



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...



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Happy feast of the Baptism of the Lord!
Thank You- As this Christmas season comes to a close, I want to express my deep gratitude for the many gifts I received this year. Thank you for all the cards and goodies I received. Thank you, especially, to those of you who went to confession. May you continue to experience the great goodness of the Lord's mercy in this sacrament.

Retreat- thank you for your prayers during retreat. I look forward to sharing about the many graces received. I can't wait to see the deeper healing the Lord desires for all of us.

Altar servers- there will be altar server training next Saturday. Please, encourage any young people to consider coming to learn how to serve. I especially want to challenge the young men in the parish who are not servers to consider it. Being close to the altar can be a great way of beginning to be open to a vocation to the priesthood. Regardless, we need good people ready to serve the Lord in this way.

May you have a blessed week walking with our Lord.
Fr. Dan


Altar Servers Training

Since the last servers training was cancelled due to illness, there will be Altar Servers training for all current servers and any new youth or parishioners that would like to learn!

St. Joseph - Sat., Jan 19, 9:30am-11:30am
St. Mary - Sat., Jan 19, 12noon-2:00pm
Lunch will be provided! Mark your calendar!

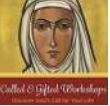
This week's prayer to carry in your hearts and your prayer time:

Pray for the aborted babies.




K of C Council 12186 website updated:
Check out www.kofccouncil12186.org. The website is still under construction but information will be added and updated on a regular basis.

Religious Education classes are back in session for the winter term from 9:45am to 11:15am on Sundays in the Franklin Hay education building at St. Mary . Please use caution in the parking lot area.



DISCOVER GOD'S CALL FOR YOUR LIFE!
Called and Gifted Workshop, 8:00am - 4:30pm,
Saturday, February 9, at St. Martha Church, Okemos. This workshop is for people asking, "How can I follow Jesus' plan for my life?" Take the Catholic Spiritual Gifts Inventory and learn the signs and characteristics of 24 common spiritual gifts, and how discerning and using your gifts can change your life and the life of others, your parish, and the world.
Cost is \$45 and includes materials and lunch. To register and for more information call Jackie Rosalez, St. Martha Church, 517- 349-1763 or visit <http://www.st-martha.org>



Knights of Columbus - Gaines Council 12186
Knight of the Year
SK Jerry Reed
Family of the Year
SK Lee W. and Lady Patricia Wendt

St. Mary & St Joseph Parish Mass Schedule

Monday, January 14 - No Mass

Tuesday, January 15 - St. Mary

Eucharistic Adoration - 7:20am to 8:20am
Mass - 8:30am - Bob Tillson by Joe & Karen Lezovich

Wednesday, January 16 - St. Joseph

Eucharistic Adoration - 7:20am to 8:20am
Mass - 8:30am - Jim Bundoff by Mary Bundoff
† **Sacrament of Reconciliation** - 9:00am to 9:30am

Thursday, January 17 - St. Mary

Mass - 8:30am - Patrick VanEckoutte by Dawn VanNewKirk

Friday, January 18 - St. Mary

Eucharistic Adoration - 7:20am to 8:20am
Mass - 8:30am - Fr. Franklin Hay by Tim Trebtoske

Saturday, January 19 - St. Mary

Eucharistic Adoration - 8:30am to 12:00noon
† **Sacrament of Reconciliation** - 3:30pm to 4:30pm
Mass - 5:00pm - Deacon Greg Middleton by Holy Family Catholic Church

Sunday, January 20

St. Joseph Mass - 8:30am - St. Mary and St. Joseph Parishioners
St. Mary Mass - 11:30am - Jack Morency by Sandy Bensinger

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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.

Judy Mathis, Joe Carsten, Cindy Goad, Doug Perry, Sam Yanta, Brian Jones, Bruce Lawton, and 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.

The Baptism of the Lord Prayer...

...Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you. 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.

St Mary Altar Society will meet Tuesday, January 15 at 6:00pm in the gathering space. All women of the parish are invited.

The Mother Teresa Group is asking any women who are not already involved in our group to come to a meeting and join us. We are also looking for more help to make the Fellowship Breakfast on the first Sunday of the month. We have 3 teams so that is a total of 4 times a year your team would need your help. If you are interested in joining a breakfast team, please talk to Karrie Johnston, Mable Hart or Mary DeMott.

SCHOLARSHIPS: For 2019, the combined Knights of Columbus Councils are offering three scholarships through Shiawassee Community Foundation. These scholarship applications are available now through February 1, 2019. These are Faith based scholarships open to graduating high school seniors and currently enrolled college students of St. Mary/St. Joseph families in good standing and are available online at: www.shiacf.org/scholarships/ Scroll down to and click on "Online Scholarship Application". If needed, there is a "Scholarship Application Instructions" pad to click on. Thank You, The Knights of Columbus Scholarship Committee

Relationships Matter!

Come join us for Adult fun and fellowship, Sat., January 19, 6:30pm St Joseph Gathering Space. We will be playing Domino's and Mexican Train. Spaghetti and drinks will be provided. Bring a salad or a dessert to share. Sign up in the gathering space at either church. See you there!!



Parish Giving Parish Support for Christmas & the weekends of Dec. 30 & Jan. 6

COLLECTION FOR CHRISTMAS Dec. 24/25, 2018

Christmas (Holy Day).....	\$6,653.40
General Colleciton.....	\$303.00
Outreach.....	\$20.00
Building Debt.....	\$10.00

COLLECTION FOR WEEKEND Dec. 30, 2018

General Collection (Budgeted weekend amount).....	\$5,200.00
General Collection (Received).....	\$3,485.00
Shortage.....	(\$1,715.00)
Christmas.....	\$470.00
Outreach.....	\$5.00
Building Debt.....	\$185.00
Share in the Care.....	\$5.00

COLLECTION FOR WEEKEND Jan. 6, 2019

General Collection (Budgeted weekend amount).....	\$5,200.00
General Collection (Received).....	\$6,285.00
Overage.....	\$1,085.00
Holy Family/Solemnity of Mary.....	\$1,992.00
Christmas.....	\$90.00
Outreach.....	\$145.00
Building Debt.....	\$216.00
Energy.....	\$20.00
World Wide Evangelization.....	\$230.00
Human Development.....	\$5.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$10.00

ONLINE DONATIONS FOR DECEMBER 2018

General Collection.....	\$1,455.00
Christmas.....	\$25.00
Outreach.....	\$65.00
Building Debt.....	\$150.00

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Grow - Serve....others' needs

St. Mary Outreach Food Pantry Volunteers Needed:

The next food distribution is on January 26. Volunteers are needed for unloading. Initial food packaging (packers) and building setup takes place on Friday, January 25 at 6:00pm. On distribution day, we gather at 8:30am in the education building.

For any questions concerning the St. Mary Outreach Food Pantry, please contact Diane Pelky at 989-288-4446 or Kathy Schmidt 989-288-4183 or stmaryfoodpantry@gmail.com.

Thank you again for your continued support. God Bless!

Food Distribution: The next St. Mary Outreach Food Pantry distribution will be on January 26. Appointments will be taken January 14 – January 18; Mon.- Fri. from 9:00am - 5:00pm. For an appointment, call St. Mary Church at [1 \(855\)-288-6704](tel:18552886704) ext. = 7017 and follow the instructions on the answering service. To receive food, you must have an appt. and live in the following areas: Byron, Bancroft, Durand, Corunna, Lennon, Vernon or Gaines. The distribution will take place at the St. Mary Education Building, 700 Columbia Dr., Durand. If you or someone you know is in need of food, please call [1 \(855\)-288-6704](tel:18552886704) for an appointment. "This institution is an equal opportunity provider."

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St. Mary's Altar Society is in need of a few more ladies to help with cleaning the sacristy in 2019. We need one person for June, October and November and 2 people for July. We clean twice per month and it takes 1-2 hours. Please call Carol Spoor if interested. 989-980-3642.

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Dear Parishioners: Please join us on the 3rd and 5th Friday of every month at 11:00am at the Argentine Care Center in Linden. We visit the residents, have a short prayer service and sing a few songs. Please see Vic Huddas or Paul for more information.

RESTORE, RENEW, AND HEAL- FEBRUARY 15 - 17 RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT...

... is a place to renew, rebuild, and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer you a supportive, confidential, and non-judgemental, environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal, and healing. www.rachelsvineyard.org. Contact : Della Seeley/ New Life Center 517-993-0291, nlcrachelsvineyard@gmail.com



Thank You to Sam Yanta, the St Joseph Knights, and for anyone else involved for supervising and getting the much needed new lights installed in the parking lot at St Joseph!

Sponsor of the Week

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