



# 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

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

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: 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 brothers and sisters,  
**Well, Lent starts this Wednesday, which also happens to be Valentine's Day this year.** And Easter is April 1st. No, seriously. Perhaps this year, you can offer your penance to God that day for your spouse, fiancée, or sweetheart. I'll be fasting for all of you in a special way this Ash Wednesday and all of Lent.

**Please check out the flyer in this bulletin** for many of the opportunities available at our parish this Lent to grow in your relationship with God and others. Two items to note in a special way: a 3-Day Mission at our parish this year on 2/25-2/27 and *24 Hours For The Lord* (3/9-3/10), where we will offer prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and times for confession.

**The Mission, called Hearts on Fire, will start Sunday Feb. 25 after the 11:30am Mass** and then continue Monday and Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm. A parish mission is like a retreat at home, a time to take a few days just to turn our attention more directly to God, to seek His face anew, with the desire to be.

**24 Hours For The Lord will start on Friday, March 9 at 5:00pm with Exposition of the Eucharist.** We will start with some singing. We are hoping to keep Adoration going for 24 hours, so if you can sign up to spend an hour (or half hour) with Jesus, please do so. Sign-up sheets are in our gathering spaces, or call the parish office. I will be available for confessions Friday evenings for several hours and then again Saturday morning and afternoon. Stay tuned for all the details. May God bless you and the beginning of our Lenten season abundantly.

**Rest In Peace**  
 We pray for **Barry Krembs**  
 Husband of Tammy, father of BJ and Matthew.  
 ...that he may now enjoy the great blessings of eternal life. We pray also for his family and friends that they may find peace in the promises of Christ.

**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. Robert Cormier, Jacqueline Calhoun, Raymond Calhoun Jr., John Reaume, Samantha Allen, Pat Elliott, Kathy Root, Brian Jones, Dick Reed, Jerry Reed II, Chuck Harris, Claire Clough, Helene Sloan, and James Elford.



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. Mary & St Joseph Parish Mass Schedule**

- Monday, February 12 - No Mass**
- Tuesday, February 13 - St. Mary**  
 Eucharistic Adoration - 7:20am to 8:20am  
 Mass - 8:30am - Karen Stinger by Klauss & Betty Rittig
- Ash Wednesday, February 14 - St. Joseph**  
 Eucharistic Adoration - 7:20am to 8:20am  
 St. Joseph Mass - 8:30am - Carl Schisler by Shirley Kerchaert
- † **Sacrament of Reconciliation** - 9:00am to 9:30am  
 St. Mary Mass - 7:00pm - Jennie DeNolf by friends of Jennie
- Thursday, February 15 - St. Mary**  
 Eucharistic Adoration - 7:20am to 8:20am  
 Mass - 8:30am - Sophie Nequist by Tom MacGillivray & Cheryl Gott
- February 16 - St. Mary**  
 Eucharistic Adoration - 7:20am to 8:20am  
 Mass - 8:30am - Jean & Tomas Siminski by Tim Trebtoske
- Saturday, February 17 - St. Mary**  
 † **Sacrament of Reconciliation** - 3:30pm to 4:30pm  
 Mass - 5:00pm - Tom Leamy by Karrie & Paul Johnston
- Sunday, February 18**  
 St. Joseph Mass - 8:30am - St. Mary and St. Joseph Parishioners  
 St. Mary Mass - 11:30am - Tom Siminski by LaVonn Siminski

**The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Prayer...**



....O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. 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.

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**  
**St. Joseph Liturgical Assignments for February 18**  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Frank Kondel, Anne Bartes  
 Sacristans: Frank Kondel, Anne Bartes  
 Lectors: Mark Dyer, Marie Dyer  
 Servers: Canyon & Callie Butterfield

# Lent 2018

## St. Mary & St. Joseph Parish Events

### **Parish Mission: Hearts on Fire**

Encounter. Grow. Go. Feb 25-27 (Sunday 2/15 after 11:30 AM Mass. Monday & Tuesday 7 PM)

**Stations of the Cross: Fridays of Lent. 7 PM**

**24 Hours for the Lord: Friday, March 9, 5 PM - Saturday, March 10, 5 PM**

**Penance Service: March 14. 7 PM**

**Added Confession times:** Fridays before and after Stations of the Cross (6:30-7 PM & 7:30-8 PM). Before Sunday 8:30 AM Mass (St. Joseph church)

**Bible Study: Mondays 6:30 PM**

All events, unless noted, will take place at:  
St. Mary church  
700 E. Columbia Dr. Durand, MI  
[www.stmarystjoseph.org](http://www.stmarystjoseph.org)



**Had your picture  
Taken YET? We want  
Everyone  
To be part of our  
Pictorial directory!!**

**We have 2 new days available!!!!**

**Friday March 9<sup>th</sup>**

**And**

**Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup>**

**The appointments will be held at  
St Mary's Fr. Hay Educational Building**

**Please go on to our parish website**

**([stmarystjoseph.org](http://stmarystjoseph.org)) or**

**Call the office to select your date and**

**Time!!!**

**This week's prayer to carry in your hearts and your prayer time:  
Pray for the religious.**

#### Fasting and Abstinence:

Don't forget that Ash Wednesday (along with Good Friday) is a universal day of fasting and of abstinence from meat in the Catholic Church. This means every Catholic (except for medical reasons, like sickness or pregnancy) from 18 years old until you turn 59 is supposed to fast, and every Catholic from 14 years old and up is to abstain from eating meat. In addition, all the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat, and the entire season of Lent is a penitential time. It is a praiseworthy practice for parents to find suitable ways for their younger children to also enter into the penitential nature of these days.

#### Fish and Soup Dinners....

...are back starting Friday, February 16, 5:00pm at the St. Joseph Hall and will continue until Good Friday.

#### St. Mary Outreach Food Pantry Volunteers Needed...

...the next food distribution is on Saturday, **February 24**. There are sign-up sheets in the back of the church (on a clipboard). Initial food packaging (packers) and building setup takes place on Friday, **February 23** at 6:00pm. For any questions concerning the St. Mary Outreach Food Pantry, please contact Diane Pelky at [989-288-4446](tel:989-288-4446) or Kathy Schmidt [989-288-4183](tel:989-288-4183) or [stmaryfoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryfoodpantry@gmail.com).

Thank you again for your continued support. God Bless!



#### Gaines Council 12186...

Knight of the Month:

SK John Stanis

Family of the Month:

SK John Stanis and Lady Gayle Stanis

#### Ash Wednesday Masses:

Masses on Wednesday, February 14, which is Ash Wednesday this year, will be: 8:30am St. Joseph and 7:00pm St. Mary

#### RCIA (Right of Christian Initiation for Adults)...

...Anyone wanting to enter the Catholic Church or wanting to learn more about the Catholic faith, please contact Dcn Wayne at the parish office 989-271-8434.

#### To all the Ladies of the parish...

...our next Altar Society meeting will be held Tuesday, February 20 at 6:00pm in the St. Mary gathering space. We want to make sure we are all ready for the Annual Raffle and Bake Sale taking place on March 17 & 18.

#### Sponsor of the Week

#### Durand Meat Processing, Inc.

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!



Feb. 18 cut off is Feb. 12 by 10:00am  
[bulletinmj@gmail.com](mailto:bulletinmj@gmail.com)

#### Volunteers needed...

...for decorating for St Joseph for Lent. Please meet on Tues, Feb 13, at 10:00am for decorating at the church.

#### Monday Night Scripture...

...will be starting on Monday, Feb. 12 at 6:30pm at St Mary in the gathering space. "On the Way to the *Promised Land*", learn about the Israelites journey to the promised land, and Jesus' invitation to follow Him as a disciple. (Loyola Press) Book cost is \$8.50. Sign-up sheet in the gathering space.

#### Food Distribution

The next St. Mary Outreach Food Pantry distribution will be on **February 24**. Appointments will be taken **February 12 – February 16**; Mon.- Fri. from 9:00am - 5:00pm. For an appointment, call St. Mary Church at 1 (855)-288-6704 ext. = 7017 and follow the instructions on the answering service. To receive food you must have an appt. and live in the following areas: Byron, Bancroft, Durand, Corunna, Lennon, Vernon or Gaines. The distribution will take place at the St. Mary Education Building, 700 Columbia Dr., Durand. If you or someone you know is in need of food, please call 1 (855)-288-6704 for an appointment. "This institution is an equal opportunity provider."

#### Marriage Matters...

Saturday, February 24, 6:30pm-9:30pm at St. Mary Church.

Game Night: Euchre & Stop the Bus.

Join us for a Game Night, reflection on Marriage & Faith and a dinner. Please RSVP on our sign up sheet in the gathering space. The Marriage Matters team will be providing ham. Select a side that you will be bringing when you sign up in the gathering space. Marriage Matters is for all couples, young, 'seasoned', from any faith background; invite your friends!

#### Adoration Night

Wed., February 21, 7:00pm-8:00pm at St. Joseph Church. Come spend an hour with the Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. There will be time for praise & worship music and silent prayer. Join us afterwards for fellowship and a light reception in the gathering space.

#### ATTENTION ALL CRAFTERS

St. Mary Altar Society Annual Raffle and Bake Sale will be held in March. We are asking our talented parishioners to get ready to donate craft items. We would appreciate the items by March 11 and will be collecting them in the St. Mary gathering space. Our Raffle and Bake Sale will be held on March 17 & 18. Please call Patty Dotson at [989-413-2111](tel:989-413-2111) or Renee Walters at [989-251-3125](tel:989-251-3125) with any questions. We really appreciate you sharing your talents!

#### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE...

Feb. 14- Mar 25. Kickoff Event: Tues, Feb. 13 at 5:10pm-6:00pm across from planned parenthood at Frandor Shopping Mall, Lansing



#### Parish Support for the weekend of February 4

February 4 offerings (general collection).....	\$4,380.00
Initial Offering.....	\$257.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$10.00
Outreach.....	\$22.00
Building Debt.....	\$571.00
Worldwide Evangelization.....	\$20.00