



# 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 Deacon Wayne's Desk*

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ JUNE 30, 2019



For you were called for freedom, brothers and sisters. But do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; Gal 5:13

Freedom is a blessing that God desires for each of us to live in. Because God is Love, the meaning of the statement if you love someone set them free takes on a whole new light. St Paul reminds us we are called by God to be free, free from sin, free to love others with respect, free to give of yourself. Where we find freedom we find love. Anything contrary to freedom can never be love. In other words, we can never be forced to love. God has given us a free will so as we ever turn back to him and love him as he does us it will be because you came freely back to Him rather than being forced. Freedom and Love do not force us to do anything. They only open a door for us to give fully of ourselves without reserving anything for ourselves. C.S. Lewis put it best in his book – The Four Loves:

*God, who needs nothing, loves into existence wholly superfluous creatures in order that he may love and perfect them. He creates the universe, already foreseeing - or should we say "seeing"? there are no tenses in God - the buzzing cloud of flies about the cross, the flayed back pressed against the uneven stake, the nails driven through the mesial nerves, the repeated incipient suffocation as the body droops, the repeated torture of back and arms as it is time after time, for breath's sake, hitched up. If I may dare the biological image, God is a "host" who deliberately creates his own parasites; causes us to be that we may exploit and "take advantage of" him. Herein is love. This is the diagram of Love himself, the inventor of all loves.*

We in this country cherish the fact we are free. Free to vote, free to come and go, freedoms of practicing religion but in our world the term freedom (just like the word love) has been twisted to suggest something completely different from what God's plan for freedom really means. Fr Joe Krupp wrote this in a recent Faith Magazine article about what love is.

*As I get older, I realize that the less my needs are present in the equation, and when my love looks more like giving than taking, the more perfect that love is.*

When we love, we are experiencing the most perfect freedom humanly possible. To love without cost. Love never counts the wrongs done, and always looks forward that is why Jesus said, "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God."

As we celebrate our freedom as American citizens this Fourth of July let our freedom be a reminder that we are only seeing a glimpse of the freedom God calls us to in loving Him and our neighbor. Remember, freedom isn't free. It's the freedom to choose to do the right thing.

**This weekend-** we welcome our new Sacramental Minister, Fr Bill Wegher. Fr Bill will be our main celebrant for Masses, along with any of our sacramental needs. Please take time to stop and welcome Fr Bill. We are planning a reception the weekend of July 13/14 after each Mass. Please watch the bulletin for Mass and Confession times in the next coming weeks.

**Also, this weekend** we welcome Missionary Fr Philip Mayfield to speak to us about a very important South American mission. Please be generous as we take up our second collection to benefit this important missionary work.

*Den. Wayne*

## St. Mary & St Joseph Parish Mass Schedule

**Monday, July 1 - No Mass****Tuesday, July 2 - No Mass****Wednesday, July 3 - No Mass****Thursday, July 4 - No Mass****First Friday, July 5 - No Mass****Saturday, July 6 - St. Mary**

† Sacrament of Reconciliation -

3:30pm to 4:30pm

Mass - 5:00pm - Chris Coady by the family

**Sunday, July 7**

St. Joseph Mass - 8:30am -

Chuck Harris by KofC Assembly #2031

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

Mary and St. Joseph Parishioners

**PLEASE NOTE:** The new daily Mass schedule starts July 8.**Mon. & Tues., = no Mass****Wed., & Thurs. = Adoration & Mass 8:30am as usual.****First Friday of the month = only Mass. There will be no Masses on Friday the remainder of each month going forward.**

### 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.

David Elliott, Gordon Boucha, Cathy McAuliffe, Barbara Klauss, Phillip McAuliffe, Bob Murningham, Helen Schaefer, Joan Morse, 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.**



#### ST. MARY USHERS FOR JULY 2019

5:00pm – Pat Finney, Anita Holek,  
Michael & Sharon Gould

11:30am – Joe & Patty Guzniczak,  
Tim Trebtske, Tom Gomos

#### ST. MARY GREETERS FOR JULY 2019

5:00pm – Denise Maranzano

11:30am – Cindy Madkiff

## July Event Calendar

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Mother Teresa Group	Tues/ 2 <sup>nd</sup>	6:30pm	St Joseph
Fellowship Breakfast	Sun/ 7 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	St Joseph
Ladies Altar Society Meeting	Wed/ 10 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	St Mary
<p align="center"> <u>Welcome Father Bill Wegher to St Mary and St Joseph Parish !</u>            Sat-Sun/ 13-14<sup>th</sup> Masses, St Mary &amp; St Joseph         </p>			
Gaines Rodeo <i>Cowboy Breakfast</i>	Fri, Sat/ 19-20 <sup>th</sup> Sat/ 20 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm 9-11am	Gaines Park St Joseph Hall
Homebound Ministry Training	Thurs/ 18 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	St Joseph
Parish Picnic Meeting	Tues/ 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00pm	St Mary

**Daily Mass:**  
**Wed., 8:30am at**  
**St. Joseph**  
**Thurs., 8:30am at**  
**St. Mary**  
**First Friday's,**  
**8:30am**  
**at St. Mary**

**Rosary**  
**St. Mary:**  
 Gathering space, Tues.,  
 1:30pm  
**St. Joseph:**  
 Sundays at 8am

**Divine Mercy Chaplet**  
**St. Mary**-Fridays at 9am  
 Litany to the Sacred  
 Heart-  
 First Fridays



**Mother Teresa**  
**Group**  
 Meeting:  
 St. Joseph  
 First Tuesday at  
 6:30pm  
**Bake Sale:**  
 Last Sunday -  
 After 8:30am Mass

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**St. Mary**  
 Jul 4<sup>th</sup>, Thurs, 7pm  
 Jul 18<sup>th</sup>, Thurs, 7pm  
 Ed Building  
**St. Joseph**  
 Jul 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tuesday  
 7pm  
 St Joseph Hall

**St. Joseph**  
**Food**  
**Pantry**  
 Wed, 6/3  
 Wed, 6/17  
 St Joseph  
 Hall

**Choir**  
**St. Mary**  
 Saturdays at 3:45pm  
 Sundays at 10:45am  


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**St. Joseph**  
 Every Saturday at  
 10:00am or  
 as scheduled

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Pray for us ! (July 16)**



# Priesthood Discernment Dinner with Bishop Boyea



More Info Contact  
Office of Vocations

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517-342-2504

**Sunday, August 18, 2019**

**3:00-6:30p.m. Welcome, Talks, Cookout**

Bishop Earl Boyea invites any man who is entering his junior year of high school, or older, to the Priesthood Discernment Dinner with him and many of the priests and seminarians of the Diocese of Lansing. Please invite your pastor to join us!

To register go to: [2019bishopdinner\\_bethany.eventbee.com](https://2019bishopdinner_bethany.eventbee.com)

"...The Apostles were weak men who failed often but who were nevertheless called by Christ to go and sanctify others. They chose to rise up after their failures and continue the work that Jesus had left for them. Now, Christ needs new men to rise up and take on the same work he left for those original twelve. If you think you are called to the challenge of priesthood and want a life of joy and amazement at the power of God in you and through you for others, then it may be time to seriously discern in seminary."

**- Fr. John Linden, Director of Vocations**

*If you are under 18, permission and health form is required.*



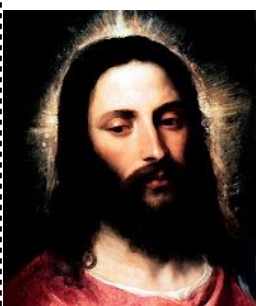


Due to the July 4 Holiday, the next Altar Society meeting will be held on July 10 at 6:30pm in the St. Mary Gathering Space. Check us out on our Facebook page to see what's new by going to: [Facebook.com/stmjaltarsociety](https://www.facebook.com/stmjaltarsociety).

### A Prayer For Priests

O Jesus, Eternal Priest, keep all thy priests within the shelter of Thy Sacred Heart, where none may harm them. Keep unstained their anointed hands which daily touch Thy Sacred Body. Keep unsullied their lips purpled with Thy Precious Blood. Keep pure and unearthly their hearts, sealed with the sublime marks of Thy glorious priesthood. Let Thy holy love surround them from the world's contagion. Bless their labors with abundant fruit, and may the souls to whom they have ministered be here below their joy and consolation and in Heaven their beautiful and everlasting crown. O Mary, Queen of the clergy, pray for us; obtain for us a number of holy priests.

### Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Prayer...



...O God, who through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of light, grant, we pray, that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth. 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.

### PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT DINNER

*with Bishop Boyea*

*Sunday, August 18, 2019, 3:00-6:00pm*

Welcome, talks, cookout! Go to:

[2019bishopdinner.bethany.eventbee.com](https://2019bishopdinner.bethany.eventbee.com)

See the insert of this bulletin for more info.

*Thank You!*

...to Jackie Henrich from Henrich's Greenhouse in Linden for donating all the new flowers in our parish gardens. A special "Thank you" to those who donate time and talent to plant flowers and help beautify the church grounds!



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.

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

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.

### 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).

### Parish Support for the weekend of June 23



#### COLLECTION FOR WEEKEND JUNE 23, 2019

General Collection (Budgeted weekend amount).....	\$5,200.00
General Collection (Received).....	\$5,819.00
Overage.....	\$619.00
Building Debt.....	\$50.00
Energy.....	\$40.00
Outreach.....	\$3,174.00
MTG Beef Donation.....	163.00
MTG Quilt Raffle.....	\$20.00
MTG Rummage Sale.....	\$2,650.00

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The July 7 bulletin cut off was Wed., June 26 by noon. The July 14 bulletin cut will be Mon., July 8 at noon.

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