



# St. Mary & St. Joseph Parish

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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: 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.

Website: stmarystjoseph.org

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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,  
Happy Easter! Happy Divine Mercy Sunday!

I will be away for a few days this week, officiating at the marriage of a couple (one of whom is our parishioner) in New Smyrna Beach, FL. The wedding is all the way down in Florida to surprise the father of the groom. His dad is celebrating his 102 birthday (yes, that is not a misprint). Celebrating a wedding in Florida and having such a mature father of the groom will be a first for me. With the weather as it has been up here, I am looking forward to a couple of days of warm weather, and, I hope, a walk along the beach.

This being Divine Mercy Sunday, it is worth our recalling some of Jesus' words to St. Faustina. St. Faustina is the woman to whom Jesus asked that Divine Mercy Sunday be instituted on this Second Sunday of Easter. She lived in Poland, dying in 1938 from tuberculosis at the age of 33. The message of divine mercy is, of course, not new. Rather, Jesus' words to St. Faustina are a reminder to us alive to today of the importance of divine mercy, and a call to heed Jesus' offer of mercy while we still can.

One simple way to capture the message of divine mercy that I've come across is think ABC:

**A - Ask for His Mercy.** God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

**B - Be merciful.** God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

**C - Completely trust in Jesus.** God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

Here are some of the things Jesus said to St. Faustina during her life. When he speaks about a Feast to His mercy, this is what we now celebrate as Divine Mercy Sunday.

**Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My Mercy.** —St. Faustina's *Diary* 300

**Souls perish in spite of My bitter Passion. I am giving them the last hope of salvation; that is, the Feast of My Mercy. If they will not adore My mercy, they will perish for all eternity.** *Diary* 965

**I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy.** *Diary* 1109

**I desire trust from My creatures. Encourage souls to place great trust in My fathomless mercy. Let the weak, sinful soul have no fear to approach Me, for even if it had more sins than there are grains of sand in the world, all would be drowned in the unmeasurable depths of My mercy.** *Diary* 1059

***I demand the worship of My mercy through the solemn celebration of the Feast and through the veneration of the image which is painted. By means of this image I shall grant many graces to souls. It is to be a reminder of the demands of My mercy, because even the strongest faith is of no avail without works.*** *Diary* 742

These are a very short sampling of Jesus' many words to St. Faustina during her short 33 years here on this earth. If you have never read her diary, I encourage you to check it out: *The Diary of St. Maria Faustina Kowlaska*.

May God bless you and your family abundantly this week.

## St. Mary & St Joseph Parish Mass Schedule

**Monday, April 9 - No Mass**

**Tuesday, April 10 - St. Mary**

**Mass** - 8:30am - Margaret Doyle by Don & Deanne Schave

**Wednesday, April 11 - St. Joseph**

**Mass** - Ron Sedlak by Martha Sutton

**Thursday, April 12 - St. Mary**

**Mass** - 8:30am - Dorothy McDonald by Mary Ann, Ken Honeck & family

**Friday, April 13 - St. Mary**

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

**Mass** - 8:30am - Sophie Nequist by Mike & Kay Meyer

**Saturday, April 14 - St. Mary**

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

**Mass** - 5:00pm - Barry Krembs from the family

**Sunday, April 15**

**St. Joseph Mass** - 8:30am - St. Mary and St. Joseph Parishioners

**St. Mary Mass** - 11:30am - Mitchell Wilcox by the family

**NOTE:** Fr. Jon will be out of town from Monday, April 9 through Thursday, April 12, so there will be no Eucharistic Adoration on those dates. He will return on Friday, April 13. Msgr. Groshek will be here for the daily Masses.

*Thank You!*

The Altar Society would like to thank everyone for the huge success of the annual raffle and bake sale. To all that donated and all the crafters that shared their talents and of course the wonderful bakers. We are so grateful for everyone's participation. We are only going to list the top three item winnings as the list is too long. The list will be posted in the gathering space, if you would like to see more results.

The Quarter Beef went to Virginia Williamson. The Guitar went to Paul Williamson. The Hooked Rug done by Fr. Joe went to Jane Bowler. Again, thank you to everyone!




*Thank You!*

...to everyone that made desserts and soup for the Knights Fish dinners and worked to help make the fish dinners a successful year.

Also want to thank everyone that supported the fish dinners. Proceeds went to help support the Thomas Smith Memorial Foundation.







**St. Joseph Liturgical Assignments for April 15**  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Jerry Reed  
 Sacristans: Jerry & Marge Reed  
 Lectors: Jim Mathis, Sandy Corrior  
 Servers: Kaitlynn & Justin Monroe

**Please note:** The *Liturgical Assignments for St Joseph* will no longer be published in the bulletin starting May 1. The assignments will continue to be sent email and printed out for pick-up in the gathering space.

**GROW + GO**      **Grow - Pray.....for others**  
**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. Elle Madoline Beiser, Gehrig Michael Beiser, Sue & Jerome Kekel, Paul Williamson, Karen Carsten, Matt & Jenny Wilcox, Joe & Tracy Carsten, Toni Monroe, Jim Elford, and Curt Rivard.

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.**

**GROW + GO**      **Grow - Serve.....others' needs.**  
 There will be a ladies **Altar Society** meeting Tuesday, April 17, at 6:00pm in the St. Mary gathering space. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.



**2nd Sunday of Easter Prayer...**

...God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed. 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.

**GROW + GO**      **Grow - Study.....the faith**  
**Monday Night Scripture** group will continue the next 6-7 weeks with a study on "The Holy Spirit and Spiritual Gifts" from Threshold Bible Study from 23rd Publications. It looks at key biblical texts for prayerful reading and discussion, and to rekindle the fire of the Holy Spirit within us. Mondays at 6:30pm in St Mary gathering space.



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 Knight of Month  
 Frank Kondel  
 2 families of the Month  
 Jackie and Frank Kondel  
 Lisa and Phil Elders



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[bulletinmj@gmail.com](mailto:bulletinmj@gmail.com)

**GROW + GO**      **Grow - Engage.....in parish life**  
**Spring Clean-up Day.**  
 An outside Spring Clean-up day will be Sat., April 21 at 10:00am for both St Joseph and St. Mary churches. Please be ready to use your gardening skills to mulch, clean up, and beautify the flower gardens!

**GROW + GO**      **Grow - Serve...others' needs.**  
**All Lectors:**  
 St Mary and St Joseph Lectors are invited to a **Lector Formation and Appreciation Breakfast** at St Joseph on Sat., April 14. An appreciation breakfast will be at 10:00am followed by formation for all lectors, and information for anyone wanting to serve their parish as a lector. Please RSVP to the parish office 989-271-8434.

**This week...**  
 ...Bill Cross, a representative from our bulletin publisher, Diocesan Publications, will be seeking new and renewing present parish bulletin ads. If you are interested in advertising please call the parish office for contact information. We feel this is an excellent opportunity for local businesses to increase their visibility in the community. Advertising in the bulletin allows this publication to be printed each week at no cost to the parish.

**GROW** as a disciple of Jesus!  
*The purpose of your life is to continually GROW in intimate relationship with God*  
**Pray**...every day  
**Study**...the faith  
**Engage**...in parish life  
**Serve**...others' needs



**GO** evangelize!  
*Jesus' final command to his disciples was, "GO and make disciples of all nations." (Mt 28:19)*  
**Pray**...for those who are separated from God.  
**Witness**...about Jesus..  
**Invite**...them to church.  
**Accompany**...them as they grow.

This week's prayer to carry in your hearts and your prayer time:  
**God, I pray for patience.**

**Parish Support for the weekend of April 1**



April 1 (Easter Sunday).....	\$8,108.00
Good Friday - Holy Land.....	\$1,110.00
Outreach.....	\$52.00
Building Debt.....	\$295.00
St. Joseph Bake Sale.....	\$400.56

**Online donations for March 2018:**

General Collection.....	\$1,125.00
Building Debt.....	\$500.00
Outreach.....	\$45.00

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