



St. Mary & St. Joseph Parish

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Together In Christ

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St. Mary Church

700 Columbia Dr., Durand, MI 48429

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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

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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.

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~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 sisters and brothers,

Welcome to the end of the year...the end of the liturgical year, that is. And a happy feast of Christ the King! What a fitting way to end anything, especially our liturgical year, as we

acknowledge and celebrate the fact that Jesus is the ruler and Lord of all of creation. He, along with the Father and Spirit made all things. It is in His image that we are made. He is the Savior of us all. All things will be placed under His rule, and it is in Him and with Him and through Him that we will be brought to heaven and enjoy its everlasting delights. His is a ruler of mercy, justice and goodness. He is the only ruler who raises those who follow Him and worship Him to an equal position with Him. All in heaven will help Him rule over the new heaven and the new earth. Wow! May you and I choose to make Him Lord of our lives more each day so that we might share in His abundant life.

Next Sunday we begin Advent. Advent is always short, but this year it is as short as it gets. With Christmas falling on a Monday, Advent is really only three weeks long. Please check out our Mass times for the fourth Sunday of Advent, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

The three things I am encouraging everyone to do this Advent are (1) go to confession, (2) spend a little time in silent prayer each day, and (3) do at least one extra act of mercy (feed the hungry, cloth the naked, visit those in prison, shelter the homeless, counsel those in doubt, bear with others patiently, etc.). And start with the first one: don't skip going to confession as this is a wonderful and necessary way of thanking Jesus. Give Him the gift of your repentance and trust in His mercy. Instead of just on Penance service, I have added many times throughout the week, including Sunday, to make it as convenient for everyone as possible. Please see the insert in this week's bulletin, the website or our gathering spaces for all the times and locations. If you don't see a time that works for you, let me know, and I will make myself available. Just give me a call. Come meet Jesus and have all your sins washed away.

Silence is a necessity for prayer. In our world today, we often have to make an effort for silence. These days, even when I'm pumping gas there is music or a TV screen going and making noise. For those who live a bit out in the country, silence is easier to find, but we still have to make the choice to turn off the TV, tablet, computer, etc. and turn our attention to

God. Advent is meant to be a way to get ready for Jesus' second coming by recognizing His presence now and staying close to Him. Silence in prayer helps make this possible. Take a few extra minutes this Advent each day in silent prayer.

Finally, the fruit of prayer is love, expressed in love of our neighbor. And what better way to meet Jesus in our daily lives then to seek Him out in the poor and needy. Perhaps you can pay a visit to those in our nursing homes, some of whom have few visitors throughout the year. Because of health reasons, the parishioner running our Angel Tree at our St. Mary Church location was not able to do it this year and those ready to help found out too late. While we will have this back next year (God willing), we still have our giving opportunities through St. Joseph Church and there are others in the area. What is God inviting you to do for others this Advent to thank Him for all He has given you in Jesus?

May God bless you and your family abundantly this week.

St. Mary & St Joseph Parish Mass Schedule

Monday, November 27 - No Mass

Tuesday, November 28 - St. Mary

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

Mass - 8:30am - Karen Stinger by Ronald & Vicki Wagner

Wednesday, November 29 - St. Joseph

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

Mass - 8:30am - Ethel Kovacs by John and Annette Luck

Thursday, November 30 - St. Mary

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

Mass - 8:30am - Dorothy McDonald by Joe & Karen Lezovich

First Friday, December 1 - St. Mary

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

Mass - 8:30am - Irene Sworthwood by Jennie DeNolf

Mass - 10:30am - Durand Senior Care Center - Seminarians & those in religious life formation.

Saturday, December 2 - St. Mary

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

Mass - 5:00pm - Carlton Purdy by Sharon & Michael Gould

Sunday, December 3

St. Joseph Mass - 8:30am - Dean Crandel by family

St. Mary Mass - 11:30am - St. Mary and St. Joseph Parishioners

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



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, De-reck Monroe, and Kim Bartes.

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.



Reconciliation

Advent Confession Times

St Mary

Wednesdays

Dec 6, 13, 20th7-8:00pm

Fridays

Dec 8.....1:30-2:00pm

Dec 15, 22nd 1:30-2:00pm,7-8:00pm

Dec 15,22nd Eucharistic Adoration.....6-8:00pm

Saturdays

Dec 9, 16, 23rd9-10:00am, 3:30-4:30pm

St Joseph

Sundays

Dec 3, 10, 17, 24th8-8:20am

Wednesdays

Dec 6, 13, 20th9-9:30am

Community Penance Service available at

St Joseph, Owosso, Dec 12th at 6:30pm; St Mary, Morrice, Dec 19th at 7pm

December Event Calendar

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
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“Light up for Christ”	Tues, Dec 5	7:30pm	St Mary
The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary	Thurs, Dec 7 Fri, Dec 8	5pm 7am 7pm	St Mary St Joseph St Mary

Holy day of Obligation

Fourth Sunday of Advent Masses

Saturday, December 23, 5:00pm Mass - St. Mary
 Sunday, December 24, 8:30am Mass - St. Joseph
 Sunday, December 24th, 10:00am Mass – St Mary

Christmas Eve Masses - Sunday, December 24

3:30pm - Children’s Christmas Play - St. Mary
 4:00pm - Mass St. Mary
 6:00pm - Mass St. Joseph
 12:00am - Midnight Mass St. Mary

Christmas Day Masses - Monday, December 25

9:00am - Mass St. Joseph
 11:00am - Mass St. Mary
 Daily Masses resume Tuesday, December 26, 8:30am St. Mary
 New Year’s Day – 10:00am Mass at St Mary

Life Teen

Life Teen Mass
 Sunday, Dec 3rd at 11:30am
 Followed by potluck
 And decorating at St Francis
 Prayer Center

RCIA

*Thursday evenings at
 7pm at St Mary’s*

Rosary

St. Mary:
 Gathering space, Tues., 1:30pm

St. Joseph:
 Sun. before 8:30am Mass

Divine Mercy Chaplet

St. Mary: Fridays at 9am
 Litany to the Sacred Heart-
 First Fridays

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St. Mary
 Dec 7, 7pm
 Dec 21, 7pm
 Education Building

St. Joseph
 Dec 5, Tuesday
 7pm
 St Joseph Hall

Mother Teresa

Meeting:
 St. Joseph
 First Tuesday at
 6:30pm

Bake Sale:
 Last Sunday –
 9:30am

Working Hands

Ministry

Wed
 7pm-8pm
Thurs,
 1pm-2pm
 St Mary Education
 Building

St. Joe Food

Pantry
 1st & 3rd Wed.
 9:30am, St. Joe Hall

Praise God from
 Whom all Blessings
 flow....


Religious Education

St Mary
 Education Building
 Sundays
 9:45am-11:15am

Choir

St. Mary
 Thursdays at 6:30pm
 Saturdays at 3:45pm
 Sundays at 10:30am

St. Joseph
 Every Saturday
 At 10:00am



St. Joseph Liturgical Assignments for December 3

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: Tedd & Susan McDowell, Anne Bartes
 Sacristans: Tedd & Susan McDowell
 Lectors: John Reaume, Nanette Cecil
 Servers: Jared & Johnny Moe

Thanks to the Ladies Altar Society, the Knights, and the Mother Teresa Group for the excellent food, and all your time and talent for the appreciation weekend for Fr. Jonathan.




The tags for the Giving Tree...

... are available to be picked up 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.

This week's prayer to carry in your hearts and your prayer time:

Jesus, I offer my prayers for vocations.


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.



Alpha...

Mark your calendars for 1 more night of Alpha. Thursday, November 30 from 7:00pm-8:50pm at St. Mary in the lower level.

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.

There will be two special times...

...for Eucharistic Adoration during Advent. Friday, Dec 15, and Friday, Dec 22, at St Mary's from 6-8:00pm will be Eucharistic Adoration and Confession time available from 7-8:00pm. Please consider spending some special time with the Lord.

Dec. 3 bulletin cut off is Nov. 27 by 9:00am.
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**Advance Christmas Mass Schedule...
 Fourth Sunday in Advent**

Saturday, December 23, 5:00pm Mass - St. Mary
 Sunday, December 24, 8:30am Mass - St. Joseph
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ST. MARY USHERS FOR DECEMBER

5:00pm – Leonard & Pam Corwin
 Claudia Holek, Elane Cesar

11:30am – Joe & Patty Guzniczak
 Tim Trebtoski, Rene Walters

ST. MARY GREETERS FOR DECEMBER

5:00pm – Denise Maranzano
 11:30am – Lauretta Bradley

Parish Support for the weekend of November 19:



Due to the early bulletin submission deadline, collection data will be reported in the next weekends bulletin.



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

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.

Eucharistic 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.

There will be a Parish Council meeting...

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

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