



# St. Mary & St. Joseph Parish

One Holy Family  
Together In Christ

Official correspondence should be sent to:

700 Columbia Dr., Durand, MI 48429. 1-855-288-6704

**Pastor:** Rev. Jonathan Perrotta Email: frjonathanp@gmail.com

**Deacon:** Wayne Corrion Email: Deaconwaynecorrion@gmail.com 989-271-8434

**Deacon:** Greg Middleton 1-855-288-6704 Ext. 7014

**Secretary/Business Manager:** Paul Williamson Email: stmarydurand@gmail.com

**Secretary:** Sandy Bensinger Email: stjosephgaines@gmail.com

**Discipleship Coordinator for Youth and Young Adults:**

Adriana Lindgren Email: adrianadcy@gmail.com

**Director of Religious Education (DRE):** Robin Doyle Email: smsjdre@gmail.com

## 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: stmarydurand.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: stjosephgaines.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 brothers and sisters,

It's been a full but relatively quiet week, at least in these here parts. I think the most excitement has been the broken tree limb from the oak tree at our St. Joseph Church, that is hanging dangerously over a parking spot. Fortunately, no cars have been damaged.

I know one of the highlights of the past few weeks for me has been joining the group going through Alpha for prayer (with the leaders) and then some fellowship and the teachings. What an uplifting experience for me, and, I hope, for all those there.

We continue to move forward with our part in the Witness to Hope Campaign. I have been encouraged this past week with some of the conversations I have had with fellow parishioners and with the fact that our diocese has reached over \$49 million in pledges toward our \$65 million goal. What a blessing to have such an investment in the future and a sacrifice of generosity as a whole diocese. God's love is present. I am thankful to be a part of such a company of believers. I hope you are too. I know it inspires me to ever greater generosity.

At the same time, the fires in California and the bombing in Somalia were reminders to me of the need to not grow weary of doing good and offering our prayers and efforts for justice and mercy. The words of Mary 100 years ago to the three children at Fatima to pray for the conversion of sinners and peace in our world are timely for us today. What will you do this week to bring the mercy of God to others?

May God bless you and your family abundantly this week.

## St. Mary & St Joseph Parish Mass Schedule

**Monday, October 23 - No Mass**

**Tuesday, October 24 - St. Mary**

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

**Mass** - 8:30am - Charles Vargo by Creative Foam Corp.

**Wednesday, October 25 - St. Joseph**

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

**Mass** - 8:30am -

Lila Nelson by Brian and Kristen Smith

Ron Sedlak by K of C #12186

**Thursday, October 26 - St. Mary**

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

**Mass** - 8:30am - Dale Jenkins by Ken & Diane Nowak

**Friday, October 27 - St. Mary**

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

**Mass** - 8:30am - Dorothy McDonald by Joe & Stephanie Tomasek

**Saturday, October 28 - St. Mary**

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

**Mass** - 5:00pm - St. Mary and St. Joseph Parishioners

**Sunday, October 29**

**St. Joseph Mass** - 8:30am - Wayne Morse by the Family

**St. Mary Mass** - 11:30am - Deacon Lester Arquette

## 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. Bob Tillson, Sue McCarty, John Klim, Hunter Johnson, Lawrence Kondel, Michael Kondel, Sue Carmer, Wendell Disbrow, and Linda Sauer.

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 Outreach Food Pantry Volunteers Needed:

The next food distribution is on **November 4**. There are sign-up sheets in the back of the church (on a clipboard). A **food truck delivery** is scheduled for Thursday, November 2 at 8:30am. Initial food packaging (packers) and building setup takes place on Friday, November 3 at 6:00pm.

For any questions concerning the St. Mary Outreach Food Pantry, please contact Diane Pelky at 989-288-4446 or Kathy Schmidt 989-288-4183 or stmaryfoodpantry@gmail.com.

Thank you again for your continued support. God Bless!

**Finance Council Meeting:** Tuesday, Oct 24,  
7:00pm at St. Joseph gathering space.

### Food Distribution:

The next St. Mary Outreach Food Pantry distribution will be on **November 4**. Appointments will be taken **October 23 - October 27**; 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."

### St Vincent de Paul meeting...

...on Sunday October 29 at 12:30pm at St. Mary gathering space. Informational meeting on rechartering our chapter. St. Vincent de Paul Society helps serve the poor and needy in our area. All are invited to find out about getting involved.

Upcoming retreats at St Francis Retreat Center:  
Mon., Nov 6, 9:00am-3:30pm:

**"Becoming Saints; Our Deepest Desire"**

Fri., Dec 8, **"A Eucharistic Advent Retreat"**.

For more info go to [stfrancis.ws](http://stfrancis.ws) or [517-669-8321](tel:517-669-8321).

**St. Joseph Liturgical Assignments for October 29**



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: Tedd & Susan McDowell, John Baumchen

Sacristans: Tedd & Susan McDowell

Lectors: Mark Dyer, Marie Meadows

Servers: Canyon Butterfield, Kaitlynn Monroe

**Marriage Matters**

Saturday, October 28, 6:30pm-9:30pm St. Mary Lower Level. Join us for our Costume party! This event is open to all couples. The night includes a chili dinner, murder mystery game, costume competition and more! Please RSVP in the gathering space and bring a dish to pass.

**LIFE TEEN**

**Life Night Sunday, October 22**

Meet us at St. Mary at 6:30pm to carpool to St. Mary in Morrice for Youth Group. What to expect: Pizza dinner, games and small groups. Pick up a permission slip in the Life Teen Racks.

**Unashamed Youth Conference Sunday, November 5**

This day long conference will help all experience a deeper conversion while having a blast with other teenagers from around the Diocese. Open to all in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. We will be leaving St. Mary at 8:30am and returning at 9:15pm. Fill out a Catholic Youth Conference form and Health form in the Life Teen rack in the Gathering Space to attend. Registration is \$60. All forms and registration fee can be placed in the collection basket. For more info contact Adriana Lindgren (855) 288-6704 [adrianadcy@gmail.com](mailto:adrianadcy@gmail.com)

**The Mother Teresa Group...**

...is planning our first ever Christmas bazaar to be held at the St. Joseph Hall on November 11. We are currently looking for crafters who might be interested in renting a table at this event. If you craft or know someone who does, please contact Jill Rohner 810-836-1557. This should be a fun event. We will have crafters, vendors, bake sale, and lunch. Watch for future notices.

**Parish Support for the weekend of October 15:**



October 15 offerings (general collection).....	\$7,295.45
Outreach.....	\$477.79
Building Debt.....	\$896.00
Improvement.....	\$56.00
Energy.....	\$129.00
Help Spread The Faith.....	\$30.00
Mass Intentions.....	\$396.00

NOTE: This week's bulletin includes amounts from the October 8, 8:30am Mass.



To all the folks that helped at this years rodeo, there will be an appreciation dinner...

**Date: November 4**

**Times: 2:00pm-6:00pm**

**Location: St Joseph Hall**

Please, if you could, wear your rodeo shirt to show our sponsor how many people it takes to make this rodeo happen. This dinner is being sponsored by the Texas Roadhouse. There is no charge to this dinner.

**World Mission Sunday, October 22...**

This weekend we are celebrating World Mission Sunday. The Church is invited to support the young mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, Pacific Islands, parts of Latin America and Europe where your generosity helps those in the missions who help share the faith and serve the poorest of the poor.

**The Community Closet at the Catholic Charities Office in Shiawassee and Genesee Counties...**

...is requesting donations of new or gently used clean linens in queen and king sizes, as well as towels and washcloths, gloves, mittens, socks (all sizes), men's winter gloves and men's work gloves are greatly needed to stock. If you are able to donate, please bring these items to your parish during the month of October through November 30 for collection and distribution.

**Ladies: You are cordially...**

...invited to attend the Fifth Annual Lansing Diocese Catholic Women's Conference entitled "God's Desire" on Saturday, November 4, 2017 from 9:00am until 5:00pm at the Lansing Center. Speakers include: Father Mathias Thelen, Father Mark Rutherford, Colleen Mitchell, and Bishop Earl Boyea will preside at mass. We will also have lunch, shopping, music, dramas, Adoration, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available all day. Please set aside this day and join together with your sisters, daughters, and friends to experience our Heavenly Father's desire for His daughters. For more information and to register, please visit: [www.LansingDioceseCWC.org](http://www.LansingDioceseCWC.org).



**Working Hands Ministry...**

...Please join us as we knit, crochet, and quilt shawls and lapghans for those in need of comfort, prayer, and warmth. We can use more yarn and those willing to help us bring comfort to others. The dates for Wednesdays are: Nov. 1, 15 and 29. Thursday's group will meet: Nov. 2, 16, and 30. All meetings will be held at the St. Mary Education Building.

**Sponsor of the Week**

**Watkins Brothers Funeral Homes**

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!



Oct. 29 bulletin cut off is Oct. 23 by 9:00am.  
[bulletinmj@gmail.com](mailto:bulletinmj@gmail.com)