



# 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,

**My time with our bishop and the priests of our diocese last week was a great blessing.** One of the many blessings for me was getting a clearer sense of this Year of Prayer that we are in. You might recall that we had a year of prayer back in 2013 (or so) to the Holy Spirit. That year was to help us as a diocese enter into Jesus' (and our bishop's) call to "Go, Announce the Gospel of the Lord."

**You might be asking:** How is this Year of Prayer different than that one? Or is it? I know I was. I noticed that we are praying directly to the Father in this prayer, but is there more than that? Bishop Boyea indicated that he and his leadership team, as they were looking to the years ahead, felt that it was important to spend a year in prayer asking for help from God in discerning His will. We know that the mission of Announcing the Gospel of the Lord and making disciples hasn't changed. So while the first Year of Prayer had more of a "Come Holy Spirit inspire and equip us to Announce the Gospel of the Lord," this Year of Prayer is more focused on: "Father, give us clarity on what we should do while still inspiring and equipping us for Announcing the Gospel of the Lord."

**Please know that as priests of our diocese we are praying a holy hour every week and an Our Father every day for the next three months to this end.** At the end of January, we will meet again as a group (called a *presbyterate*) to see what the Lord has been saying to us as a diocese. So I ask you to join us in asking God to speak to us as a diocese and please share with me what you think God is saying.

**As we are in this Year of Prayer, here is a helpful passage on prayer, this one from St Ambrose:** *"The Lord Jesus, in his divine wisdom, taught you about the goodness of the Father, who knows how to give good things, so that you might ask for the things that are good from Goodness itself. He urges you to pray earnestly and frequently, not offering long and wearisome prayers, but praying often, and with perseverance. Lengthy prayers are usually filled with empty words, while neglect of prayer results in indifference to prayer."*

May God bless us abundantly this week with a prayerful spirit.

### Witness to Hope Project Update:

If you've been at our St. Joseph church recently, you may have noticed a couple of holes cut in the parking lot. These are the first steps toward installing two parking lot light poles (with two lights each). It will take at least two months before this project is complete, as there is a significant lag-time after ordering the poles. We will be using some of our Witness to Hope monies for this project as this was a part of our plan. Right now we have about \$33,000 in our Witness to Hope account. This will be around a \$10,000 project.

We are also currently working with two architect firms to determine the feasibility of a new, improved elevator in our St. Mary church. Thanks be to all of you who gave to Witness to Hope and to God for the ability to continue to make improvements at our churches

## St. Mary & St Joseph Parish Mass Schedule

**Monday, October 15 - No Mass**

**Tuesday, October 16 - St. Mary**

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

**Mass** - 8:30am - Agnus Drenovsky by Jack & Riky Drenovsky

**Wednesday, October 17 - St. Joseph**

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

**Mass** - 8:30am - Violet Lalone by Mary Deering

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

**Thursday, October 18 - St. Mary**

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

**Mass** - 8:30am - Bob Tillson by Michael & Brenda Wells

**Friday, October 19 - St. Mary**

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

**Mass** - 8:30am - Chester (Chet) Grifka by Joe and Sheri Lauro

**Saturday, October 20 - St. Mary**

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

**Mass** - 5:00pm - Kenneth Allen by Pam & Leonard Corwin

**Sunday, October 21**

**St. Joseph Mass** - 8:30am - St. Mary and St. Joseph Parishioners

**St. Mary Mass** - 11:30am - Tom Siminski by family

### GROW + GO

**Grow - Pray...every day  
Holy Redeemer Church Special  
Needs Mass:**

Will be held on Oct. 28, 1:00pm. We encourage and welcome all to attend this Mass, especially children and those with special needs. Refreshments will follow Mass

## Rest In Peace

We pray for

**Karen Ann Carsten**

Mother to Julie, Linda, Jeffrey and Susan. ...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.

### 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.

Samantha Allen, Brandon Rios, Cindy Goad, Sandy Corrion, Curt Rivard, Roy Beville, Jean O'Bannon, Joe Lezovich, Dale Osborn, Hope Reed, Jerry Reed II, 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.**



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

**Knights of Columbus: Mass on Nov. 7 for deceased Knights and Their Wives**  
 All Knights, wives, families and widows are invited to a special Mass in November (the month we pray in a special way for those who have died) for all Knights and their wives who have gone before us. Mass will be Wednesday November 7 at 7:00pm at our St. Mary church. More details to come.

**GROW + GO** **Grow - Serve.....others' needs**  
 Attention Ladies: There will be an Altar Society meeting, Tues., Oct. 16 at 6:00pm at St. Mary church. Discussion will include the Evelyn Smallbladder show, baking of Rohllicky pastries, and the Advent by Candlelight. All are welcome.

**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

**Knights of Columbus Chicken Dinner...**  
 ...is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 19, starting at 5:00pm at the St. Joseph Hall. All are welcome!

**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.

**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 - 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

**Sponsor of the Week**  
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**CHURCH NEWS** October 21 bulletin cut off is Mon., October 15 by 10:00am. [bulletinmj@gmail.com](mailto:bulletinmj@gmail.com)

**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. This year tables will rent for \$25. 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 are available. Please contact Jill Rohner for additional information at 810-836-1557

**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](http://www.LansingDioceseCWC.org).

**GROW + GO** **Grow - Serve...others' needs**  
**ST. MARY USHERS FOR OCTOBER 2018**  
 5:00pm – Leonard & Pam Corwin  
 Pat Finney and Pat Loomis  
 11:30am – Tim Trebtoske, Tom Gomos  
 Renee Walters, Brenda Wells  
**ST. MARY GREETERS FOR OCTOBER 2018**  
 5:00pm – Peggy Lewis  
 11:30am – Laretta Bradley

**GROW + GO** **Grow - Serve.....others' needs**  
 The Altar Society will be selling Rohllicky (nut crescent pastry) after all Masses on October 27 and 28. Order early so you won't miss out on these fine pastries. They go fast!

**Parish Support for the weekend of Oct. 7**

Oct. 7 offering (general collection).....	\$5,016.00
Energy.....	\$10.00
Outreach.....	\$10.00
Building Debt.....	\$342.00
Help Spread The Faith.....	\$91.00
Altar Society.....	20.00

**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