



St. Mary & St. Joseph Parish

One Holy Family
Together In Christ

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St. Mary Church

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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

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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,

Happy New Year! And Happy Feast of the Holy Family!

Two important take aways as we celebrate the Holy Family are (1) that God made us to be a part of a family and (2) that Jesus redeemed the family, all families. The world around us, perhaps partly because of so much brokenness in families, is more and more pushing the notion that the "traditional family" (i.e. one father and one mother, who are committed for life and who give birth to children after they are married, welcoming them into a stable and loving home, raising them together as their own) is a human creation that isn't necessarily better than other situations, and while some may choose this type of a family, it's not only unrealistic to think that most would have this, but also wrong to try and say all should strive to live this way.

Jesus coming into the world and being born into His family proclaims the great good news that the family is a gift from God, that just as God made us male and female, giving us the good of marriage, He also made us to be born into, to grow up in and to always be a part of a family.

Knowing, however, that all of our families are broken in some way, and that many in this world experience real suffering because of this brokenness, it is just as important to never forget that Jesus has redeemed all our families: for even the most troubled family there is hope in Jesus. Perfect reconciliation, harmony and intimacy may not be realized in this life (indeed, many grow up without their family at all), but that doesn't mean God can't bring this about in the next.

For us now, these two take aways mean *both* that we are to strive to live our family life as God teaches us too

while making this calling known to the world, *and also* that we are to make available in Jesus' Church the healing and hope that all families have in Him.

We have been talking lately about Grow and Go. This can be expressed for our families this way: our faith calls us to Grow as families of faith and love where God is at the center of all our activities, and it calls us to Go make this merciful good news known and available to the world.

Looking ahead a bit, I will be away from January 8 -17 visiting friends and hopefully seeing family a bit too. I will be mostly in Soldiers Grove, Wisconsin. Somehow, I often end up visiting my friends there after Christmas, when it's so warm there...NOT! Last year, the week I was there ended up being the coldest week of the year. Good timing, Fr. Jon. While it is beautiful there during the winter, as they get lots of sun and the hills look stunning covered in snow, I do like the warm summers much more.

St. Mary & St Joseph Parish Mass Schedule

Monday, January 1 - New Years Day - St. Mary
Mass - 10:00am - Robert & Carolyn Trebtoske by Tim Trebtoske

Tuesday, January 2 - St. Mary
Eucharistic Adoration - 7:20am to 8:20am
Mass - 8:30am - Betty Vargo by Kathleen Girgen

Wednesday, January 3 - St. Joseph
Eucharistic Adoration - 7:20am to 8:20am
Mass - 8:30am - Ron Sedlak by K of C 2031 David Hollenbeck Jr. by Mother Teresa Group
† Sacrament of Reconciliation - 9:00am to 9:30am

Thursday, January 4 - St. Mary
Eucharistic Adoration - 7:20am to 8:20am
Mass - 8:30am - Margaret Doyle by Ann Marie Young & family

First Friday, January 5- St. Mary
Eucharistic Adoration - 7:20am to 8:20am
Mass - 8:30am - Karen Stinger by Owen & Inez Rood
Durand Senior Care Mass - 10:30am - Parish ioners in military, police, fire and EMS.

Saturday, January 6 - St. Mary
† Sacrament of Reconciliation - 3:30pm to 4:30pm
Mass - 5:00pm - St. Mary and St. Joseph Parishioners

Sunday, January 7
St. Joseph Mass - 8:30am - Ethel Kovacs by Tom and Gloria Ruddy
St. Mary Mass - 11:30am - Sophie Nequist by Tom MacGillivray & Cheryl Gott

Special Note: While Fr. Jonathan is away there will be no Masses or Expositions on Tuesday, January 9, Friday, January 12, Tuesday, January 16 and Wednesday, January 17.

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. George Newberry, Debbie Newberry, Christian Carpenter, Ben Monroe, Diane Hincka, Kaylie Terry, Brooke Fuller, Derek Monroe, Theresa Tur-ski, Jim Elford, Jennifer Monroe, Judy Fortino, Bill & Rosemary Gumble, Loretta Clifford, Mabel Hart.

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.

Dear St. Mary and St. Joseph Parish Families,

Happy New Year! Thank you to the many of you who have already had your picture taken for our new parish pictorial directory, and to all those who have upcoming appointments. For those families and households that have not scheduled an appointment yet, *now is the time!* We need you. A new church parish family album:

- *Preserves this special time in the life and ministry of our parish*
- *Becomes a lasting record of our current membership*
- *Introduces our parish to friends, the community and new members*
- *Enhances fellowship by helping us visually connect faces with names*
- *Becomes a communication tool for our parish family*

Lifetouch is providing our directory at no cost to our parish. Every family photographed receives a directory and a complimentary 8x10 portrait! We are encouraging everyone to participate. Please plan on **ONE HOUR** to be checked in and for your photography session and portrait viewing. Sign up additional times for extended family. Online scheduling will be available by going to our website at www.stmarystjoseph.org and choosing the Lifetouch link. Please help us fill our earlier dates first if they work for you and your household. Dates of photography are:

Tue-Sun, January 2-6, St. Mary's church

Tue-Sun, January 9-13, St. Joseph's church

Thu, Fri & Sat, January 18, 19 & 20, St. Mary's church

Hours: Tuesday-Friday: 2pm-8:30 pm & Saturdays: 9:30am-4:30pm

For your convenience, all photography and portrait viewing will take place at both parish locations, and Lifetouch does not charge a sitting fee. One pose will be selected for the directory taken on a STONE GREY background. You will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits but you are not obligated to do so. Portrait guides and pricing brochures are available at the sign up table that show the new portrait options offered by Lifetouch. Pets and meaningful items are welcome too! All households that participate will receive a 20% discount off portrait pricing. Also, if you donate a food item to our food pantry Lifetouch will give back to you a \$5 coupon to use on your portrait purchase.

You will also have the opportunity to invite your extended family and have portraits made with everyone together. Lifetouch will photograph generational poses with everyone together including grandparents and grandkids, or any other special poses. Please participate!

Sincerely,

Fr. Jonathan

January Event Calendar

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Solemnity of Mary (Mass)	Jan 1 st	10am	St Mary
Daytime Alpha	Wed, Jan 3 - 31	10am	St Mary
RCIA	Thurs, Jan 11, 18, 25	7pm	St Joseph
Finance Council Meeting	Jan 16 th	7pm	St Mary
K of C Chicken Dinner	Jan 19 th	5pm	St Joseph Hall
Parish Council Meeting	Jan 23 rd	7pm	St Joseph
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Jan 24 th		7-8pm	St Mary
Outreach Food Pantry	Jan 27 th	9am	St Mary Ed Bldg
Marriage Date Night	Jan 27 th	6:30pm	St Joseph Hall

Life Teen

Life Teen Mass

Sunday, Jan-7, 8:30am
St Joseph's

Teen Life Drop-in

Jan 24th, 6pm 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

K of C

St. Mary

Jan 4, 7pm

Jan 18, 7pm

Education Building

St. Joseph

Jan 2, 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, 1-10, 1-24
7pm-8pm

Thurs,

1-11, 1-25

1pm-2pm

St Mary Education
Building

St. Joe Food Pantry

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

Speak Lord,
your servants are
listening...

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 January 7



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: Life Teen Mass
 Sacristans: Life Teen Mass
 Lectors: Life Teen Mass
 Servers: Life Teen Mass

Register for Alpha



Save the date for our 8 week Alpha series starting January 3 from 10:00am-noon at St. Mary. Alpha gives guests a relaxed and low-key opportunity to explore the meaning of life. Each session includes food, a short DVD presentation and then time for discussion in a friendly small group. Know someone who might benefit from Alpha? Invite them, and come with them!

Register by contacting Adriana Lindgren at the parish office at (855) 288-6704. Space is limited and registration is on a first come first serve basis.

LIFE TEEN

A few things to know...

Grab an updated Winter Life Teen Events Schedule in the gathering space. At St. Mary, you can find them in the racks near the doors. At St. Joseph, you can find them on the wall near the office door.

Registration is open for our March Mission Retreat in Wixom, March 9-11. Please contact Adriana Lindgren at (855) 288-6704 to register or for more information.

Upcoming Life Teen Events...

Life Teen Mass January 7 at St. Joseph church, 8:00am-11:00am. Come at 8:00am to set up for Mass. Afterwards stay for a brunch and family small groups.

Marriage Matters

RSVP for our Date Night on January 27, 6:30pm-9:00pm at St. Joseph Hall. This date night's theme is Valentine's Day. Our goal is for you and your better half to have fun with other couples, share a meal, & learn how our faith helps us live successful, holy & joyful marriages! All ages welcome! **RSVP by Thursday January 18 on sign-up sheet in the gathering space.**



Parish Support for the weekend of December 24

The collection information will be provided in next weekends bulletin.

Jan. 7 cut off is Jan. 1 by 10:00am
 bulletinmj@gmail.com



Mother Teresa Group meeting is Tuesday, January 2, 6:30pm.



Feast of the Holy Family Prayer...

...O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. 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.

New Years Day Mass

Monday, January 1

10:00am - Mass St. Mary

Working Hands Ministry...

...will have its usual schedule in the new year. We will meet on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30pm and Thursdays from 1:00-2:30pm in the St. Mary Education Building. All are welcome to come and knit, crochet or quilt and pray with us. We do not meet if Durand Schools do not have school due to weather. Our dates are: Wednesdays: Jan. 10 and 24, Feb. 7 and 21, March 7 and 21, April 4 and 18, and May 2. Thursdays: Jan. 11 and 25, Feb. 8 and 22, March 8 and 22, April 5 and 19, and May 3.

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

Holy Mother Mary, mother of God, Pray for us.

St. Francis Retreats Announcement...

You are invited to 2 new retreats directed by Tony Sperendi.

Wednesday, January 17 from 9:00am-3:30pm **"A Contemplative Retreat on the Life of Jesus."** Focus or refocus your life on Jesus this New Year. Along with presentations and discussions, let the silence and reflection be places of renewal for you. Cost is \$65 or \$55 for seniors 60 and over. Includes Mass, snacks, and lunch.

Friday, January 19 from 5:00pm-9:00pm **"Fun, Food, & Learning about Marital Love."** Reserve a spot and renew your marriage with a fun and informative evening. The cost is \$75 per couple and includes dinner and materials.

For more information go to <http://www.stfrancis.ws/> or 517-669-8321.

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