



# St. Mary & St. Joseph Parish

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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., 9:00am to 3:00pm

Wed., Thurs., 9:00am to 1:00pm.

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,

Today we celebrate the solemnity of the most holy body and blood of our Lord. This feast was instituted after a Eucharistic miracle took place in Orvieto, Italy. A priest, who was doubting the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, was celebrating Mass when the host began to physically bleed human blood. If you ever get the chance to visit the Duomo church in Orvieto, the corporal (the cloth on the altar) is still on display. What a wondrous gift to receive the Lord, really and truly present in the Eucharist! If we really believed this truth, Mass would be the total high point of the week- everything else is as dust when compared with this incredible treasure. Let us ask the Lord for the grace to see with the eyes of faith, recognizing that He is really and truly present in this wondrous sacrament.

**Thank You-** I am so grateful to the Lord for my time here, even though short. Thank you for all of the support I have received, for your kind words of encouragement, and most of all, for your faith! A priest is only a priest for others! What a blessing it has been to follow the Lord with you.

**Apology-** If, during the course of my time here, I have hurt or offended anyone, I humbly ask for your forgiveness. At times, it is likely that I may not have said something with charity, or with the gentleness that is needed, and if anything has caused hurt, I do ask you to please forgive me.

**Prayers-** The greatest gift you can give a priest is to pray for him! As I left my first assignment, I asked anyone that was willing to just pray one Hail Mary for me everyday. I figured even if only a few people did it, I'd have something close to a Rosary being prayed for me. I still get messages from folks saying that they are still praying, and it is an immense blessing and support. I humbly ask for your

## Deacon Wayne's Wonderings



"This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ~ "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." 1 Cor 11:24-25

As we celebrate this precious Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, we are called to remember the great blessing we are given each and every time we receive the Lord in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. From the Hebrew Scripture reading today we hear about the great priestly order of Melchizedek who was different from the priestly order of Aaron who sacrificed animals and used their blood to bless and sanctify the Israelites. Melchizedek blessed and sanctified the Israelites with bread and wine. Christ is from the order of Melchizedek as our psalm describes Christ "You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek.

This is the blessing of our Catholic Faith that through the blessing of the bread and wine we are actually blessed and sanctified by receiving Christ's Body and Blood. We believe that this bread and wine becomes Christ at every Mass. We are so blest to partake of His Body and Blood, inviting Christ into ourselves, where we become what we eat. This is the most important life changing event we will ever experience. Our part is to receive Christ in faith, even though this mystery may be too much for us to describe in human words. This is the

## St. Mary & St Joseph Parish Mass Schedule

**Monday, June 24 - No Mass**

**Tuesday, June 25 - St. Mary**

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

Mass - 8:30am - Delores & Wesley Combs by Tim Trebtoske

**Wednesday, June 26 - St. Joseph**

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

Mass - 8:30am - Perris Cormier (birthday) by Donna and Family

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

**Thursday, June 27 - St. Mary**

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

Mass - 8:30am - Tom Bowler by Ellie Tillson

**Friday, June 28 - St. Mary**

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

Mass - 8:30am - John Duda by Pamela Schaefer

**Saturday, June 29 - St. Mary**

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

Mass - 5:00pm - Agnes Lenhart by Riky & Jack Drenovsky

**Sunday, June 30 - The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)**

St. Joseph Mass - 8:30am - Mac Conover by Paul,

Patti, Nathan, Jayden Hresko

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

Joseph Parishioners

prayers, as well. Know that this parish will continue to be in my prayers, and will always hold a special place in my heart as my first parish where I served as pastor.

May our Lord continue to pour out an abundance of His blessing upon you, and one day, I want to be with you in Heaven!

May you have a blessed week walking with our Lord.

Fr. Dan

source and summit of our faith, to be able to receive Christ in this most intimate way, taking Christ into our bodies. Therefore, we say our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit. Each of us who receive carry Christ within us as we make Him present in our words, deeds and actions of our lives.

There is a very important prayer that is part of every Mass we attend, and it is said over and over again, hundreds and hundreds of times. Do you know what that prayer is? "the Body of Christ" and "the Blood of Christ" and our very important response to this prayer is "Amen". Over and over again, to each of us during the communion procession. Those powerful words the Body of Christ, the Blood of Christ repeated hundreds of times.

There are things we may say hundreds of times a week, such as, "Hello, how are you?" or to someone we love in our lives the simple but powerful words "I Love You". But none is as important as the word Amen which each of us say when we hear the prayer "the Body of Christ" and "the Blood of Christ". These words should never ever be taken for granted for they become Christ in us.

Let your "Amen" truly ring out when you receive the Body and Blood of Christ. Let it be the life changing experience of Christ coming alive in your heart. Make a conscious choice, to allow Christ to be in you, to change you and in turn change the world. Simple life changing words that changes our lives and our world. So be full of thanksgiving for our God is with us. AMEN *Deacon Wayne*

**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.

Gordon Boucha, Cathy McAuliffe, Barbara Klaus, Phillip McAuliffe, Bob Murningham, Helen Schaefer, Joan Morse, Mary Hromak, Helen D'Angelo, 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.**



Even though we have exceeded our goal for the DSA, we are still only around 32% participation and would like to get as close to 100% as possible. If you are still interested in making a pledge, the DSA envelopes are still available in the Gathering Space at each location or you can go to the Diocesan website and pledge online at <https://donate.dioceseoflansing.org/19dsa/dsa-2019-donations>.

Just a reminder that the amount over our achieved goal, 50% comes back to the parish.

Thank you again for all who have pledged.

*Thank You!* On behalf of the Altar Society, we would like to thank all those who contributed and participated in our Father's Day breakfast.

*We wish you all the Best!* We will be having a farewell cake in the gathering space at St. Mary after the 5:00pm and 11:30am Mass on June 22 & 23. Thank you Father Dan for your spiritual guidance and wishing you well on your next journey. We will miss you!!

The next Mother Teresa Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 2, starting at 6:30pm at the St. Joseph gathering space. ALL woman of the Parish are invited.

**Fake text to Parishioners...**

A parishioner received a text from a number stating it was "Fr. Dan and I needed a \$500 gift card for a friend in the hospital, but I was in a meeting and couldn't talk." Please be aware this is a FAKE TEXT and don't be tricked into doing this.

**ATTENTION LADIES! SAVE THE DATE!** You are cordially invited to the 7th Annual Diocese of Lansing Catholic Women's Conference entitled "Hope Restores" on Saturday, October 12, 2019 at the Lansing Center. Please join together with your sisters, daughters, and friends to experience the hope Christ brings to us as we journey through this life. For more information, please visit [www.LansingDioceseCWC.org](http://www.LansingDioceseCWC.org).

 Due to the July 4 Holiday, the next Altar Society meeting will be held on July 10 at 6:30pm in the St. Mary Gathering Space. Check us out on our Facebook page to see what's new by going to: [Facebook.com/stmjaltarsociety](https://www.facebook.com/stmjaltarsociety).

**PARISH SUPPORT FOR THE WEEKEND OF JUNE 16**

*Parish Giving*

**COLLECTION FOR WEEKEND JUNE 16, 2019**

General Collection (Budgeted weekend amount).....	\$5,200.00
General Collection (Received).....	\$5,927.00
Overage.....	\$727.00
Building Debt.....	\$297.00
Energy.....	\$29.00
Outreach.....	\$474.00
MTG Beef Donation.....	\$68.00
MTG Quilt Raffle.....	\$22.00

**Early Notice:** Due to vacation, no Masses or confession will be held on July 2 through 5. July 6 & 7 Masses will be held as scheduled along with confession on Saturday at St. Mary.

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**Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ...**  
 ...O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The June 30 bulletin cut off is Mon. June 24 by 10:00am. [bulletinmj@gmail.com](mailto:bulletinmj@gmail.com)

**New Office hours at St. Joseph:** Tues., 9:00am to 3:00pm. Wed. & Thurs., 9:00am to 1:00pm

**Special Bulletin Cut off Date:** Please note: The July 7 bulletin will have an early cut off date. All articles must be provided by Wed., June 26 by 12 noon. Thank for your understanding.

