



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

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.

From the Pen of the Pastor...



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We hear in this Sunday's first reading about how the Lord knew us before He even formed us in the womb. What a marvelous mystery to be known and loved by God in this way! Given the incredible gift of human life, it was shockingly sad to hear about laws passed in the state of

New York that permit abortion up to the day before birth. The fight over the right to life has plagued our country for years. Indeed, every other issue is founded on this one. If a person is not given the right to live, no other rights matter. Let us be praying for the conversion of our political leaders, that they might end this terrible injustice, and repent to receive the mercy of God.

As a priest, I've encountered firsthand the devastation that is a result of abortion. However, the mercy and healing power of Christ is infinitely greater. If you or someone you know has ever had or counseled someone to an abortion, come to the Lord's mercy in the sacrament of confession! There is healing in His hands!

As a community, let us continue to cry out to the Lord for an end to this evil in our country and throughout the world. And, let us plead for His great healing power to meet all of those who have ever suffered an abortion that they might be transformed by the power of His mercy. If you are looking for further inspiration, I recommend reading Mother Teresa's address at the 1994 National Prayer Breakfast. It is quite powerful and encouraging. May we never forget that the Lord does know each fiber of our being and loves us! Know of my prayers for you.

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

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Prayer...



...Grant us, Lord our God, that we may honor you with all our mind, and love everyone in truth of heart. 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.

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.

The Man Event 2019

Diocese of Lansing Catholic Men's Conference
Feb. 23 at Our Lady of Fatima Church, 913 Napoleon Rd., Michigan Center, MI 49254. 10:00am to 5:00pm. Ticket prices: Adults \$40, Students \$30.

What to Expect: Motivating messages, adoration and confessions, mouth watering pig roast BBQ lunch, music by Brian Flynn & Band, and Mass with Bishop Boyea (4:00pm).

Registrations are now open. For more information or to purchase your tickets, visit www.themanevent.org.

St. Mary & St Joseph Parish Mass Schedule

Monday, February 4 - No Mass

Tuesday, February 5 - St. Mary

Eucharistic Adoration - 7:20am to 8:20am
Mass - 8:30am - Bob Tillson by Jack & Riky Drenovsky

Wednesday, February 6 - St. Joseph

Eucharistic Adoration - 7:20am to 8:20am
Mass - 8:30am - Rosemary Mulnix by Rita Crandel

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

Thursday, February 7 - St. Mary

Eucharistic Adoration - 7:20am to 8:20am
Mass - 8:30am - Martin & Lillian Siminski by Tim Trebtoske

Friday, February 8 - St. Mary

Eucharistic Adoration - 7:20am to 8:20am
Mass - 8:30am - Mike O'Keefe by Tim Trebtoske

Saturday, February 9 - St. Mary

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

Mass - 5:00pm - St. Mary and St. Joseph Parishioners

Sunday, February 10

St. Joseph Mass - 8:30am - Mac Conover by Pamela Schaefer

St. Mary Mass - 11:30am - Edward & Joyce Locke by Karen & Joe Lezovich

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.

Jerome Kekel, Wendy Ingalls, Ann Zick, Shirley Kerchaert, Phil Elder, Judy Mathis, Joe Carsten, 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 Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist

Invite Young Single Women (Ages 16-32)

To drop everything, take a leap of faith, and spend

February 9-10,

April 6-7 or November 9-10, 2019

in Ann Arbor with dozens of other young women

exploring the answer to the question

"Where is God calling me?"

For more information visit www.sistersofmary.org or pick up a flyer in the back of the Church.



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Grow - Serve....others' needs

The St. Joseph Pantry needs includes items such as: canned fruit and stew, hygiene items such as: deodorant, and paper products such as: toilet tissue, Kleenex and paper towel. We thank you for your continued support in helping others in need. There is a plastic tote in the gathering space to place your donations.



Due to a scheduling change, the St. Mary K of C Council # 7955 will be moving the general membership meeting to their original day of the first Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be Thursday, February 7, 2019, 6:30pm for officers and 7:00pm for general membership. Thank You.

Altar Society - Paint and Pray

All are invited to join us on **Thursday, February 21**, from 6:00pm-9:00pm in the St. Mary Church Hall. Artist Dana George will be leading us in a step by step painting project. You will leave with a one of a kind creation, and be inspired by meditative prayer. The cost is \$20 per person, which includes your canvas and paint supplies. Reservations are a must, and there will be a table set up after all masses to register. **Please note: doors will open at 6:00pm and painting will begin at 6:30pm.**



LIFE TEEN

Save the Date: Mardi Gras dinner will be March 2 from 6:00pm-11:00pm in the St. Mary Church Hall. The cost will be \$15 per person. Tickets will go on sale at all masses beginning in February. More information to follow as the date gets closer.



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

All women are invited to the Mother Teresa Group meeting on February 5, starting at 6:30pm at St. Joseph church.

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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.

Annual Men's Retreat - March 1-3, 2019

St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt, MI

"From Chaos to Order: A Scriptural Guide"

Join us to gain new scriptural insights on ways to bring order into your own life and community. The suggested donation for the weekend is \$175 - retreat begins with check in at 6:00 pm on Friday and ends after lunch on Sunday. Men of all ages are welcome! Register with St. Francis at 517-669-8321; registration is also available online at www.stfrancis.ws. Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to set aside time for this encounter opportunity!

ST. MARY USHERS FOR FEB. 2019

- 5:00pm – Michael & Sharon Gould
Ann Skunda, Pat Loomis
- 11:30am – Lori Grumley, Renee Walters
Brenda Wells, Tom Gomos

ST. MARY GREETERS FOR FEB. 2019

- 5:00pm – Denise Maranzano
- 11:30am – Renee Walters



Parish Support for the weekend of Jan. 27

COLLECTION FOR WEEKEND Jan. 27, 2019

General Collection (Budgeted weekend amount).....	\$5,200.00
General Collection (Received).....	\$7,119.00
Overage.....	\$1,919.00
Outreach.....	\$67.00
Building Debt.....	\$130.00
Energy.....	\$5.00
Initial Offering.....	\$4.00
Worldwide Evangelization.....	\$272.00

Sponsor of the Week

Dutch Hollow Golf Club

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The Feb. 10 bulletin cut off is Mon. Feb. 4 by 10:00am.

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