



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.

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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,

Well, we are one week away from our big **Diocesan Assembly**. I am getting excited, especially for the Eucharistic procession in the morning, and for the Mass, which I think may be the Mass with the most people ever in our diocese. I hope you are able to attend a part or the whole day. There is still time to register for the Mass. The Mass, which is at the Breslin Center, is free (you may have to pay for parking), but they want to make sure they have a seat for everyone. You can register for the 4:30pm Mass here: made-forhappiness.org

Leading up to the Assembly, please continue to offer a prayer each day for its success. Pray that it will fill each of us anew with the Holy Spirit, that He will equip us for witnessing others about Jesus, and that our efforts will bear fruit.

Looking ahead, there are two great opportunities for each and every woman of our parish: (1) our women's parish retreat and (2) the diocesan women's conference. The retreat is October 13 & 14 at the retreat center in Dewitt. The conference is on Saturday, Nov. 3 at the conference center in Lansing. I would encourage every woman from our parish to go to at least one. Save the dates and invite a friend. (These things always seem better when we go with someone we know!) More details coming soon...

Last week was, for me, one of those weeks when the passing of loved ones took center stage. We had two deaths in our parish and the death of the father of a close priest friend, along with two of their funeral Masses (one here and one down in Ann Arbor). *I was reminded of what a blessing those of you who help out at funerals are.* From those who organize and serve our funeral luncheon's to those who help at the Masses, this is a great service to the families of those who have died. Thank you to all of you. Thank you in a special way to those who work so hard to prepare and serve the meals for family and friends. You are a blessing to us all. You are a blessing to me.

On a more sobering note:

On Tuesday, Bishop Boyea released another statement in connection to the current situation involving the serious sins of priests and bishops (the priest and bishop abuse and cover up in our country and throughout the world). It is too long to print in this week's bulletin, so I encourage you to go to our diocesan website and read his letter. I think his promise of bringing our diocese's history into the light is necessary and healthy. His letter is here:

<https://dioceseoflansing.org/news/clergy-sexual-abuse-crisis-church>

On Tuesday, B. Boyea also released a statement about one of our diocesan priests, Fr. Mark Ingot, the pastor at St. Thomas Aquinas/St. John's in East Lansing. He indicates that Fr. Mark has been put on leave. The statement says in part: *"A claim of sexual harassment was made by an adult co-worker on September 5, 2018. Bishop Boyea began an immediate initial internal investigation. He received a report on Monday, September 10, 2018 that the claim was believed to be credible."* You can read the entire statement here:

<https://dioceseoflansing.org/news/statement-rev-mark-inglot>

Bishop Boyea does not give any specifics on what steps he will take next. I did read in the Lansing journal that the East Lansing police say there is no open criminal investigation. *Please keep all involved in this situation in your prayers.* May the truth come to light; may there be justice, mercy and healing for all.

St. Mary & St Joseph Parish Mass Schedule

Monday, September 17 - No Mass

Tuesday, September 18 - St. Mary

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

Mass - 8:30am - Anne & Donald Drake by family

Wednesday, September 19 - St. Joseph

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

Mass - 8:30am - Jolene Wines (birthday) by Marie and Mark Dyer

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

Thursday, September 20 - St. Mary

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

Mass - 8:30am - Margaret Doyle by Kial Hastings & family

Friday, September 21 - St. Mary

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

Mass - 8:30am - Bob Tillson by Bob & Cindy Vandesteere

Saturday, September 22 - No Mass

No Sacrament of Reconciliation or Mass.

Mass instead is being held in conjunction with the Diocese of Lansing "Made for Happiness" assembly.

Sunday, September 23

St. Joseph Mass - 8:30am - Gerard "Gary" Kalinowski by Marge Kimble & Shirley Rizzo

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

**Rest In
Peace**

**We pray for
Cindy Strahorn**

Wife of Ken, mother to Roxanne.

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

**Rest In
Peace**

**We pray for
Stephen Doyle**

Husband of Robin, father to Stephen Jr., Matthew, Rebecca, Hannah and Daniel

...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 - 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.

Dale Osborn, Hope Reed, Jerry Reed II, Janette Borke, Curt Rivard, Bob Smith, Alex Proulx, Dick and Stephanie Schlenker.

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**
 There will be a **Parish Council Meeting** on Tuesday, Sept. 25, 7:00pm at the St. Joseph Church gathering space.

GROW + GO **Grow - Serve.....others' needs**
Working Hands Ministry thanks all who donated yarn to us over the summer. We can always use more 4 ply regular yarn as it takes approximately 3-4 of the 7 oz skeins to make a shawl. We are currently well supplied with hats for the Food Pantry. Knitters and crocheters are invited to meet on Wednesday, Sept. 19, at 7:00pm and Thursday, Sept. 20, at 1:00pm in the St. Mary Education Building. We hope to see you there!

GROW + GO **Grow - Serve.....others' needs**
 The Mother Teresa Group is planning our second annual Christmas Bazaar, Saturday, Nov. 3. We are looking for crafters and vendors interested in renting tables for this event. Again this year, tables will rent for only \$20. The Mother Teresa Group is also looking for crafts to sell at our table. If you have something to donate, please contact any of the ladies. Lunch will be available as well as a bake sale. Table rentals will be available September 1. Please contact Jill Rohner for additional information at 810-836-1557

Thank You! The family of Steve Doyle greatly appreciates the out pouring of caring and love given to us. Whether it was food, hugs, kind words, the mass and music, the funeral dinner, flowers or holding our hands, it touched our lives deeply. Thank you.

GROW + GO **Grow - Serve.....others' needs**
 Northeast Regional Council of Catholic Woman (NECCW) Fall Meeting: Sept. 27, starting with 8:30am Mass with meeting and event to follow. St. Roberts Catholic Church, 310 N. Cherry St., Flushing. Theme: Human Trafficking. Guest Speaker, Amy Rouleau of Restoration Place. Registration in Angel Hall, Refreshments, Business meeting & Free Luncheon. RSVP Kay Huggins, 810-659-8129.

GROW + GO **Grow - Serve.....others' needs**
Altar Server Training
 Altar Server Training will be Sat, Sept 29. St Joseph church from 9:30am-11:00am. St Mary church from 12 noon- 2:00pm. All current altar servers are asked to attend, and any young people or adults that are interested in being an altar server please attend.

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

St Jude, intercede for hopeless causes.

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GROW + GO **Grow - Study...the faith**
DON'T FORGET: NO MASS SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 22 AT 5:00PM AT OUR PARISH

Don't forget that there will be no Mass at our St. Mary church on 9/22 at 5:00pm, or confessions at 3:30pm because of the Diocesan Assembly. All are invited to the Mass at the Breslin Center that day at 4:30pm. If you are not able to make that Mass or any Mass on Sunday, then Bishop Boyea has indicated that you are excused from the obligation to attend Sunday (or Vigil) Mass.

GROW + GO **Grow - Pray...every day**
 The St. Mary Rosary Group invites St. Mary and St. Joseph Parishioners who are interested in praying the Rosary to come join us each Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in the St. Mary gathering space. We pray the Rosary and other beautiful prayers which you might enjoy. We hope you will be able to attend and look forward to meeting you. Contact Pat Root 989-288-2775 or Linda Carsten at 989-288-3161 for more information.

GROW + GO **Grow - Pray.....every day**
40 DAYS FOR LIFE
 You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization- through prayer and peaceful vigils. All events take place in front of Planned Parenthood, G-3371 Beecher Rd, Flint, MI. Kick off is Sept 23.- through Nov 4. Please contact Sarah Stapleton or Tina Phillpotts, info@prolifeflint.com, 810-892-FLNT. 40daysforlife.com/flint

GROW + GO **Grow - Pray.....every day**
Focus on Life Benefit Dinner
Right to Life of Michigan-Genesee County Affiliate
 Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2018. The Captains Club of Woodfield, 10200 Woodfield Dr., Grand Blanc 48439.
Special Guest Speaker: Dr. Robin Pierucci. Activley pro-life, Dr. Pierucci is a practicing neonatologist who cares for the tiniest pre-mature babies. She a Jewish convert to Catholicism and has been seen on a number of EWTN shows. Tickets: Adult \$35 / Student \$20. Table of eight \$250. For info and reservations: call Fran 810-694-5079

GROW + GO **Grow - Pray...every day**
Religious Education Classes...
 Have begun and are held from 9:45am to 11:15am in the Franklin Hay Education Building at St. Mary.

Lost & Found Note: A yellow cut-glass serving bowl was left at the picnic. Please pick up the bowl at St. Joseph church or call the office.



Parish Support for the weekend of Sept. 9

Sept. 9 offering (general collection).....	\$5,273.00
Energy.....	\$349.00
Outreach.....	\$32.00
Building Debt.....	\$431.00
Peters Pence.....	\$10.00
RE Student Fees.....	\$720.00
Candle donations.....	\$87.00