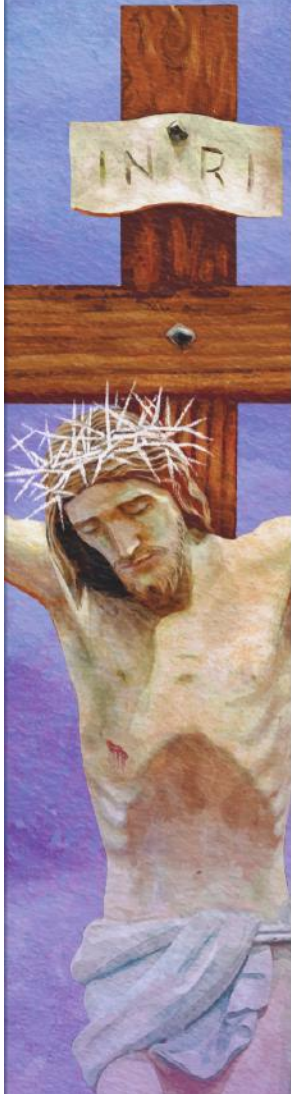


FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

It is written,
"One does not live
by bread alone."

Lk 4:4



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Weekday Masses - See Bulletin

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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,
I hope and pray your lent is off to a good start. The first few days always tend to be fairly easy, but persevere! It is only by the Lord's grace that we can carry out all that is

asked of us.

Real Suffering- We will be hosting a class called "Real Suffering" on Tuesday mornings the next few weeks. This is developed by Dr. Bob Schuchts, with whom I did my retreat the past two years. I cannot speak highly enough of the blessing his work has been in my life. If you are available in the mornings, I highly encourage you to come! Sign-up is in the gathering space.

St. Michael prayer- Beginning this weekend, we will be praying the St. Michael the Archangel prayer at the end of all the Masses here at the parish. We've been praying it after daily Mass, but will make the transition to praying it after every Mass. Pope Leo XIII wrote the prayer as a way of asking Michael's protection over the Church. It is a helpful reminder of the reality that we are in the midst of a spiritual battle. The devil and demons are very real, and it is easy to forget that truth. We call on St. Michael to assist and protect us and everyone in our parish.

Night of Prophetic Ministry- On Monday, March 18 in Brighton, the Encounter School of Ministry will be hosting a night of prophetic ministry. It is essentially an opportunity to come to be prayed with to hear what God wants to speak to you. I've been attending the school this past year, and will be part of the teams that evening. This is a great opportunity to encounter the Lord in a deeper way. Be sure to register on the Encounter website.

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

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.

Jeanette Borke, Shirley Kerchart, Grant Hopkins, Sam Stiff, Judy Strugdon, Tonya Waid, Kristin Bartes, Susie Bennets, Joyce Gardner-Lawton, Christine West, Dick Huhn, Jerome Kekel, 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.



All Funeral Dinner Workers: Mark your calendars!

On Sat, March 23, there will be a Thank-You Luncheon for *all* those who help prepare and serve funeral dinners. Luncheon will be at 12 noon at St Joseph church!

St. Mary & St Joseph Parish Mass Schedule

Monday, March 11 - No Mass

Tuesday, March 12 - St. Mary

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

Mass - 8:30am - Bob Tillson by Nikki & Joel Cunningham

Wednesday, March 13 - St. Joseph

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

Mass - 8:30am - Ann Berger (Birthday) by Marie Dyer

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

Thursday, March 14 - St. Mary

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

Mass - 8:30am - Martin & Lillian Siminski by Tim Trebtoske

Friday, March 15

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

St. Mary Mass - 8:30am - Carroll Osborn by Jacqueline Elford

St. Joseph Stations of the Cross - 7:00pm (only being held at St. Joseph for 2019)

Saturday, March 16 - St. Mary

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

Mass - 5:00pm - Thomas Bowler by Jane Bowler

Sunday, March 17

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

St. Mary Mass - 11:30am - Helen Folsom by the family



St. Joseph - Fridays during Lent:

6:30-8:00pm - Eucharistic Exposition/Adoration

7:00pm - Stations of the Cross
Confessions 6:30pm to 8:00pm
except March 8.

Sponsor Groups for Adoration:

March 8 - St. Mary Knights of Columbus

March 15 - Mother Teresa Group

March 22 - RCIA

March 29 - Ladies Altar Society

April 5 - Rosary Group/Working Hands

April 12 - Music Ministry

RCIA
Christian Formation Process

(Right of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Please welcome our new
RCIA Candidates:

Lynne Chrzan

Kay Svoboda

Lloyd Kilbreath

Bob Burns

Grayson Middleton



Welcome new
St. Mary & St. Joseph Parishioners
**Krista and Christopher
McGuire and children Halle
and Max**

Our family is growing! Please greet
them, and introduce yourself.



K of C Council 12186 Fish/Shrimp Dinners...

...will start March 8 through the season of Lent ending on April 19 at the St. Joseph Hall. Fish only cost per adult is \$10, under 5 are free. Dinners Fish & shrimp, \$11.00, Shrimp only \$11.00. Dinners start at 5:00pm and end at 6:30pm. Due to a Genesee County Health Department ruling, donated soup can no longer be accepted. Currently there are plans to provide two types of soups, made in the hall kitchen. All are welcome!

Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s): Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the St. Francis Retreat Center, in DeWitt, MI (10 miles north of Lansing), on March 22-24, 2019. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$185 for meals and a single room. Call (586) 770-1772, e-mail reflect.michigan@gmail.com, or visit www.ReflectRetreat.com for details.

The next Relationships Matter gathering will be on March 23 at St. Joseph church starting at 6:30pm with pulled pork served. The game Bunko will be played following dinner. Signup sheets will be in the gathering spaces. Mark your calendar!

An Evening of Prophetic Ministry 5:30pm - 9:00pm Monday, March 18. It will be held at St. Patrick in Brighton in the PLC Gym. Here is the link for registration:

<https://encounterministries.us/prophetic-ministry-march-18/>

NOTE: Fr. Dan is part of one of the teams that will be there.



Our raffle sale will begin on March 23 after all Masses and continue for two more weekends. Raffle drawing and bake sale will be held on April 6 after 11:30am Mass.

The next Altar Society meeting will be held on March 19, 6:00pm in the church basement. All women of the Parish are welcome. Discussion will include the raffle and dates for baking.



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The March 17 bulletin cut off is Mon. March 11
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There will be a **Finance Council** meeting on Tuesday, March 19, at 7:00pm at St. Mary.

Easter Basket collection for the St. Mary Outreach Food Pantry - Distribution (April 6): The pantry is collecting supplies to build Easter Baskets: We are collecting baskets, grass, candy, little stuffed animals and other miscellaneous basket stuffing items. Place the items in the food pantry box. Items are needed by March 24. God Bless!!



LIFE TEEN

THANK YOU! On behalf of Lifeteen, I would like to give a shout out to all of the people who helped make this Mardi Gras Dinner a success. The volunteers who cooked and made the desert. The youth who decorated and served the meal. Finally and especially, the parishioners who came out and participated in this wonderful night!! Sara Folsom, Lifeteen Coordinator

Mass: Sun., March 17, 8:15am-9:30am

Meeting: Sun., March 23, 6:15pm-7:45pm

Class on Suffering, Healing and Christ in Our Lives



Suffering can be a stumbling block to faith in God and the catalyst to an unhappy life, but it doesn't have to be this way. Whether you are in the midst of your own trials or accompanying someone you love who is in pain - whether physical, emotional or spiritual - Dr. Schuchts will help attendees understand that Christ is always present in one's agony.

Join us for a four-week study on how to find hope and healing in the midst of life's trials.

The class will be held **Tuesday mornings 9:30-10:30** (after 8:30 mass) on **March 12, 19, 26 and April 2.**

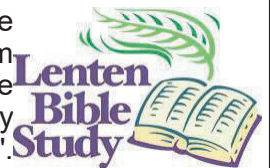
No fee but donations will be accepted.



Thank you to all who have recently donated so generously to Working Hands Ministry. Your support helps many receive the comfort and prayer that is needed. God bless all who give their time and talent to us.

Scripture Study...

...during Lent will continue on Thursday evenings from 6:30pm - 8:00pm at St. Mary in the Gathering Space. The book study is "The People of the Passion". Please join us!



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