



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

Lifeteen Coordinator: Sara Folsom Email: stmjlifeteen@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: 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

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.

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

Monday, October 8 - No Mass

Tuesday, October 9 - St. Mary

Eucharistic Adoration - 7:20am to 8:20am
Mass - 8:30am - Nancy Kellogg by Therese Woodhams & Erin Faber

Wednesday, October 10 - St. Joseph

Eucharistic Adoration - 7:20am to 8:20am
Mass - 8:30am - Carrie Hastings (birthday), by Mark and Marie Dyer

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

Thursday, October 11 - St. Mary

Eucharistic Adoration - 7:20am to 8:20am
Mass - 8:30am - Anne & Donald Drake by family

Special Mass for Healing and Reparation - 6:30pm

Friday, October 12 - St. Mary

Eucharistic Adoration - 7:20am to 8:20am
Mass - 8:30am - Bob Tillson by Bob & Ruth Ann Vreau

Saturday, October 13 - St. Mary

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

Mass - 5:00pm - Bill & Mary Castle (50th Wedding Anniversary)

Sunday, October 14

St. Joseph Mass - 8:30am - Vickie Kitts by Dave and MaryLynn Hollenbeck

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

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time Prayer...

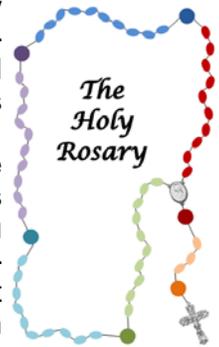


..Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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 1:30pm 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 - 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

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 tinest pre-mature babies. She is 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.....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.

Cindy Goad, Sandy Corrión, Curt Rivard, Roy Beville, Jean O'Bannon, Joe Lezovich, Dale Osborn, Hope Reed, Jerry Reed II, Janette Borke, Bob Smith, Alex Proulx,



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 Durand St. Mary Knights of Columbus Council 7955 is temporarily changing their monthly business meeting from the first Thursday to the second Thursday of the Month at 7:00pm.

This change will stay in place as long as there is a Reparation mass on the first Thursday. Thank You. K of C council 7955

FLYER INSERT CORRECTION

NOTE: The address listed for the Lee and Trisha Wendt Halloween Party is supposed to be 9316 Ray Rd., Gaines. Sorry for the confusion.



From the Pen of the Pastor



Dear brothers and sisters,

As I write this, I am away with the priests of our diocese. Please know of our prayers for you all.

We recently celebrated the feast day of St. Vincent de Paul on September 27, the day he passed to eternal life in 1660. For much of his priesthood he was especially dedicated to caring for the poor, so much so that many called him the Apostle of Paris, where he did much of his work.

While St. Vincent did not found the St. Vincent de Paul Society, which many of us are familiar with, and which some of us are members of, it is named after him because it follows his charism of having a special dedication to the poor, not just trying to meet their physical and material needs, but also their spiritual need by bringing them Jesus. I thought with the recent celebration to share some of his words from one of his letters. When he writes of outcasts, I am reminded in our own times, not only of the homeless that are near at home, but also of the thousands in the world who flee war, violence and appalling injustices that we, thanks be to God, do not have to worry about in our country. May St. Vincent, his prayers and his teachings, inspire in all of us the same love for Jesus and the needy that he had.

"[I]f you consider the poor in the light of faith, then you will observe that they are taking the place of the Son of God who chose to be poor....It is our duty to prefer the service of the poor to everything else and to offer such service as quickly as possible. If a needy person requires medicine or other help during prayer time, do whatever has to be done with peace of mind. Offer the deed to God as your prayer...One of God's works is merely interrupted so that another can be carried out..."

"With renewed devotion, then, we must serve the poor, especially outcasts and beggars. They have been given to us as our masters and patrons."



The Catholic Church, Divorce, and Annulment

An annulment is commonly and incorrectly called a "Catholic divorce." The differences between divorce and annulment can be confusing to Catholics and non-Catholics alike — especially when remarriage is a possibility. Divorce and annulment aren't the same thing; they differ in two ways:

First, divorce is a civil law decree from the state, whereas an annulment is a decree from the Church. In other words:

The state issues a marriage license; and the state issues a divorce decree.

The Church celebrates the Sacrament of Matrimony; and only the Church can issue a declaration of nullity (otherwise known as an annulment). Following the teachings of Jesus, the Church does not believe in divorce. If a marriage happened, then it is for life.

Second, there is a difference in the existence of the marriage after a divorce or annulment:

A civil divorce basically says that what was once a marriage is no longer a marriage. The marriage took place but ended. A previously married couple no longer has the legal obligations of husband and wife.

An annulment, on the other hand, says that a marriage never took place to begin with. With a declaration of nullity, an individual petitions the Church to make a judgement that what was a civil marriage and perhaps (often) a Sacramental Marriage, often called the Sacrament of Matrimony, was lacking something essential to marriage, and, therefore, was not fully a marriage as we as Catholics understand it.

Civil divorce ends a civil marriage; a Church annulment declares that the marriage didn't occur from day one.

Keep in mind, then, that Church annulments are not a form of divorce and have no affect whatsoever on the legitimacy of children, because that's a purely legal (civil) matter. Annulments don't make the children born of that union illegitimate. Annulments declare that a marriage was never a valid sacrament in the first place even if both parties entered into it with good faith and intentions.

Reasons for an annulment:

The main reason for requesting a declaration of nullity is that one or both parties believe the marriage wasn't valid. In other words, if one or both spouses didn't intend or were unable to enter a permanent, faithful, and fruitful union, then that deficiency renders the marriage invalid.

Even though a couple gets married in a Catholic church by a priest or deacon and has every intention of entering into a valid sacrament, other factors can greatly obstruct the validity anyway, even unknowingly and unintentionally. Who is at fault, if anyone, isn't the issue. The matter at hand is whether a supposed valid marriage is in fact invalid for some serious reason. If a major impediment was present at the time of the wedding, then the sacrament of marriage is invalid, and the man and woman are free to marry someone else validly for the first time.

Aside from a bride or groom intentionally not wanting to enter a permanent, faithful, and fruitful union, another impediment would be if either person was incapable of assuming the duties and obligations of Christian marriage due to a lack of maturity, a severe addiction of drugs or alcohol, or some serious psychological disorder, which was present but unknown to anyone at the time of the wedding.

Some other reasons for a declaration of nullity include mental incapacity, bigamy, incest, force or grave fear, and refusal or inability to consummate the marriage.

Can you remarry?

If a person was married validly and then divorced but never obtained an annulment, **then that person is still married in the eyes of the Church.** He or she cannot validly marry again in the Catholic Church if their former spouse is still alive.

Remarriage isn't out of the question for Catholics:

Like the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders, the Sacrament of Matrimony can take place only once, unless one spouse dies. Due to the lifelong commitment that's required for the Sacrament of Matrimony, Catholics can marry only someone who's widowed or who wasn't married before.

If a person was previously married and the spouse is alive, it must be demonstrated that the marriage was invalid, so the previous union can be declared null and void through an annulment. If that happens, both parties are free to marry someone else.

If you have any questions at all, please feel free to contact Fr. Jon or Deacon Wayne to help you.

GROW + GO **Grow - Serve....others' needs**

The two Knights of Columbus Councils at St. Mary/St. Joseph Parish have worked out the details to work together and will offer three scholarships to our qualifying High School graduates and enrolled college students of the parish for 2019. The applications will be offered on line through The Shiawassee Community Foundation and will be available soon. We will supply the details as soon as they are made available.

Buildings are wood, brick and mortar, but the Church is its people. What better way to insure the Churches future then to educate our young people who will be leading the way. Please remember these K of C scholarships in any way, through contributions, support of fund raisers or through a will. Thank You, The St. Mary/St. Joseph K of C Councils




GROW + GO **Grow - Serve....others' needs**

There will be a **Finance Council Meeting** on Tuesday, Oct 16, at 7:00pm at St Joseph Church.

GROW + GO **Grow - Study....the faith**

Ladies: You are cordially invited to attend the 6th Annual Diocese of Lansing Catholic Women's Conference entitled "Arise My Beloved" on Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 9:00am until 5:00pm at the Lansing Center. Join speakers Father Chris Alar and Kelly Wahlquist, musician Melanie Rea, emcee Erin Looby Carlson, Bishop emeritus Carl Mengeling, and Bishop Earl Boyea. We provide lunch, shopping, music, Adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Mass. Please join your sisters, daughters, and friends as we explore the deep treasure we have as a Catholic church. For more information and to register please visit www.LansingDioceseCWC.org.



Knights of Columbus Chicken Dinner...

...is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 19, starting at 5:00pm at the St. Joseph Hall. All are welcome!



Knights of Columbus
Gaines Council 12186
Knight of the Month
SK Rich Ockerman
Family of the Month
SK Rich Ockerman and Lady Beth Ockerman



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

GROW + GO **Grow - Engage....in parish life**

EVELYN SMALLBLADDER Comedy Show! For an evening of lots of side splitting laughter. Tickets \$10.00, will be sold after each Mass and at the door. Save the date Thursday, October 25, St. Mary's hall. Doors open at 6:00pm, show at 7:00pm.



Sponsor of the Week
Rebecca C. McClear, Attorney at Law
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!

PLEASE NOTE: Since we are in our fifteenth month since St. Mary and St. Joseph Parishes merged and changed our name to St. Mary and St. Joseph Parish, we are asking for those parishioners that make their donations by check, to please start writing their checks out to St. Mary and St. Joseph Parish if you haven't already. At some point, Sagelink Credit Union (our banking institution) will be requiring that all checks be made out to our new name. Please keep this in mind when writing out your donation checks. Thank you so much. If you have any questions, please contact Paul Williamson at the office at 1-855-288-6704 Ext 7001

Parish Support for the weekend of Sept. 30



| | |
|--|-------------------|
| Sept. 30 offering (general collection)..... | \$4,194.00 |
| Energy..... | \$5.00 |
| Outreach..... | \$8.00 |
| Building Debt..... | \$151.00 |
| Help Spread The Faith..... | \$198.00 |
| Candle donations..... | \$12.76 |
| Online giving for September 2018: | |
| Offertory..... | \$1,436.00 |
| Outreach..... | \$51.00 |
| Building Debt..... | \$6.00 |
| Improvement Fund..... | \$6.00 |
| Energy/Fuel..... | \$6.00 |