



7th
Sunday
of
Easter

“Go into the
whole world
and proclaim
the gospel
to every
creature.”
Mark 16:15



St. Mary &
St. Joseph
Parish

One Holy Family
Together In Christ

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Weekday Masses - See Bulletin
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Tues. 8:30am to Noon
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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,

Thank you to all of you that helped me to celebrate my birthday. Thank you to the Altar Society, the Mother Teresa Group, and the Knights of Columbus for their gifts, and for the cake. Your love and care are a great blessing to me. Thank you.

And thank you to all you mothers! Thank you for the gift of life you gave us. Thank you for the countless (and almost always unacknowledged) ways you have cared for us from the moment of our conception and throughout our lives. I am grateful to have had a wonderful and loving mother, a wise, caring and wonderful step-mother (they get a bad rap in Disney movies, but not all step-mothers are bad!), and the grace to know that Mary, the mother of God, is my mother too. Even for those of us who did not have the best of mothers, it is good that we thank them for giving us life, and in honoring them, God promises that he will bless us. Don't forget to reach out to your mother and doing something loving for her. Thank you, moms!

Please continue to join me in praying for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our lives, our families, our parish, our country and our world as we draw near to Pentecost next Sunday.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Fill the heart of your faithful

And kindle in them the fire of Your love.

Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created.

And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit

Did instruct the hearts of the faithful,

Grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be

Truly wise and ever enjoy in His consolations.

Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

St. Mary & St Joseph Parish Mass Schedule

Monday, May 14 - No Mass

Tuesday, May 15 - St. Mary

Mass - 8:30am - Margaret Doyle by Louise-Hemond-Wilson & family

Wednesday, May 16 - St. Joseph

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

Mass - 8:30am - Dcn. Bernie Pohl by Diocese of Lansing

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

Thursday, May 17 - St. Mary

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

Mass - 8:30am - Sophie Nequist by Mike & Kay

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Friday, May 18 - St. Mary

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

**Mass - 8:30am - Shirley Merdyke by Tim Treb-
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Saturday, May 19 - St. Mary

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

Mass - 5:00pm - Elmer Anderson by the family

Sunday, May 20

St. Joseph Mass - 8:30am - St. Mary and St. Joseph Parishioners

St. Mary Mass - 11:30am - Jennie DeNolf by friends of Jennie

Thank you! A big **thank you** to all those that came out to help with our Spring cleaning last Saturday at St. Mary and St. Joseph locations. Thank you also to those that continue to maintain our lawns and gardens throughout the year.

GROW + GO

Grow - Study....the faith

Who is the Holy Spirit? How does the Spirit touch our lives?

Come to the video series, The Wild Goose, "a work of the Holy Spirit, which is awakening in the hearts of all those participating God's love and transforming power." We will meet on Tuesdays for 6-8 weeks, beginning May 22, from 10 am to 11:30 am in the Gathering Space at St. Mary. All are welcome...bring a friend! Please sign up on the sheets in the Gathering Spaces at both St. Mary and St. Joseph.

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.

Jennifer Chadwick, Steve Steffen Alice Harris, George Zimmer, Jack Bollinger and Bob Tillson.

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.

Excerpts from Pope Francis' Exhortation "Rejoice and Be Glad" (Gaudete et Exsultate) We continue to offer quotes from the Pope's most recent Apostolic Exhortation, which he wrote to remind us that we are all called to holiness and to help us reach that holiness without which none of us can be happy or in heaven.

This holiness to which the Lord calls you will grow through small gestures. Here is an example: a woman goes shopping, she meets a neighbour and they begin to speak, and the gossip starts. But she says in her heart: "No, I will not speak badly of anyone". This is a step forward in holiness. Later, at home, one of her children wants to talk to her about his hopes and dreams, and even though she is tired, she sits down and listens with patience and love. That is another sacrifice that brings holiness. Later she experiences some anxiety, but recalling the love of the Virgin Mary, she takes her rosary and prays with faith. Yet another path of holiness. Later still, she goes out onto the street, encounters a poor person and stops to say a kind word to him. One more step.

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Retreats at St Francis Retreat Center:

May 17, 9:00am-3:30pm - **"Living a Purpose Driven Life: Take firm hold on the everlasting life to which you were called."**

May 20, 9:30am-4:00pm - **"Marriage: Building Trust, Communication, and Intimacy with Each Other and the Lord."**

Photos needed for the new Parish Directory...

...if you have any candid shots or pictures you would like to share of the parish picnic and/or special events that the church has held throughout the past year, please pass on to the parish rectory for publication. Thank you in advance, Patty Dotson.



**Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
Prayer...**

...Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God, and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving, for the Ascension of Christ your Son is our exaltation, and, where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever.

GROW + GO **Grow - Engage...in parish life
Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers will be needed for decorating for Ordinary Time and removing Easter Decorations at St Joseph on Tues., May 22, at 10:00am. Please sign up in the gathering space.

GROW + GO **Grow - Serve...others' needs**

St. Mary Ushers May 2018

5.00 p.m. Michael & Sharon Gould, Leonard & Pam Corwin

11.30 a.m. - Joe & Patty Guzniczak, Renee Walters & Lori Grumley

St. Mary Greeters May 2018

5.00 p.m.- Denise Maranzano

11.30 a.m. - Beth Butcher

GROW + GO **Grow - Serve...others' needs**

Finance Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 17, at 7pm at St Mary Church.

Parish Council meeting on Tuesday, May 22nd, at 7pm at St. Joseph Church.

Bowling Night for Married Couples! May 19th

All Married couples are invited to a night of bowling and fellowship. Come yourselves and bring your friends. On May 19 at 6:30 PM we will be bowling at the Eagles Club in Owosso. Space is limited so please contact the parish office to register. Cost for bowling and dinner is only \$15 per couple.

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

Say the rosary, ask Mary to remind you.

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Attention High School Graduates!!

There will be a planning meeting on May 20 after the 11:30am mass in the Gathering Space. Please join as we prepare for our graduation mass, on Saturday, June 2, at the 5:00pm Mass. Please try to join us as we plan for this celebration. All high school graduates are welcome to attend.

Parish Support for the weekend of May 6



May 6 offering (general collection).....	\$5,598.00
Outreach.....	\$65.00
Building Debt.....	\$515.00
St. Joseph Bake Sale (Food Pantry).....	\$157.00
Candle Donations.....	\$125.00

DSA Thru Week Three - 106 Pledges Totaling \$17,009

We are at 53% of our goal of \$31,898. Thank you to all those who have pledged so far.

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