



St. Mary & St. Joseph Parish

One Holy Family
Together In Christ

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St. Mary Church

700 Columbia Dr., Durand, MI 48429

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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

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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.

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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,

A big thank you to all those who helped at Hearts on Fire, our parish mission last week, especially to our musicians and those who provided the food and hospitality each day. I found the days to be especially peaceful, joyful and just plain enjoyable, which is saying something considering the week before I was sick and had a flooded basement at the rectory.

God is good. Talking to those who came, I think all had an enriching experience in God.

Up next this Lent: Living Stations on Thursday and 24 Hours for the Lord Friday 5:00pm through Saturday 5:00pm.

Now that we are approaching the midway point of Lent, it's a great time to do a personal check-in (not always my favorite thing, but usually well worth the effort). Have you been faithful to your Lenten commitments? Have they helped you be more attentive to God throughout your day and better at loving others? I know some days have been more successful than others, and in reflecting on question #2 (the goal of all this Lenten work) I am thinking that God is inviting me to a little more prayer in the morning (up 15 minutes earlier) for these final weeks. Perhaps.

I am excited to announce that Sara Folsom is our new High School Youth Coordinator. She has been involved on the leadership team for the past couple of years, a catechist (6th grade) for several years and a life long parishioner at St. Mary's. Please join me in welcoming her to this important responsibility. We are blessed by her and her great willingness to serve our parish and share the Gospel with our youth.

A few recent and upcoming projects to pass along: the 3 furnaces and 3 AC units at our St. Joseph hall were all replaced. We were down to one working AC unit and two working furnaces. In addition, the old floor boiler system was decommissioned as the piping was an old, unreliable type. All this was long needed. This week the flooring at the St. Joseph church bathrooms will be replaced. The original flooring was not put in properly and has been buckling. The men's got so bad that we had to remove it several months ago. Thank you to the Knights of Colum-

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. Dorothy Spiekermann, Debbie Love, Teresa Chesney, Lucas Corwin, Steve Doyle, Robert Cormier, Jacqueline Calhoun, Raymond Calhoun Jr., John Reaume, Samantha Allen, Pat Elliott, Kathy Root, and Brian Jones.

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.

bus who are helping cover some of the cost. And behind the scenes we added some light switches and an outlet to our St. Mary sacristy. Previously, we had been using the circuit breakers to turn the lights off and on, and the outlet allows us to keep the fridge close to the sink. Lots less running back and forth by our sacristans.

Finally, please keep one another, our country and our world in prayer. The past few weeks have, from what I've experienced, an uptick in the number of needs, concerns, challenges and crises, that we all are going through. This is true in my own family, among our parishioners, and certainly in our country and world there are countless needs. From new sickness, to marriage problems, to people dealing with addictions, to deaths, to financial crises, to dealing with serious evils like the most recent shooting in Florida (or similar ones nearer to us), I see the need to a renewed commitment to intercessory prayer and outreach. But that's what we are about during Lent anyways, right? As my brother recently put it: Don't



you just love Lent? As is always the case, when we are faced with our limitations, the first, best and most important choice is to look to God with humility and confidence.

May God bless us abundantly this week.

St. Mary & St Joseph Parish Mass Schedule

Monday, March 5 - No Mass

Tuesday, March 6 - St. Mary

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

Mass - 8:30am - Margaret Doyle by Richard & Nancy Folaron

Wednesday, March 7 - St. Joseph

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

St. Joseph Mass - 8:30am - Jim Bundoff by Sr. Ann Petri

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

Thursday, March 8 - St. Mary

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

Mass - 8:30am - Dorothy McDonald by Julie Okenka

Friday, March 9 - St. Mary

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

Mass - 8:30am - Dorothy A. Nanasy by Jaime & Kathy Pavlica

Mass - 10:30am - Durand Senior Care Center - for the seminarians and priests of our diocese.

Saturday, March 10 - St. Mary

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


Mass - 5:00pm - Barry Krembs by Maria Thelen

Sunday, March 11

St. Joseph Mass - 8:30am - Ethel Kovacs by John and Annette Lucky

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

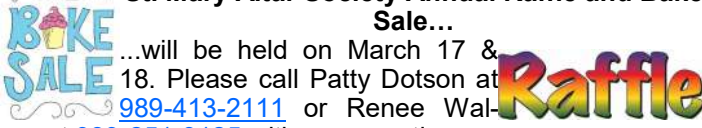
St. Joseph Liturgical Assignments for March 11



Eucharistic Ministers: Gayle Stanis, Don Carmer
 Sacristans: Gayle Stanis, Don Carmer
 Lectors: Bill Feudale, Maureen Schisler
 Servers: Aidan McGuire, Timothy Halleaux

Easter Basket collection...
 ...for the March St. Mary Food Pantry Distribution: We are collecting baskets, grass, candy, little stuffed animals and other miscellaneous basket stuffing items. Place the items in the food pantry box. Items are needed by March 17. Additional needs for the pantry at this time include paper and plastic bags, cereal, canned fruit, hamburger helper, spaghetti noodles and tuna fish. We currently do NOT need laundry soap bottles.

St. Mary Altar Society Annual Raffle and Bake Sale...



...will be held on March 17 & 18. Please call Patty Dotson at 989-413-2111 or Renee Walters at 989-251-3125 with any questions.

24 Hours for the Lord
 Mar 9 & 10, Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St Mary church.


Friday	Saturday
5:00pm Exposition	8:30am Rosary
6pm-7pm Confession	9-11am Confession
7:00pm Stations of the Cross	3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
7:30pm Music	3:30-4:30pm Confession
7:30-9:30pm Confession	4:45pm Benediction

Please sign up for Adoration in the gathering space.

GROW & GO: GROW You are invited to Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7:00pm at St Mary's. In addition, please join us on Thursday, March 8 at 7:00pm at St. Mary church as our religious education students lead us in the living stations. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is being offered at 6:30pm and 7:30pm on Fridays during Lent. Encounter Jesus in His Passion in this special time during Lent.

Heartbeat's 39th Annual IRISH NIGHT...
 ...will be Sun, Mar. 11 at 5:00pm at Holy Family in Grand Blanc. Reservations are required \$25 pp. Please call Dan at 248-390-3756 for more information.

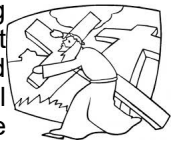
All Parishioners are invited...
 ...to get their picture taken for our parish directory. Pictures are being taken Friday, March 9 and Sat., March 10 at the Fr. Hay Education building. Times are still available. Please sign up through our web site or by calling the office.



Thank you to all who came out to the Mardi Gras Dinner Benefit for Life Teen at St. Mary & St. Joseph Catholic Parish! Our net profit this year is \$1,022.75. The dinner benefit supports retreats and activities for our high school students throughout the year. Thank you again to all who helped make our Mardi Gras Dinner Benefit a success!

Stations of the Cross Religious Ed Presentation...

The 6th, 7th & 8th graders will be presenting the Living Stations on Thursday, March 8 at 7:00pm at St. Mary church. Please come and support our students. Light refreshments will be served following in the lower level of the church. Thank you.




Fasting and Abstinence...
 ...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, 12145 Ray Rd., Gaines and will continue until Good Friday. Fish dinner is \$10. Shrimp dinner is \$11. Fish & Shrimp dinner is \$11.

Lenten Inspirations
Lent: A time for being renewed as disciples of Jesus and children of God through Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. **The goal of Lent:** to arrive at Easter more full of God's love and more in love with God and all others.
Prayer: "Prayer and converse with God is a supreme good: it is a partnership and union with God. As the eyes of the body are enlightened when they see light, so our spirit, when it is intent on God, is illumined by His infinite light. I do not mean the prayer of outward observance but prayer from the heart, not confined to fixed times or periods but continuous throughout the day and night....Prayer stands before God as an honored ambassador...I speak of prayer not words. It is the longing for God, love too deep for words, a gift not given by man but by God's grace." —St. John Chrysostom

This week's prayer to carry in your hearts and your prayer time: **Mary, make me holy.**

Parish Support for the weekend of February 25



February 25 offerings (general collection).....	\$4,146.00
Improvement.....	\$150.00
Ash Wednesday.....	\$10.00
Outreach.....	\$20.00
Building Debt.....	\$595.00
Home Missions.....	\$8.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$5.00
Catholic Relief.....	\$10.00
Good Friday.....	\$10.00
Easter.....	\$10.00

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 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!
 March 11 cut off is March 5 by 10:00am
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