

# St. Mary & St. Joseph Parish



One Holy Family in Christ

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Thirty-Second  
Sunday in  
Ordinary Time ~ C  
November 10, 2019

## Durand Location

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

## Gaines Location

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

## Mission Statement

As members of St. Mary and St. Joseph Parish, we believe that we share in the mission of Jesus through our baptism and commitment to the values expressed in the gospel.

The dedication of our parish to the Holy Spirit calls us to be particularly attentive to the inspiration and guidance of the Spirit as we:

- gather as a community that worships together and supports one another in spiritual growth;
- witness to our belief through sharing our faith with others and providing for education in faith to our members;
- respond with compassion to both the spiritual and corporal needs of those around us;
- care for the many gifts we have been given and seek to use them wisely.

We do all of this as members of a larger community of believers within the Diocese of Lansing and greater Roman Catholic Church.

## ~Sacraments~

**Baptism:** You must be a registered active member of St. Mary & St. Joseph 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 our parish office for times and dates.

**Reconciliation:** Gaines location on Wednesday 9:00am to 9:30am. Durand location on Saturday 3:30pm to 4:30pm. Special request, contact the Durand office. Check the bulletin for special times.

Official correspondence should be sent to:  
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1-855-288-6704

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**Sacramental Minister:** Rev. Bill Wegher



## From Deacon Wayne's Desk

***"The children of this age marry and remarry; but those who are deemed worthy to attain to the coming age and to the resurrection of the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Lk 20:34-35"***

Another trick question for Jesus, comes in this Gospel from the Sadducees. The Sadducees were a Jewish sect who did not believe in the Resurrection. As the old joke goes; because they didn't believe in the resurrection, they were "sad u sees" ;)

They pose this question to Jesus: *Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman but died childless. Then the second and the third married her, and likewise all the seven died childless. Finally, the woman also died. Now at the resurrection whose wife will that woman be? For, all seven had been married to her."*

Their question really wasn't about marriage. They didn't believe in Jesus teaching about the resurrection so they thought they would set their question in the context of marriage in order to make Jesus fumble the answer on resurrection and thus turn Jesus' teaching of eternal life on its head. But, the Great Teacher not only turns the table on their plan but uses the opportunity to teach about the resurrection and marital love all in one teaching.

Jesus' answer to their question; *"The children of this age marry and remarry; but those who are deemed worthy to attain to the coming age and to the resurrection of the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. They can no longer die, for they are like angels; and they are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise. And he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive."*

This gospel passage can cause trouble in the minds of married Christian spouses. Do you mean to tell me that my wife won't be my wife in heaven? That we will no longer be married? Are you telling me that my husband, that I have spent the past 40 years with, will no longer be my husband? That he'll just be the same to me as anyone else in heaven?

When in heaven, our loved one, has a love for us that is no longer diminished by sin. In God's presence, they can love us perfectly. You will love your spouse even more in heaven than you do now. And he or she will love you perfectly in return. In heaven, you will know and love your spouse more, not less.

So, Jesus is talking about eternal life in heaven. After the resurrection, marriage won't exist — not because it's been undone, as if it never happened — but because it has been fulfilled. Marriage won't exist because marriage won't be needed.

St. Paul mentions the three theological virtues, *now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love* (1 Cor 13:13). Why is love the greatest? Because of these virtues only love is eternal. Faith and hope will pass away. They are temporary.

If faith is the assurance of things not seen (Heb 11:1), then in heaven we will not need faith to believe in God, because we will behold him face to face. Faith is a virtue for this world, not the next.

Hope is a desire directed toward a future fulfillment (CCC 1817). Once we possess that which we desire, it is no longer hoped for. It is realized. So, there will be no need for hope in heaven,

Husbands and wives will assuredly recognize one another in heaven, and will continue to be quite special to one another. Marriage may no longer exist, because it will no longer be needed, but love will carry on. In heaven, you and your spouse will share a love more perfect than anything you could ever experience in this life.

*Dcn. Wayne*

## St. Mary & St Joseph Parish Liturgy Schedule

### Monday, November 11 - No Liturgies

Wis 1:1-7, Ps 139:1b-3,4-6,7-8,9-10, Lk 17:1-6

### Tuesday, November 12 - Durand

**Eucharistic Adoration - 8:00am to 8:50am**

Open to everyone as is all our holy hours.

Wis 2:23-3:9, Ps 34:2-3,16-17,18-19, Lk 17:7-10

### Wednesday, November 13 - Gaines

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

**Mass - 8:30am - Sharon McRae by Donna Cormier and family**

*Due to a visiting Priest, no Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held.*

Wis 6:1-11, Ps 82:3-4,6-7, Lk 17:11-19

### Thursday, November 14 - Durand

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

**Mass - 8:30am - Carolyn & Robert Trebtoske by Tim Trebtoske**

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

Wis 7:22b-8:1, Ps 119:89,90,91,130,135,175, Lk 17:20-25

### Friday, November 15 - No Liturgies

Wis 13:1-9, Ps 19:2-3,4-5ab, Lk 17:26-37

### Saturday, November 16 - Durand

Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9, Ps 105:2-3,36-37,42-43, Lk 18:1-8

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

**Mass - 5:00pm - Carl Purdy by the family**

### Sunday, November 17

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

**Mass at Durand - 11:30am - Irene Sedlak by Mary & Joe Frankovich**

Mal 3:19-20a, Ps 98:5-6,7-8,9, 2 Thes 3:7-12, Lk 21:5-19

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SUFFERING OF ST. MARY & ST. JOSEPH PARISH

For those who are ill at home, in the hospital or in the nursing home.

Jackie Kondel, Monica Coolich, Virginia Yankee, Lisa Terry, 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.**

**Rest In  
Peace**

**We pray for  
Ann L. Zick**

Spouse to Roger, mother to Michael, Deborah and Cynthia...

...that she may now enjoy the great blessings of eternal life. We pray also for her family and friends that they may find peace in the promises of Christ.





## WINTER WEAR DRIVE



We will be gathering gently used clean winter wear. This includes coats, boots, snowpants, mittens, gloves, scarves and hats. There will be tubs in the gathering space at the Durand location and in the Franklin Hay Education building. Items collected will first be offered to the needy in the area.

**Hour of Prayer and Worship**  
**St. Mary St. Joseph Parish**  
 Nov. 21 - Durand Location  
 Dec. 19 - Gaines Location  
**Mark your calendar.** Each evening from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. These powerful transforming gatherings will bring; praise and worship music, scripture, reflection, and silent prayer in the Presence of God together to fill our hearts, souls, minds and bodies with God's love.



Knights of Columbus - Gaines Council 12186  
 Knight of the Month for August  
**Ralph Wendt**  
 Family of the Month for August  
**Ralph and Carol Wendt**



Both Knights of Columbus Councils are asking for brand new sports logo sweat shirts (large & extra-large). The sweat shirts will be donated to "Holy Cross Services" the first week of December. Boxes will be available at both locations in the gathering spaces.



### Married Couples Weekend.

Mission: Critical

December 6-8, 2019

*"Marriage is more than a fleeting fashion, it is of enduring importance." Pope Francis, Amoris Laetitia*

### WHY "MISSION: CRITICAL?"

Marriage continues to come under attack. Some would say the state of marriage is in critical condition. Healthy marriages provide much needed stability to our families and communities. It is critical as husband and wife to understand our role in marriage and have a plan - A MISSION - for our lives together.

If the mission is critical, it needs time and attention to thrive. Join us for a celebration of marriage as we unpack Ephesians 5 and learn how our marriages are designed to be a shared mission. Through this shared mission, we become the image of Christ essential to our families and community. The weekend includes a Renewal of Vows ceremony, vigil Mass, inspiring talks, ample time to unwind and reconnect with each other, cocktail reception, outstanding food, and a few added touches to make your weekend a true renewal of spirit!

Join us for fun, to relax, and to be inspired! It's our Mission - and it's Critical that we focus on it together!

A great Christmas gift idea - Register now as space is limited! For more information and resources for married couples, visit

<http://www.stfrancis.ws/married-couples-weekend.html>

St. Francis Retreat Center | 703 E. Main Street DeWitt, MI 48820

(517) 669-8321

There will be a **Finance Council meeting** on Tues, Nov. 19 at 7:00pm at the Durand location.



Are you a user of Facebook? If so, go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and search for:

Parish: **St. Mary and St. Joseph Catholic Church**  
 Gaines Knights of Columbus: **kofccouncil12186**

If your group is associated with SMSJ Parish, send your link to

**bulletinmj@gmail.com** and it will be posted here.



Advent by Candlelight will be on November 24 at 5:00pm, at the Durand location. Our speaker this year will be Deb Hawley. Sign-Up sheets for sponsoring a table or coming as a guest will be at both locations in the Gathering Space. This is being put on by the Altar Society and Mother Theresa Group.

### Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Prayer...



...Almighty and merciful God, graciously keep from us all adversity, so that, unhindered in mind and body alike, we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are yours. 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 Diocese of Lansing is looking for an enthusiastic Catholic committed to the evangelization mission of the Catholic Church to serve as a part time Communications Intern. The position will report to the Director of Communications and will work 15 - 19 hours per week. The position promotes and reports upon Catholic events and initiatives happening throughout our diocese in a way that uses multi-media on various platforms. To learn more about the position and apply, please visit our website at [www.dioceseoflansing.org/employment](http://www.dioceseoflansing.org/employment)



## Parish Support for the weekend of Nov. 3

### COLLECTION FOR WEEKEND November 3, 2019

General Collection (Budgeted weekend amount).....	\$4,708.00
General Collection (Received).....	\$5,901.28
Overage.....	\$1,193.28
All Saint's Day (Holy Day).....	\$1,205.60
Energy.....	\$20.00
Building Debt.....	\$120.00
Campaign for Human Development.....	\$20.00
<b>Online Donations for October 2019</b>	
General Collection.....	\$1,270.00
Outreach.....	\$20.00

### Sponsor of the Week

## Marsh Monument Company

See the full ad on the back page. Please patronize these sponsors, as they make our bulletin possible. Also, let them know where you saw it!



The Nov. 17 bulletin cut off is Mon., Nov. 11 by noon.  
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