



# 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

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 sisters and brothers,

Well, we've arrived (again)! It's the most important week of the year: Holy Week.

**Holy Week: the week where we remember, but also, and, more importantly, have the opportunity to participate more deeply in, the saving Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ, our Savior and God.** Without Jesus there is no hope. Without Jesus' offering on the cross, there is no forgiveness of sins, no sharing in God's sternal, abundant, joyful life, but only unending death. *And* it is on the Cross, above all, that God proves His love for you, for us. Holy Week is a time when we are called to open our hearts to the mercy of God, the fruit of Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection.

**When something is important we make it a big deal.** When a birthday is important, we throw a party and give gifts. When a game is important we spend extra for good seats (or a better TV), throw a party, maybe take off work. When a person is important, we look for ways to be with them, give them gifts, care for them, maybe throw them a party (we like to party a lot, don't we?!...or maybe I like to party a lot!). If a movie's important, we go to the first showing. If a car is important, we spend our time and money keeping it pristine. You get the idea.

**If this week deals with the most important event in our lives, what should we do?** And, if how we respond to what Jesus did for us, determines how I, personally, participate in His saving work, how do you and I respond in a fruitful way?

**Simply put, do the three things we (should) have been doing all Lent, only a little more: prayer, fasting and almsgiving.** I would suggest that this week is especially a week for *prayer*. We fast on Good Friday (and Holy Saturday, if possible). Holy Week is a good week to offer something you have to someone who doesn't. But above all, this week, spend extra time with God in prayer.

**And what do we need for prayer? SILENCE.** Let this be a week where there is lots of silence. When you get up. In the car. In the evenings. Even, where possible, while you are working, eating, exercising. Silence.

**Why silence?** St. Mother Teresa put it well. Here are a few things she said about the power of silence:

*The fruit of silence is prayer. The fruit of prayer is faith. The fruit of faith is love. The fruit of love is service. The fruit of service is peace.*

*There is no prayer without love and no love without prayer. This silence takes a lot of sacrifice, but if we really want to pray, we must be ready to take that step now. Without this first step toward silence, we will not be able to reach our goal, which is union with God [happiness].*

*There is no greater love than the love for one another in our families, but there is so much hurt instead of love, so much bitterness instead of sweetness, so much noise instead of silence. If there is no love in our home, first let us examine our prayer life. Is it faithful, is it true, is it constant, is it full, is it so real that in the silence of our hearts we can hear him speak? If we only knew the art, the joy, the fruitfulness of silence, our homes would become the sunshine of God's love, the burning flame of God's love in action.*

May we look to God to receive His abundant blessings this Holy Week.

## St. Mary & St Joseph Parish Mass Schedule

**Monday, March 26 - No Mass**

**Tuesday, March 27 - St. Mary**

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

**Mass - 8:30am - Dorothy McDonald by Joe Honeck & family**

**Wednesday, March 28 - St. Joseph**

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

**St. Joseph Mass - 8:30am - David Hollenbeck Jr by Ron and Marcia Bartlett and family**

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

**Holy Thursday, March 29 - St. Mary**

**Mass - 7:00pm - Jennie DeNolf by friends of Jennie**

**Good Friday, March 30 - St. Mary - 12noon\***

**Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil), March 31 - St. Mary**

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

**Mass - 8:35pm\* - St. Mary and St. Joseph Parishioners**

**Easter Sunday, April 1**

**St. Joseph Mass - 9:00am\* - Barry Krembs by Sandy Bensinger**

**St. Mary Mass - 11:00am\* - Barry Krembs by the Knights of Columbus, Durand**

(\* Please note time changes for various Masses)

### 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. Matt & Jenny Wilcox, Joe & Tracy Carsten, Toni Monroe, Jim Elford, Curt Rivard, Dorothy Spiekermann, and Debbie Love.

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 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

### GROW + GO

**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.

# HOLY WEEK AND EASTER LITURGY SCHEDULE

MARCH 26 - APRIL 1, 2018

Please note addition of Confession times to previous schedule

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK: Mass: 8:30 AM, St. Mary

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK: Mass: 8:30 AM, St. Joseph

Confessions: 9:00-9:30 AM, St. Joseph

HOLY THURSDAY: Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 PM, St. Mary

Solemn Adoration before the Blessed

Sacrament: 9:00 PM - 12:00 AM, St. Mary

Includes readings from John's Gospel

Ch. 13-17 at 9:30 PM and Night Prayer

at 11:45 PM.

GOOD FRIDAY: Prayer Service: 12:00 noon, St. Mary

Stations of the Cross: 2 PM (or when Prayer  
service ends, if after 2 PM), St. Mary

Confessions: 2 PM (during Stations of the Cross),  
St. Mary

Divine Mercy Chaplet/start of Novena: 2:30 PM,  
St. Mary

HOLY SATURDAY: Confessions: 3:30-4:30 PM, St. Mary

**Easter Vigil Mass 8:35 PM**, St. Mary

## Easter Sunday Masses

9:00 AM: St. Joseph church

11:00 AM: St. Mary church

Liturgy Schedule is for St. Mary and St. Joseph Parish, Durand and Gaines, MI

St. Mary church: 700 E. Columbia Dr. Durand, MI 48429

St. Joseph church: 9450 Duffield, Rd. Gaines, MI 48436

# April Event Calendar

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Easter Sunday Mass	Sun, 1 <sup>st</sup>	9am	St Joseph
Easter Sunday Mass	Sun, 1 <sup>st</sup>	11am	St Mary
K of C Polish Dinner	Sat, 7 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	St Mary
Knights Corporate Communion	Sun, 8 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am	St Joseph
RCIA	Sun, 8 <sup>th</sup>	9:50am	St Joseph
Lector Training	Sat, 14 <sup>th</sup>	10am	St Joseph
Altar Society Meeting	Tues, 17 <sup>th</sup>	6pm	St Mary
Adoration Holy Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Wed, 25 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	St Joseph
Marriage Date Night	Sat, 28 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	St Joseph Hall
1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Retreat	Sun, 29 <sup>th</sup>	9am-1pm	St Mary

*"Do this in memory of Me."*

## Life Teen

### **Joint Youth Nights**

Sun, Apr 15, 6-9pm,  
St Roberts

Sun, Apr 22, 6-9pm,  
Holy Family

## Rosary

**St. Mary:**  
Gathering space, Tues., 1:30pm

**St. Joseph:**  
Sundays at 8am

## Divine Mercy Chaplet

**St. Mary:** Fridays at 9am  
Litany to the Sacred Heart-  
First Fridays

## K of C

### **St. Mary**

Apr 5, 7pm  
Apr 19, 7pm  
Education Building

### **St. Joseph**

Apr 3, 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, 4-4, 4-18**  
7pm-8pm

### **Thurs,**

**4-5, 4-19**  
1pm-2pm

St Mary Education  
Building

## **St. Joe Food**

### **Pantry**

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

### Monday Night

### Scripture

**6:30pm, St Mary**

## **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 April!**  
 Eucharistic Ministers: Ann Bartes  
 Sacristans: Anne Bartes, Marlene Cole  
 Lectors: Sandy Corrion, John Reaume  
 Servers: Canyon & Callie Butterfield

**GROW + GO** **Grow - Serve.....others' needs**  
 There will be a **Parish Council** meeting Tuesday, March 27, at 7:00pm at St Mary.

**GROW + GO** **Grow - Engage...in parish life**  
**Fish and Soup Dinners....**  
 ...will be held every Friday during Lent, 5:00pm until 7:30pm at the St. Joseph Hall, 12145 Ray Rd., Gaines and will continue until Good Friday. Fish dinner is \$10. Shrimp dinner is \$11. Fish & Shrimp dinner is \$11. All proceeds will be donated to the Thomas Smith Foundation in conjunction with Hurley Hospital to provide screening for kids for potential heart problems.


**GROW + GO** **Grow - Engage...in parish life**  
**Polish Dinner:** The St. Mary Knights of Columbus 7955 annual Polish Dinner is on Saturday, April 7, 2018 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. The meal includes: Pierogis, Sauerkraut, Polish Sausage, Cabbage Rolls, Apple Pie, Coffee and Punch. The cost is \$12.00 per Adult (13+); \$7.00 ages 6 – 12 if tickets are purchased by April 1. At the door, the price is \$14.00 for an Adult; \$9.00 for a child 6-12. Children age 5 and under are free. **All proceeds from this event go to the St. Mary Outreach Food Pantry.** Come to enjoy the great food and fellowship while supporting a good cause!



**Please note the added confession times...**  
 ...and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to our Holy Week schedule, which is included in this bulletin.

**NEW for Holy Thursday...**  
 Food donations, for the poor, will be accepted during offertory at the Mass of the Lord's Super on Holy Thursday.

**GROW + GO** **Grow - Engage.....in parish life.**  
**Volunteers needed...**  
 ...for Easter decorating at St Joseph's. Decorating will be Saturday, March 31, at 10:00am. Sign-up sheet is in the gathering space.



**A PALM SUNDAY PRAYER...**  
 ...Almighty ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Savior to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**GROW + GO** **Grow - Serve.....others' needs**  
**Easter Candy Donations...**  
 The St. Mary Knights of Columbus will be accepting candy donations for the annual Easter Egg Hunt for the children of the St. Mary and St. Joseph Parish scheduled for Easter Sunday, April 1, right after the 11.00am Mass. Clearly marked boxes have been placed in both our church gathering spaces. We're asking for sealed packages of candy of any kind to be donated by Palm Sunday. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

**GROW + GO** **Grow - Engage....in parish life.**  
**Easter Egg Hunt...**  
 ...The St. Mary's Knights of Columbus' annual Easter-Egg Hunt is scheduled for Sunday, April 1, after the 11.00am Mass at the church's soccer field. This is being organized for the children of our parish. Thanks to all who generously donated candy for this event.

**GROW + GO** **Grow - Serve...others' needs**  
**St. Vincent de Paul truck...**  
 ...will be at St. Mary, Durand next weekend (Easter weekend), March 31 and April 1. As you start the spring cleaning of your closets, please help the less fortunate if you are able. We ask that you either drop your items inside the back of the truck or leave them in the entranceway of the education building. Thank you.

**ST. MARY USHERS FOR APRIL**  
 5:00pm – Pat Finney, Anita Holek  
 Jim Morency, Diana Lippstew  
 11:30am – Lori Grumley, Tim Trebtoske  
 Brenda Wells, Tom Gomos  
**ST. MARY GREETERS FOR APRIL**  
 5:00pm – Peggy Lewis  
 11:30am – Rene Walters

**GROW + GO** **Grow - Engage.....in parish life.**  
**Holy Thursday Mass needs...**  
 ...12 volunteers for foot washing. Please sign-up in the gathering space. Also, remember to bring your cut flowers, and a bell to ring for the Gloria.

This week's prayer to carry in your hearts and your prayer time:  
**St. Joseph and St. Mary, pray for us.**

**PARISH SUPPORT FOR THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 18**

March 18 offerings (general collection).....	\$4,917.00
Energy.....	\$48.00
Outreach.....	\$437.00
Building Debt.....	\$48.00
Catholic Relief.....	\$133.00

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 April 1 cut off is March 26 by 10:00am  
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