Thursday, October 14 - Durand

**Mass** - 8:30am - Margie Soloc by Sandy Bensinger & Family

**Rosary** - 2:30pm

Rom 3:21-30, Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab, Lk 11:47-54

### Friday, October 15 - No Mass

Rom 4:1-8, Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11, Lk 12:1-7

### Saturday, October 16 - Durand

Rom 4:13, 16-18, Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43, Lk 12:8-12

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

**Mass** - 5:00pm - Jack Cyr by the Cyr Family

### Sunday, October 17

**Rosary** - 8:00am at Gaines

**Mass at Gaines** - 8:30am - SMSJ Parishioners

**Mass at Durand** - 11:30am - Tom Siminski by

LaVonn Siminski

Is 53:10-11, Ps Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22, Heb 4:14-16, Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45



The KofC 12186 regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 5, has been postponed until Tuesday, Oct. 12, 7:00pm.

Officer meeting starts at 6:30pm.

In addition, the MI Drive, scheduled for Fri/Sat, Oct. 8/9 has been re-scheduled for Oct. 15/16.

For more info and signup, contact John McCallum, 810-875-2950.



If you have been part of our parish family joining on our liturgies and others services and found this to be your "home" parish, we are encouraging you to please register at our parish. By registering, we can make sure we have your contact info to get you important mailings and keep you informed. Registering also provides us with important information on how we can better serve you in your sacramental needs. If you are not registered, please consider filling out a registration form we have in our gathering spaces or contact either of our offices and we can get one to you.

## 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.

**Mary Dickinson, Cullan Lampkin, Jay & Jenny Kekel, Lauretta Bradley, Teveza Mavashaj, Terry Oshita, Ellie Harrell, Helene Sloan, Brian Jones, Marge Reed, Al Proulx, Tony Tuczynski, and Janice 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.

Please continue to pray for all those that have been afflicted with or caring for someone with the COVID-19. 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 you.



### TRIBUTE GIFTS

As we recognize Donna Cormier and Robin Doyle for their many years of dedicated service to our parish, we are accepting donations for tribute gifts being purchased in their honor. If you would like further information, you may contact Pam Schaefer at 810-252-5006 or Paul Williamson at the parish office, 1-855-288-6704.



### 2021 MICHIGAN CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

All are cordially invited to attend the **First Annual Michigan Catholic Women's Conference** being held on Saturday, October 16, 2021 from 9:00am until 5:00pm at the Lansing Center. The conference theme is "Outpouring: God's Love - Our Hearts." Speakers include: Sheri Wolfert, Kelly Wahlquist, Father Adam Maher and Father Joe Krupp, with Bishop Boyea from Lansing and Bishop Gruss from Saginaw joining us to preside at Mass. The day will include lunch, shopping, music, prayer ministry, Adoration, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please join together with your sisters, daughters, friends, and women from across the State of Michigan to experience the love Christ brings to us as we journey through this life. For more information and to register, please visit [www.MichiganCWC.org](http://www.MichiganCWC.org)

**St. Mary St. Joseph Catholic Community  
Faith Formation News.**



And so it began! Our new Family Faith Formation program started last week! Parents in our program interacted with their children to complete their first Gospel Weekly lesson at home and then the families gathered to share and discuss what was learned that week. The children were then dismissed to their classroom in the Education building to discuss the next week's Gospel reading

as well as engage in some fun faith filled activities with their peers. The parents then gathered as a small group faith community to share with one another their experience with at home faith instruction. They also were presented with some Adult faith formation which will assist them on their own faith journey.

If you have not registered your child for family faith formation it is NOT too late. There are registration forms in the gathering space, and you can also find them on our Parish Website. The next Family Faith Session gathers on Oct. 17, 10:00am in the Durand campus basement.

As this new program year continues, we ask you to pray for the success of this endeavor. Please join us in this prayer of petition to one of our patron saints: St. Joseph.

*Dear St. Joseph, as you rest in the Lord, confident in his absolute power and goodness, look upon our family of SMSJ Parish as we ask the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Intercede for us as we take this journey of changing culture of embracing our faith in God, while moving towards Parish-wide Faith Formation. Please take our desire for this into your heart, dream of it, and present it to your Son. Help us then, good St. Joseph, to hear the voice of God, to arise, and to act with love. Amen!*

**Teresa Hurd**  
Faith Formation Director  
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**High School Youth Group  
News**

Last week, we discussed the concept of Faith and how it relates to developing a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Next week, we will talk about ways to put your faith into action, because we know faith must be nourished to grow. We will also brainstorm to generate a list of topics that are important to each of you. We want to meet you where you're at! Tell a friend, bring a friend. See you there!

**Confirmation Preparation News**

Confirmation Prep meets the 2nd Sunday of each month at 10:00am in the Fr. Hay Education Building on Durand campus. Please read our new Sacramental Readiness Policy which can be accessed on the SMSJ website as well as the SMSJ Facebook page. **There will be a parent meeting on November 7 in the Durand Campus Parish Hall after the 11:30am Mass. Please plan to attend.**

God's Abundant Blessings!

**John Michailo**  
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Confirmation Preparation Coordinator  
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Are you a user of Facebook? If so, go to [www.facebook.com](http://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.



**Knitting Hands Ministry**  
2021-2022 Meeting Dates  
All meetings are held in the Education Building, at the Durand Location.  
(CLIP AND SAVE!)

Wed. 7-8:30pm Thurs. 1-2:30pm

Oct 20-21	Feb 9-10
Nov 3-4	Feb 23-24
Nov 17-18	Mar 9-10
Dec 1-2	Mar 23-24
Dec 15-16	Apr 6-7
Jan 12-13	Apr 20-21
Jan 26-27	May 4-5

**Recruiting Altar/Sacristy Stewards**

If you are looking for a ministry that has no meetings or fundraising, and time devoted is controlled by you, this ministry is made for you! We are looking for people who are willing to give one or two hours monthly keeping our altar and sacristy vacuumed, dusted, etc. Please fill out the form and drop it on the collection basket or contact me directly.

Thank you! Mary Ellen Rowe, 989-277-9018, [meagerowe@aol.com](mailto:meagerowe@aol.com)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_



St. Francis Retreat Center,  
DeWitt MI

*Upcoming Events*

- October 18 - The Life of St. Therese of Lisieux One Day Retreat
  - October 22-24 - Co-Ed Weekend Retreat
  - October 30 - Continuing the Journey: Bringing the Light Out of Darkness
  - November 12-14 - Women's Weekend Retreat
  - November 12 - All Saints and All Souls One Day Retreat
  - November 13 - One Day Marriage Retreat
  - November 19-21 - DOL Confirmation Retreat
  - December 3-5 - Married Couples Weekend
- Visit [www.stfrancis.ws](http://www.stfrancis.ws) or call 517-669-8321 for more information or to register.

The Diocese of Lansing - Disabilities Ministry and All Faith Ministry for disABILITIES are resuming the Special Needs Masses at the St. Francis Retreat Center at 703 E. Main Street in DeWitt. All ages/abilities are welcome!

\*Any questions, and RSVP for all masses, please contact Cathy Blatnik, Coordinator of the Disabilities Ministry, Diocese of Lansing and Program Director - All Faith Ministry for disABILITIES at [blatsie63@yahoo.com](mailto:blatsie63@yahoo.com) or at 517-381-1410.\*

Mass starts at 2 p.m. followed by refreshments in the Dining Room.

**October 17, November 14 & December 12.**



**COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF  
October 3, 2021**

Will be provided in the next weekends bulletin.

**Sponsor of the Week**

**Knights of Columbus, #7955 Durand**

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**The October 17 bulletin cutoff is Mon., October 11 at noon.**  
If you missed this deadline, your article should run the following weekend. Submit to [bulletinmj@gmail.com](mailto:bulletinmj@gmail.com)

**CHURCH NEWS**

If you want to schedule an event utilizing a Parish facility, contact DCN Wayne using email [dcnwaynesmsj@gmail.com](mailto:dcnwaynesmsj@gmail.com)

**SMSJ Parish Diehl's Orchard and Cider Mill**  
**- Corn Maze Outing - Sunday October 24**



This trip is open to all ages. **Any-one age 15 years or younger MUST be accompanied by an adult at all times.** Admission: Age 6+: \$7, Children ages 4-5: \$3, Children 3 and under: FREE!. **This is a cash only event payable upon registration which is due Sunday, October 17. Money and registration forms should be placed in an envelope labeled Corn Maze and placed into the collection basket.**

Students in grades K -12 MUST complete and turn in a Permission Form located in the gathering space and also available on the SMSJ website / SMSJ Facebook page or through the QR code below. Adults willing to transport youth / Chaperone please fill out a Chaperone Form located in the gathering space and also available on the SMSJ website / SMSJ Facebook page or by using the QR Code below. We will depart from SMSJ Durand Campus at 1:00pm and Caravan to Holly. We will plan to return to SMSJ Durand Campus at 6:00pm.



**Relationships Matter**

**All relationships are important! Our relationships with others bring us closer to our relationship with God!**

**And Getting together is FUN!**

**Our October gathering will be STOP THE BUS and Ham!!**

**If you have never played it, it's a simple 3 card game and easy to learn!**

**Come join us!**

**October 16 at 6:30pm**

**At our Gaines Gathering Space**

**Sign up for anything that goes with ham, or dessert!**

**See ya there!!**

