



# 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

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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,

**Happy Feast of Corpus Christi!** What a blessings and great gift this feast day is. Jesus is truly present, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in this sacrament. It is why we worship and adore; the Eucharist isn't just a symbol, it is really Jesus. If we had great faith in this truth, it would change our lives for the better and change our world. May each of us grow in our faith, our hope and our love in the Eucharist.

**Thank you to all those who helped in making our Memorial Day Mass at our cemetery such a prayerful and joyful experience.** You know who you are and you are a blessing to us all. Thanks be to the men and women who gave their lives so we can enjoy the blessings of our country. And thanks be to God for the beautiful weather!

**On Saturday, June 9, Dcn. John Machiorlatti will be ordained to the priesthood for our diocese.** Please pray for him, that he will be a holy and happy priest. Thanks be to God for Dcn. John's willingness to serve God and His Church in this way! Thanks be to God for blessing our diocese with another priest. Soon-to-be Fr. John will be serving at St. John's in Davison.

**And please pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, especially in our parish and diocese.** Next year there will be no ordinations to the priesthood, which is a sad thing for all of us. How often there are few priestly vocations because there is weak faith, and little or no encouragement and help to our youth in hearing and answering Jesus' call, whether to the priesthood, religious or married life. It isn't that God isn't calling many men to the priesthood, it's that boys and young men are not hearing that call and answering it. Pray to the Holy Spirit, who renews all things, to work in our parish & diocese to bring about a culture that fosters vocations to the priesthood, religious life, marriage and the diaconate.

**This week will also include the celebration of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (Friday 6/8) and the Immaculate Heart of Mary (Saturday 6/9), both good days to do a little celebrating and thanking Jesus and Mary.** Plus, the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a Solemnity, so this Friday is not a day of penance. In the somewhat distant past (anything before I was born is the somewhat distant past), all Catholics did not eat meat on all Fridays as act of penance. The Church changed this universal obligation (now the no-meat obligation only happens during Fridays in Lent), *but every Friday in the year is still a day when we are obliged to do some sort of penance*—fasting, extra prayer, an act of mercy, not eating meat, etc. Except if the Friday is a Solemnity, then it's not a day of penance but of celebration. Did you know this? I didn't until I entered the

seminary. So on almost every Friday in the year, if you decide to eat meat that day, don't forget to do something else as a penance, to join your self to Jesus in helping clean up the mess that your sins and all our sins have made. To do penance on Friday is actually a practice that we consider as necessary as going to Mass on Sunday. Wow!

**With the summer months upon us, many will be spending a little more time traveling. Don't forget to make it to Mass!** We believe that the Mass is the source of our salvation and the path to happiness. We should approach like eating and drinking. We don't skip eating and drinking when we travel. Nor should we skip Sunday Mass. There are many ways to get Mass times and locations near where you will be, including on our parish app. One of the great blessings of being a Roamin', I mean Roman, Catholic, is that there is a Catholic church almost everywhere you go. If for some reason you think it will be impossible to make it to Mass, you can always talk to me (or your pastor if you are from another parish) before you go. For legitimate reasons, a pastor has the authority to dispense an individual person from their obligation. God never asks us to do the impossible.

May God bless you and your family abundantly this week.

### St. Mary & St Joseph Parish Mass Schedule

**Monday, June 4 - No Mass**

**Tuesday, June 5 - St. Mary**

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

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

**Wednesday, June 6 - St. Joseph**

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

**Mass - 8:30am - Fr. Robert McKeon (59th Anniversary of Ordination) by Mike and Sharon McRae**

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

**Thursday, June 7 - St. Mary**

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

**Mass - 8:30am - Jennie DeNolf by friends of Jennie**

**Friday, June 8 - St. Mary**

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

**Mass - 8:30am - Alexander Ruska by Mary Mitosinka**

**Saturday, June 9 - St. Mary**

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

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

**Sunday, June 10**

**St. Joseph Mass - 8:30am - Adam Schaefer by the Family**

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

## Rest In Peace

We pray for  
**Bob Tillison**

Husband of Ellie, father of Julie  
and Tina


...that he may now enjoy the great blessings of eternal life. We pray also for his family and friends that they may find peace in the promises of Christ.


**GROW + GO**


**Grow - Engage...in parish life  
Mother Teresa Group...**

...will be meeting on Tuesday, June 5 at St. Joseph Church.



**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. Kristin Bartes, Carl Armor, Andrea Moleski, Jack Bollinger, Kim Bartes, Lois Wachter, Jennifer Chadwick and Steve Steffen.  
 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 + GO** **Grow - Serve.....others' needs**  
**The Mother Teresa Group Rummage Sale...**  
  
 ...will be held on June 14 - 16, 9:00am to 7:00pm at the St. Joseph hall. Drop off items at the hall on Monday, June 11 to 13, 9:00am to 7:00pm.

**GROW + GO** **Grow - Serve.....others' needs**  
**Baby Bottle Drive**  
 Don't forget to pick up your baby bottle today on your way out and put your loose coins in it for the next few weeks. **Please return it on Father's Day, June 17.** All proceeds go to the local ministry of: "Flint Right to Life"  


**DSA UPDATE:**  
 We are at **\$23,219, 72%** of our goal of **\$31,838.** Thank you to the **136** households who have pledge or given thus far! This makes for an average gift of **\$170.73.** We have a goal of 200 households, which means if 64 more pledge an average of \$134.67, we would make our goal. That's less than \$13.50 a month over 10 months. We invite all to participate in this important work. Pledge envelopes are in the pews, or you can give online: <https://dioceseoflansing.org/DSA>

**GROW + GO** **Grow - Engage.....in parish life**  
**Fathers Day Breakfast...**  
 ...June 17, 10:00am-11:30am, St. Mary church basement hall. Fathers eat free, \$6.00 per person, 5 and under eat free. Assorted quiches, French toast casserole, sausage gravy and biscuits, fruit bowl, cinnamon rolls. Come after the 8:30am Mass or before the 11:30am Mass. Sponsored by the Altar Society.


**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.**

To recognize the word that the Lord wishes to speak to us through one of his saints, we do not need to get caught up in details, for there we might also encounter mistakes and failures. Not everything a saint says is completely faithful to the Gospel; not everything he or she does is authentic or perfect. What we need to contemplate is the totality of their life, their entire journey of growth in holiness, the reflection of Jesus Christ that emerges when we grasp their overall meaning as a person.


This is a powerful summons to all of us. You too need to see the entirety of your life as a mission. Try to do so by listening to God in prayer and recognizing the signs that he gives you. Always ask the Spirit what Jesus expects from you at every moment of your life and in every decision you must make, so as to discern its place in the mission you have received. Allow the Spirit to forge in you the personal mystery that can reflect Jesus Christ in today's world.

**GROW + GO** **Grow - Study.....the faith**  
**Retreats at St Francis Retreat Center:**  
**"Life Lessons from 2 Great Saints - St. Anthony of Padua & St. Therese of Lisieux"** - a new retreat at St. Francis Retreat Center, Wed., June 13, from 9:00am-3:30pm; includes Mass and lunch. For more information and registration: [stfrancis.ws](http://stfrancis.ws) or 517-669-8321.

This week's prayer to carry in your hearts and your prayer time:  
**Jesus and Mary, I love you.**

**Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ...**  
  
 ...O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. Who lives and reigns with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**The Diocese of Lansing...**  
 ...is hosting a workshop entitled "Navigating the Golden Years: Understanding your Medical, Financial, and Housing Decisions as You Age." This will be on Sat, Sept 8, at Thomas Aquinas School gym, E. Lansing. Workshop is free but you must pre-register. Please see the flyers in the gathering space for all the details.

**Parish Support for the weekend of May 27**  
  

May 27 offering (general collection).....	\$4,651.00
Energy.....	\$15.00
Outreach.....	\$311.00
Building Debt.....	\$310.00
Rice Bowl.....	\$11.86

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 June 10 cut off is June 4 by 10:00am  
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