



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...



"Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Behold, the place where they laid him." (Mk 16:6)

Happy Easter!! Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Today is our day of rejoicing because today is our day of sure and certain hope. Jesus is not dead but alive. We share in His resurrection and new life through our faith in Him. Our hope in Him brings us joy, even now in the midst of the trials of life, even in the midst of still being sinners, for we know that our Savior lives. Jesus is victorious over sin and death.

One silver lining in all the confusion, fear, animosity, and plain evil that we still see in our world is that they are a strong reminder that Jesus, and *only* Jesus, really is our way to happiness. Jesus, and *only* Jesus, really is our abundant eternal life. Jesus, and *only* Jesus, really is our hope for mercy, for life even where there is death. For all the progress we have made as a human race, when we turn our backs on God, when we turn our backs on Jesus, we can see that the greatest human achievements only lead to greater suffering, sadness, hatred and division. All else fails us in the end. But not Jesus. He is risen indeed! He is Lord.

Jesus' resurrection is *the* historical event that supports all that we believe and hope for in God. As St. Paul put it, if Jesus didn't rise from the dead then our faith is pointless and we are the most pitiable of all persons, because we are living for this life only (1 Cor 15:19). But Jesus did rise from the dead! Indeed, all of history, if you take the time to examine the evidence, points to the fact that Jesus' bodily resurrection happened.

I think one strong piece of evidence is the women and men, from all walks of life and parts of the world, who lived lives that were truly human (meaning, they were not suffering from delusions or living disconnected, pie-in-the-sky, lives), and yet were superhuman in how loving they were to others. These women and men willingly gave their lives, sometimes with great suffering and unjustly (the martyrs), because they knew that Jesus was risen, that He is Lord, and that their faithfulness to Him and their laying down their lives here is the path to happiness and abundant life. Their lives point to the truth that Jesus Christ is risen.

We call them saints. But they are simply those who, sinners like you and I, never gave up on striving to love God and love their neighbor as Jesus loves us. And they relied not on themselves but on the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. Now they are saints.

Of course, Jesus's resurrection and our faith doesn't mean we just live this life any old way and wait for Jesus to return. Instead, Jesus calls us to begin living *now* God's abundant eternal life (this is following Jesus' commands in the Holy Spirit). *And* Jesus sends us to go, tell others about Jesus. As He

put it: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them all I have commanded you. And, behold, I am with you always, until the end of the world." (Mt 28:19-20). We are all made to be saints. We are all called to be saints. God can make us saints, if we ask him. Only saints are in heaven.

May today and the next 50 days, leading up to Pentecost on May 20, be a time of rejoicing in the Lord, of giving thanks to God, of spending time looking at the evidence so we can grow in our faith in Jesus, of sharing the good news and hope we have in Jesus through our words and actions to a world in desperate need of Him. May we pray earnestly for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in the world.

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

St. Mary & St Joseph Parish Mass Schedule

Monday, April 2 - No Mass

Tuesday, April 3 - St. Mary

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

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

Wednesday, April 4 - St. Joseph

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

St. Joseph Mass - 8:30am - Ron Sedlak by KofC #12186

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

Thursday, April 5 - St. Mary

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

Mass - 8:30am - Mitchell Nations by family

First Friday, April 6 - St. Mary

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

Mass - 8:30am - Kenneth Allen by his family

Saturday, April 7 - St. Mary

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

Mass - 5:00pm - Patrick Monette by Mary & Bill Castle

Sunday, April 8

St. Joseph Mass - 8:30am - Christopher Bates by the Siegrist Family

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

Thank You!

My family and I would like to express our sincere appreciation to everyone for their support and prayers over the last two years. Thank you Fr. Jonathan for a wonderful sermon, Paul & musicians for the beautiful music, Deacon

Greg, the lectors, altar server & ministers for sacrificing their time, Altar Society Funeral dinner team for a great luncheon and most of all, everyone who came to Barry's memorial mass. Your presence in our lives has meant the world to us.

Tammy, BJ, Matthew & Tailor Krembs

St. Joseph Liturgical Assignments for April 8



Eucharistic Ministers: Marlene Cole, Karrie Johnston, Frank Kondel
Sacristans: Marlene Cole, Karrie Johnston
Lectors: Deb Boucha, Paul Johnston
Servers: Aidan McGuire, Myleigh Rohner

Please note: The *Liturgical Assignments for St Joseph* will no longer be published in the bulletin starting May 1. The assignments will continue to be sent email and printed out for pick-up in the gathering space.

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.
Elle Madoline Beiser, Gehrig Michael Beiser, Sue & Jerome Kekel, Paul Williamson, Karen Carsten, Matt & Jenny Wilcox, Joe & Tracy Carsten, Toni Monroe, Jim Elford, and Curt Rivard.

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.



An Easter Sunday Prayer...

...O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life.

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.

ENVELOPES OR IF YOU WISH TO REGISTER

If you are not receiving church envelopes, please fill out the following, and return by dropping it into the collection basket. We will call for your information to register you, or you can call St. Mary at 855-288-6704, or St. Joseph at 989-271-8434 during office hours to register.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City : _____

Phone: _____

Cell: _____

E-mail: _____

GROW + GO

Grow - Serve....others' needs. Lector Training

Lector training will be offered on Sat, April 14, at 10:00am at St Joseph for all Lectors, (St Joseph & St Mary's), and for anyone interested in information about becoming a Lector.

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!



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.

This week's prayer to carry in your hearts and your prayer time:
Pray for missionaries in the world.

GROW + GO

Grow - Study...the faith

A book called "Beautiful Hope" another Dynamic Catholic offering will be available at both St. Mary and St. Joseph during the Easter Masses



Parish Support for the weekend of March 25



March 25 offerings (general collection).....	\$5,511.00
Initial Offering.....	\$5.00
Energy.....	\$50.00
Outreach.....	\$191.00
Building Debt.....	\$316.00
Catholic Relief.....	\$15.00
Altar Society Bake Sale.....	\$710.50
Altar Society Raffle.....	\$1,456.00

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