



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: 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,
Welcome to Lent 2018!

Many of you have gotten to know Adriana Lindgren since she joined our staff back in July of 2016. In her recent comings and goings, it's hard to miss the fact that she, and her husband, Peter, are expecting their first child in the coming weeks (I think March 13 is the due date). In addition to taking time off for the birth of their first child, Adriana has decided to do the heroic work of being an at-home mom. This means that she will not be returning to our staff, though we do hope that she will return often so that, among other reasons, we get to meet the new baby!

Please join me in thanking Adriana for her service to our parish and in wishing her, not only blessings as she goes forth, but especially a healthy and joyful birth and life as a mother. Adriana, we look forward to seeing you soon with babe in arms. We will miss you. Please, don't be a stranger.

What does her departure mean for us and for the ministries she was leading? For our high school youth program, I believe there is an in-parish candidate that would be able to lead this ministry part-time. We are working to make this happen, so please join me in praying for this to come to fruition. In regard to the adult faith formation and evangelization work, which has included Alpha and Marriage Matters recently, we are planning to look for parishioners to take on greater leadership roles. This is partly due to the change in our financial situation, which makes it unlikely we could afford a full-time staff member next year. As is true during any change, we know that if we keep our hearts and minds fixed on Jesus and strive to do our heavenly Father's will, all will work for our good.

As we begin this holy season of Lent, may God bless you and our parish abundantly this week.

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. Teresa Chesney, Lucas Corwin, Steve Doyle, Robert Cormier, Jacqueline Calhoun, Raymond Calhoun Jr., John Reaume, Samantha Allen, Pat Elliott, Kathy Root, Brian Jones, and Jerry Reed II.

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 19 - No Mass

Tuesday, February 20 - St. Mary

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

Mass - 8:30am - Sophie Nequist by Jeanne & Tim McDonald

Wednesday, February 21 - St. Joseph

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

St. Joseph Mass - 8:30am - Carl Schisler by Mike and Sharon McRae

Donald Hollenbeck Jr by Gary and Phyllis Huffman

† **Sacrament of Reconciliation - 9:00am to 9:30am**

Thursday, February 22 - St. Mary

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

Mass - 8:30am - Karen Stinger by Sylvia Stinger

Friday, February 23 - St. Mary

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

Mass - 8:30am - Al Fuja by the family

Saturday, February 24 - St. Mary

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

Mass - 5:00pm - Carlton Purdy by his family

Sunday, February 25

St. Joseph Mass - 8:30am - Mark Dyer by Marie Dyer

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

Grow and Go...

WORD on FIRE

There are two excellent websites offering free resources during Lent. One is "Word on Fire- Engaged" with Bishop Robert Barron (www.wordonfire.org) and the other is "Formed" (formed.org) Catholic resources. Please enjoy these free resources during Lent.

The 1st Sunday of Lent Prayer...



...Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. 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.

Lent 2018

St. Mary & St. Joseph Parish Events

**Parish Mission: Hearts on Fire
Encounter. Grow. Go. Feb 25-27** (Sunday
Feb. 25 after 11:30am Mass. Monday & Tuesday
7:00pm)

Stations of the Cross: Fridays of Lent.
7:00pm

24 Hours for the Lord: Friday, March 9,
5:00pm - Saturday, March 10, 5:00pm

Penance Service: March 14, 7:00pm

Added Confession times: Fridays before
and after Stations of the Cross (6:30pm-7:00pm &
7:30pm-8:00pm). Before Sunday 8:30am Mass (St.
Joseph church)

Bible Study: Mondays 6:30pm

All events, unless noted, will take place at:
St. Mary church
700 E. Columbia Dr. Durand, MI
www.stmarystjoseph.org

Quick Catholic Question

Question: What is the Communion of Saints?

Answer: This is a brief answer that opens the door to the great beauty of this pillar of our faith, the Communion of Saints.

The Mass is the ultimate Catholic experience on earth, the union with Catholics past and present in the Mystical Body of Christ supports us throughout our day (Eph 3:6). We worship together under one roof not an aloof person but three Persons so united in love as to be one God. We join our departed relatives, who remain part of the Mystical Body, the Communion of Saints (Rev 5:8). We join the same beliefs and practices of those who lived over the past thousands of years in worshipping God through our prayers to God and for each other. Beautiful, prayerful devotions abound, many in conjunction with miraculous apparitions that are the supernatural action of God in life on earth.

Scott Hahn in his book the “Lamb’s Supper” has an excerpt in it called “It Sure Is Crowded in Here”, where he explains this powerful moment in the Mass, when we are in the height of the Eucharistic Prayer we believe that is where Heaven and earth touch, when the skies open and the church is filled with angels, saints, apostles, all of us, including our departed loved ones, and of course the Lamb of God, the Mystical Body of Christ. This is when I feel closest to my deceased parents.

This same Communion of Saints also answers the “problem” of suffering. Suffering is a grace from God, an offering from God to participate in His suffering for the atonement of sin (Gal 6:17; Col 1:24), to lead a life such as led by His Beloved Son.

Suffering is an opportunity for spiritual healing in the sufferer and in other members united to the sufferer through the Mystical Body. Incapacitating suffering provides time for prayer, prayer that supports individual members and all members of the Mystical Body and fights the evils of the world. Such prayer can do more than the actions of the healthy. Those who suffer get great consolation from knowing the importance of their prayers.

This same Communion of Saints includes men and women devoting their entire lives and their every possession to the care of the poor, the sick, and the elderly; working in hospices, hospitals, and nursing homes built by the Church.

Remember if you have a question you want to ask, just email us at quickcatholicquestions@gmail.com or simply write your question down and drop it in the collection basket and it will find its way to us

St. Joseph Liturgical Assignments for February 25



Eucharistic Ministers: Tedd & Susan McDowell, Marlene Cole
 Sacristans: Tedd & Susan McDowell
 Lectors: Patrick McGuire, Vic Huddas
 Servers: Kaitlyn & Justin Monroe

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

Pray, "Dear God, thank you for all Your gifts."

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.

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.
 Thank you again for your continued support. God Bless!

SPECIAL NEEDS MASS



...Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Burton hosts a special needs Mass, the 4th Sunday of each month at 1:00pm. This is an opportunity for persons with special needs and their families to pray and celebrate together. This Mass, while a little shorter, has a homily and music that is tailored to those with special needs. The Mass allows everyone to be themselves, and enables children and adults with special needs to serve, to read, to usher and to participate in whatever way that they feel comfortable.
 The next mass will be February 25, at 1:00pm, at Holy Redeemer.
COME AS YOU ARE. ALL ARE WELCOME.

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
Iron Horse Pub Restaurant
 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!

CHURCH NEWS Feb. 25 cut off is Feb. 19 by 10:00am
bulletinmj@gmail.com

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....
 ...will be held every Friday during Lent, 5:00pm until 7:30pm at the St. Joseph Hall and will continue until Good Friday. Fish dinner is \$10. Shrimp dinner is \$11. Fish & Shrimp dinner is \$11.

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!




PARISH SUPPORT FOR THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 11



February 11 offerings (general collection).....	\$4,366.00
Initial Offering.....	\$80.00
Outreach.....	\$161.00
Building Debt.....	\$406.00
Energy.....	\$152.00
Home Missions.....	\$20.00
Online Donations for January 2018:	
General Collection	\$2,960.00
Building Debt	\$1,500.00
Outreach	\$25.00
Energy	\$25.00

