



# 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,

**Don't forget that on November 1, we celebrate All Saints Day, which is a Holy Day of obligation.** We will have a morning Mass at 7:00am at St. Joseph's and an evening Mass at 7:00pm at St. Mary's.

As we heard this past weekend, the greatest commandment in our lives is to love God with our whole heart, soul and mind. Certainly, participating as Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is a necessary expression of this love which sets us free and gives us abundant life. May we encourage and support one another to continue to strive to love God as He loves us—with all that we have.

**In addition, November 2 is All Souls Days, and the month of November dedicated in a special way to praying for our dead.** Did you know that for the first eight days of November you can gain a plenary indulgence for any deceased person by visiting a cemetery, saying a prayer while there, and fulfilling the other requirements for a plenary indulgence? You can gain one each day. What a great gift to give

### 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.

Kim Bartes, Bob Tillson, Sue McCarty, John Klim, Hunter Johnson, Lawrence Kondel, and Michael Kondel.



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.**

### 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.



### St. Mary Annual Advent by Candlelight...

...is coming on Sun., Nov. 19, 5:00pm in the Church basement. Asking for sponsors for tables and inviting all ladies of the parish to attend. Our guest speaker is Jane Knuth, author of "Thrift Store Saints: Meeting Jesus 25 cents at a Time" More information to follow next week.



### REMINDER...

...that Nov. 1 is All Saints Day and a Holy Day of obligation. Mass times: 7:00am St. Joseph, 7:00pm St. Mary.



to someone you know—or don't know—who has passed on. Interested in finding out more about plenary indulgences? Check out this week's bulletin insert.

**Just over a month from now, starting on Dec. 7, TV ads will play throughout our diocese inviting Catholics to return to Mass and the practice of the faith.** The ads are well done and made by Catholics Come Home. Some of our parishioners will be going with me to an afternoon of training on how we can be even more ready to welcome anyone who shows up at our parish because of these ads. The training will take place at St. John Vianney in Flint on Friday, Nov. 3 from 1- 3:30pm. If you would like to join us, we would love to have you. Please contact the office for more information and so we can make sure you are registered.

**Please keep those going through the Alpha course in your prayer, especially for our upcoming retreat day on Nov 4.** This day is for some a powerful experience of God's Spirit and an significant moment in their lives. I know I am looking forward to being a part of it and having the opportunity to pray anew for more of God and His gifts.

**Speaking of Nov. 4,** the saying "when it rains it pours" seems applicable as we have our Saturday Outreach taking place at St. Mary's and the diocesan-wide women's conference all taking place that day! One might say there is something for everyone.

May God bless you and your family abundantly this week.

## St. Mary & St Joseph Parish Mass Schedule

**Monday, October 30 - No Mass**

**Tuesday, October 31 - St. Mary**

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

**Mass - 8:30am- Dale Jenkins by Jack & Marian Vasecik**

**Wednesday, November 1— All Saints Day**

**St. Joseph Mass - 7:00am - Walter and Marie Corrion by Dcn. Wayne Corrion**

**Jim Bundoff by Carl and Maureen Schisler**

**St. Mary Mass - 7:00pm - Jennie DeNolf by Charles & Anita Holey**

**Thursday, November 2 - St. Mary**

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

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

**First Friday, November 3 - St. Mary**

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

**Mass - 8:30am - Janet Young by Leonard & Pam Corwin**

**Durand Senior Center - 10:30am - All deceased members of our parish**

**Saturday, November 4 - St. Mary**

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

**Mass - 5:00pm - Elmer "Andy" Anderson by family & friends**

**Sunday, November 5**

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

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

## What is an indulgence?

An indulgence is the remission in the eyes of God of the temporal punishment due to sin whose culpable element has already been taken away.\*

Think about temporal punishment this way: If you threw a rock through your neighbor's window and then repented, apologized and received their forgiveness, the window would still be broken, the glass would still need to be cleaned up and a new window put in (not to mention the loss of peace and unity in your neighborhood). The cleaning up of the glass and putting a new window in are like the temporal punishment due to sin.

Basically, indulgences are you and I cooperating with God's mercy to clean up the mess that our sins or the sins of others have made. Indulgences are *not* magic nor are we buying our salvation or forgiveness. Indulgences are applied to sins that have already been forgiven, and we are cooperating with Jesus' saving Paschal Mystery through our own acts of faith, hope and love.

## What are the two types of indulgences?

There are partial and plenary indulgences. A partial indulgence frees a person from some of the temporal punishment due to sin. A plenary indulgence frees a person from *all* temporal punishment due to sin.

## I want to gain a plenary indulgence! What do I need to do to gain a plenary indulgence?

*There are five criteria or requirements to gaining a plenary indulgence:*

1. The person must be free from all attachment to all sin, even venial sins.
2. Sacramental confession near the day of the work.
3. Reception of the Eucharist, ideally on the same day you do the work.
4. Prayer for the pope's intentions, at least one Our Father and one Hail Mary.
5. The performance of a specific action/work. For the first 8 days of November, the work is visiting a cemetery and saying a prayer while there

## One final suggestion and encouragement:

As I hope you realize after reading this, the greatest challenge to gaining a plenary indulgence is the necessity to be free from *all* attachment to *all* sin at the time when you are gaining the indulgence. I find it helpful to ask Mary for the grace to be free from all attachment to all sin before doing the works connected to the indulgence.

It is always good to try and gain a plenary indulgence even if you think you are still attached to sin. First, only God knows this for sure and in the moment He can give you a special grace. Second, our efforts are never in vain and even if you do not gain a plenary indulgence, you always gain a partial indulgence when you do the works.

So go out there and free some people from purgatory!!

— Fr. Jonathan

\* *An indulgence is the remission in the eyes of God of the temporal punishment due to sin whose culpable element has already been taken away. The Christian faithful who are rightly disposed and observe the definite, prescribed conditions gain this remission through the effective assistance of the Church, which, as the ministers of redemption, authoritatively distributes and applies the treasury of the expiatory works of Christ and the saints. (From **The Handbook of Indulgences Norms and Grants**, p. 19)*

# November Event Calendar

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
All Saints Day <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	Wed, 11/1	7am 7pm	St Joseph St Mary
Appreciation Weekend	Sat/ Sun	After all Masses,	St Mary, St Joe
Alpha Retreat	Sat, 11/4	9am-4pm	St Joseph
Alpha	Thurs, 11/9, 16, 23, 30	7pm	St Mary
Christmas Bazaar	Sat, 11/11	7am-4pm	St Joe Hall
KofC Chicken Dinner	Fri, 11/17	5pm-7pm	St Joe Hall
Advent by Candlelight	Sun, 11/19	5pm	St Joseph
Advent by Candlelight	Sun, 11/19	5pm	St. Mary
St Vincent DePaul Truck	Sat/Sun, 11/18-19		St Mary
RE Children Singing	Sun, 11/19	11am	St Mary
Parish Council Meeting	HAPPY THANKSGIVING Tues, 11/28	7pm	St Mary
Worship Wednesday	Wed, 11/29	7:30-8:30pm	St Joseph

## Life Teen

**Catholic Youth Conference  
"Unashamed"**

Nov 5, 10am-8pm, Lansing  
Carpool from St Mary 8:30am

## 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

Nov 2, 7pm  
Nov 16, 7pm  
Education Building

### St. Joseph

Nov 7, 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, 11/1, 11/15, 11/29  
7pm-8pm

Thurs, 11/2,  
11/16, 11/30

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  
9:45 am-11:15 am

## Choir

### St. Mary

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

**St. Joseph**  
Every Sunday  
At 9:30am




**St. Joseph Liturgical Assignments for Nov. 5**  
 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: Marlene Cole, Frank Kondel, Gayle Stanis  
 Sacristans: Marlene Cole, Frank Kondel  
 Lectors: Deb Boucha, Patrick McGuire  
 Servers: Kirklynd Lake, \*\*Volunteer

**Flint Right to Life...**  
 A big **thank you** to all who donated to the Baby Bottle Fundraiser. A total of \$1,531.04 was raised for Flint Right to Life for promotion and education in our area to help save lives.

**St. Mary Outreach Food Pantry Volunteers Needed:**  
 The next food distribution is on **November 4**. There are sign-up sheets in the back of the church (on a clip-board). A **food truck delivery** is scheduled for Thursday, November 2 at 8:30am. Initial food packaging (packers) and building setup takes place on Friday, November 3 at 6:00pm.  
 For any questions concerning the St. Mary Outreach Food Pantry, please contact Diane Pelky at 989-288-4446 or Kathy Schmidt 989-288-4183 or stmaryfoodpantry@gmail.com.  
 Thank you again for your continued support. God Bless!

**St. Vincent de Paul meeting...**  
 ...on Sunday, October 29 at 12:30pm at St. Mary gathering space. Informational meeting on rechartering our chapter. St. Vincent de Paul Society helps serve the poor and needy in our area. All are invited to find out about getting involved.



**Unashamed Youth Conference Sunday, Nov. 5**  
 This day long conference will help all experience a deeper conversion while having a blast with other teenagers from around the Diocese. Open to all in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. We will be leaving St. Mary at 8:30am and returning at 9:15pm. Fill out a Catholic Youth Conference form and Health form in the Life Teen rack in the Gathering Space to attend. Registration is \$60. All forms and registration fee can be placed in the collection basket. For more info contact Adriana Lindgren (855) 288-6704 [adrianadcy@gmail.com](mailto:adrianadcy@gmail.com)



To all the folks that helped at this years rodeo, there will be an appreciation dinner...  
**Date: November 4**  
**Times: 2:00pm-6:00pm**  
**Location: St Joseph Hall**  
 Please, if you could, wear your rodeo shirt to show our sponsor how many people it takes to make this rodeo happen. This dinner is being sponsored by the Texas Roadhouse. There is no charge to this dinner.

**The Mother Teresa Group...**  
 ...is planning our first ever Christmas bazaar to be held at the St. Joseph Hall on November 11. We are currently looking for crafters who might be interested in renting a table at this event. If you craft or know someone who does, please contact Jill Rohner 810-836-1557. This should be a fun event. We will have crafters, vendors, bake sale, and lunch. Watch for future notices.

**Ladies: You are cordially...**  
 ...invited to attend the Fifth Annual Lansing Diocese Catholic Women's Conference entitled "God's Desire" on Saturday, November 4, 2017 from 9:00am until 5:00pm at the Lansing Center. Speakers include: Father Mathias Thelen, Father Mark Rutherford, Colleen Mitchell, and Bishop Earl Boyea will preside at mass. We will also have lunch, shopping, music, dramas, Adoration, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available all day. Please set aside this day and join together with your sisters, daughters, and friends to experience our Heavenly Father's desire for His daughters. For more information and to register, please visit: [www.LansingDioceseCWC.org](http://www.LansingDioceseCWC.org).

Upcoming retreats at St Francis Retreat Center:  
 Mon., Nov 6, 9:00am-3:30pm:  
**"Becoming Saints; Our Deepest Desire"**  
 Fri., Dec 8, **"A Eucharistic Advent Retreat"**.  
 For more info go to [stfrancis.ws](http://stfrancis.ws) or [517-669-8321](tel:517-669-8321).

**The Community Closet at the Catholic Charities Office in Shiawassee and Genesee Counties...**  
 ...is requesting donations of new or gently used clean linens in queen and king sizes, as well as towels and washcloths, gloves, mittens, socks (all sizes), men's winter gloves and men's work gloves are greatly needed to stock. If you are able to donate, please bring these items to your parish during the month of October through November 30 for collection and distribution.

**Parish Support for the weekend of October 22:**



<b>October 22 offerings (general collection)</b> .....	\$4,832.00
Outreach.....	\$174.50
Building Debt.....	\$492.00
Improvement.....	\$10.00
Energy.....	\$10.00
World Mission.....	\$190.66
Candles.....	\$141.75

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**DeLux Trophies - Awards & Gifts**  
 See the full ad on the back page. Please patronize these sponsors, as they make our bulletin possible. Also, let them know where you saw it!

Nov. 5 bulletin cut off is Oct. 30 by 9:00am  
[bulletinmj@gmail.com](mailto:bulletinmj@gmail.com)

