



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: stmarydurand.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: stjosephgaines.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,

Happy (early) Thanksgiving! After Mass in the morning, I plan on joining some of my family at my brother's house for what is always a fine feast. If I have time, I will stop by my sister's before for some celebrating there too. They usually join my brother's family for desert, so I think I'll get to see them either way.

We as Catholics have more reasons than others to give thanks. As the priest prays at Mass, it is "our duty and our salvation always and everywhere to give You (God) thanks." We have the fullness of the faith in Jesus' Church, the Sacraments, His Word in the Scriptures, a share in the Body of Christ, the power of the fullness of His Holy Spirit, and so much more. As we pause to give thanks for the blessings we have received as individuals and a nation, may we also include in our prayers of thanks, gratitude for God's mercy and forgiveness, for Jesus suffering, dying and rising for each of us by name, for the gifts He gives us, especially His Holy Spirit, and for the abundant, perfectly happy life of heaven that is our destiny.

Because of our faith that God brings good out of every situation for those who love him and that our sufferings in Jesus have power to save souls, we even can give thanks in times of great trial and in the face of injustice and evil. One powerful way to Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord (and make new disciples) is through a life clearly marked by daily gratitude. When others see our thankfulness even in the midst of difficulties, then they will want to know why, and we can share with them the reason: Jesus and our faith in Him.

Speaking of Thank You's: A big Thank You to all those who have made a pledge to Witness to Hope and a thank you to all those who have picked up packets and are prayerfully considering how to participate. This week we reached 40% of our goal at just over \$139,000 pledge from 40 households. Another 151 households have their packets, which I see as a very encouraging sign. With their participation (and, God willing, even the participation of those who haven't got their packets yet), I believe we can reach our goal, which would be a huge accomplishment for us, a sign that God's love is powerfully present in our midst, another reason to give thanks.

I am always deeply grateful to the many parishioners who give so consistently and deeply of their time, talent

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. Casimir Hincka, David Hincka, Marge Reed, Dereck Monroe, Kim Bartes, Bob Tillson, and John Klim.



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.

Special Note: There be NO bake sale at St. Joseph Church on November 26.

and treasure to help build up our parish and come to the aid of those in need in our community. You are an inspiration to me and a witness to all that Jesus' words are true, that it is only by laying down our lives that we will truly find them. One of my consistent prayers is that your example and invitation will inspire all our parishioners (and every Catholic in our area) to grow in their faith and give of themselves in such a loving and sacrificial way.

Finally, don't forget to sign up to have your picture taken for our new parish directory. We need you! You can sign up after Mass or during the week online through our website. There are times at each of our church locations, and everyone is welcome to choose the time and location that suits your schedule best. Please invite other parishioners too that you know who perhaps haven't heard the news yet. This can be a great opportunity to get folks who haven't been around in awhile, back involved in our parish and living the faith.

May God bless you, your family and our country abundantly this week as we give thanks to Him.

St. Mary & St Joseph Parish Mass Schedule

Monday, November 20 - No Mass

Tuesday, November 21 - St. Mary

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

Mass - 8:30am - Margaret Doyle by Joe & Karen Lezovich

Wednesday, November 22 - St. Joseph

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

**Mass - 8:30am - Jim Bundoff by Tom and Cathy McAuliffe
Ron Sedlak by K of C #2031**

Thursday, November 23, Thanksgiving - St. Mary

Mass - 10:00am - Jean Vandendries by Lachance, Tift & Bunting

Friday, November 24 - St. Mary

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

Mass - 8:30am - Dale Jenkins by Steve & Barb Heading

Saturday, November 25 - St. Mary

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

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

Sunday, November 26

St. Joseph Mass - 8:30am - Wayne Morse by his family

St. Mary Mass - 11:30am - Robert & Carolyn Trebtoske by Tim Trebtoske

Mass times for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, December 8. Mark your calendars!

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation, and for us in the USA, it is our Patronal Feast day. We will have a Vigil Mass on Thursday and two Masses on Friday.

Mass times and locations:

Thursday, Dec. 7, 5:00pm at St. Mary

Friday, Dec. 8, 7:00am at St. Joseph

Friday, Dec. 8, 7:00pm at St. Mary



St. Joseph Liturgical Assignments for Nov. 26



NOTE: All Liturgical Ministers should meet 5 minutes before mass every Sunday, in the gathering space near the Sacristy, to pray as requested by Father Jon.

Eucharistic Ministers: Paul & Karrie Johnston, Don Carmer
 Sacristans: Paul & Karrie Johnston
 Lectors: Vic Huddas, Sandy Corron
 Servers: Kaitlynn Monroe, Canyon Butterfield



Adoration...

Wednesday, November 29, 7:30-8:30pm, St. Joseph Church. "And Behold I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:20

Come spend an hour before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration is a great time to give thanks for what we have, come to know Jesus more and bring our needs before Him. Join us for a night of music, prayer and praise. There will be a light reception following.

The tags for the Giving Tree...



...will be on the tree and available to be picked up starting Sunday, Nov 19, along with the Mitten Tree at St Joseph Church.

The 8th grade students...

...are preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation. Please take a name and pray for them as they continue on their journey. Confirmation is in May being celebrated at St. Paul Church in Owosso. Names are in a basket in the gathering space.

Alpha...

Mark your calendars for one more night of Alpha. Thursday, November 30 from 7:00pm-8:50pm at St. Mary in the lower level.

Anyone who would like to be...

...on a "Welcoming" committee for "Welcome Home Catholics" please contact Sandy at the St Joseph Church office...989-271-8434.



There will be a gently worn clean coat collection...

...for those who need to be warm this winter. There will be containers in the St. Mary gathering space and in the Franklin Hay Education building. All collected coats will be offered to the area food distributions. Snow pants will be collected also.

There will be a Parish Council meeting...

...Tuesday, Nov 28, 7:00pm at St. Mary Gathering Space.

Special Note: Please be advised until further notice do not use the St. Vincent de Paul Group envelopes that are in your monthly envelope packets. There currently is no St. Vincent de Paul Group at St. Mary Church. Thank you.



Gaines Knights of Columbus 12168

Knight of the Month - Ron Retka
 Family of the Month - SK Dick Huhn and Lady Pat

Please Note: Due to the Thanksgiving Day Holiday, the bulletin cut off was moved up to Fri., Nov. 17 for the Nov. 26 bulletin.

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St. Mary Annual Advent by Candlelight...

...will be held on Sunday, November 19, 5:00 pm in the church basement. This is a time to relax and refocus on the season of advent. Our guest speaker is Jane Knuth, author of "Thrift Store Saints: Meeting Jesus 25 cents at a Time". Sign up sheet in the gathering space or call Carol Spoor [989-980-3642](tel:989-980-3642), Lori Grumley [517-927-6531](tel:517-927-6531) for more information. Inviting all women of the parish to come for a great evening.



St. Joseph Annual Advent by Candlelight...

...is coming on Sun., Nov. 19, 5:00pm. Please look for the sign up sheet in the gathering space at St. Joseph Church. We are asking for table sponsors and inviting all the ladies of the Parish to attend. There is a sign up sheet for food also. This event has been well received in the past and if you have never attended, you will be in for a real treat.



LIFE TEEN

Drop-In & Adoration

Wednesday Nov 29, 6:00pm-8:30pm St. Joseph Church. Drop-In is for all high school students who are looking for a place to do home work, hang out, participate in small groups and enjoy a meal together. Eucharistic Adoration will start at 7:30pm with a time for prayer, music and praise.

The Mother Teresa Group of St. Joseph Church...

would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of our first ever, Church Bazaar. Whether you donated baked goods, food for the luncheon, or spent time preparing for or working at our event you are greatly thanked. A special thank you to Jill Rohner for bringing this project to our attention and introducing and inviting thirteen vendors to rent tables for this Bazaar. All proceeds will benefit the needs of the Parish.



Parish Support for the weekend of November 12:



November 12 offerings (general collection).....	\$5,824.72
Building Debt.....	\$1,146.00
Improvement.....	\$235.00
World Mission.....	\$50.00
All Saints.....	\$60.00
Outreach.....	\$120.00
Energy.....	\$389.00
St. Vincent de Paul.....	\$138.00
Mother Teresa Group.....	\$5.00
Human Development.....	\$20.00
Help Spread The Faith.....	\$50.00



WE HAVE A NEW WEBSITE! Check it out!

Go see our new parish website at

www.stmarystjoseph.org

Let us know what you think. It's a work in progress and we are excited about the opportunities we have with this new platform. Fr. Jonathan

Sponsor of the Week

Rajiva Tirtha D.D.S.

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