

St. Mary & St. Joseph Parish



One Holy Family in Christ

“it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him” Jn 9:3

Fourth Sunday of Lent ~ A
March 22, 2020

Durand Location
700 Columbia Dr., Durand, MI 48429
1-855-288-6704

Mass Times:
See liturgical schedule in bulletin.
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:
See liturgical schedule in bulletin.
Weekday Masses - See Bulletin
Office hours: Tues., 9:00am to 3:00pm
Wed., Thurs., 9:00am to 1:00pm.
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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.



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From Deacon Wayne's Desk

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 15, 2020

"It is so that the works of God might be made visible through him" Jn 9:3

We have a poor young man, blind from birth who is the centerpiece of this gospel reading from John 9:1-41. I encourage all of you to read this over at a nice slow pace to focus on the young man. Specifically, all the different ways he is rejected and the fear he must have felt from this rejection. First he is rejected by society at large of that time, that totally believed he was blind because either he or his parents had sinned. You can see this in verses 2 and 3. That was common understanding in that time frame of history that anyone sick was being punished by God for sin that was committed. If that was truly the case, everyone would have been blind, a leper, or suffer from some other illness.

Second, his neighbors who rejected that he was the young man they had always knew. Thirdly, the Pharisees caught wind that Jesus was involved and they reject the young man and Jesus because of the healing the young man experienced. And if that's not enough, lastly, he is thrown under the bus by his parents because of their fear that they would be expelled from the synagogue, their Jewish community.

Man, that had to be a lonely and fearful place for the young man to be in. Notice though, he finds a courage to stand against everyone, even the Jewish synagogue leaders. He challenges them in a roundabout way to come to know Jesus when he says to the Pharisees, "Do you want to become his disciples, too?" Which ticked them off even further to the point where they throw him out of the synagogue.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Remember, the young man was blind when Jesus healed him, so this was the first time he had ever laid eyes on Jesus. Jesus said to him, "You have seen him and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.

Out of everyone he encountered there is only one who seeks to welcome him, Jesus. Notice the young man's courage and how it increases at each of the rejections. We could say that he even loses his parents but in turn finds God. He places all his trust in Jesus, the one who heals. Placing our trust in Jesus is what we need now more than ever as we face this terrible virus, that Jesus can heal.

We may be experiencing that same loneliness and fear that the young man felt as we continue to trust that God who can heal us, our nation, and our world from this terrible virus that has claimed so many of our brothers and sisters. We trust that God will have His will done, even through all that is happening in our world today. We can find great courage in God during these times because he loves you like crazy and in the end that is all we need. When this virus has run its course, we will be able to stand in the face of fear, just as the young man did in the face of the Pharisees, and we will claim our victory, just as the young man did. "One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see."

Only ours may sound like this, "One thing I know is that we were plagued and fearful but through trusting in God we have great courage. The works of God will be made visible through this.

Continue to pray, extra hard right now.

Mary, Seat of Wisdom guide us. St. Joseph pray for us.

Dcn. Wayne

St. Mary & St Joseph Parish Liturgy Cancellation Notice

By notice from Bishop Boyea, all liturgies are cancelled through Wed., April 8, 2020.

Below is a listing of the readings only for your convenience.

You can find the notice from Bishop Boyea on the internet located here:

<https://www.dioceseoflansing.org/news/coronavirus-advisory-bishop-boyea-march-17-2020>

Monday, March 23 - No Liturgies

Is 65:17-21/ Ps 30:2 and 4-6,11-12a,13b/ Jn 4:43-54 or Mi 7:7-9/ Ps 27:1,7-9abc,13-14/ Jn 9:1-41

Tuesday, March 24 - No Liturgies

Ez 47:1-9,12, Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9, Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 25 - No Liturgies

Is 7:10-14,8:10, Ps 40:7-11, Heb 10:4-10, Lk 1:26-38

Thursday, March 26 - No Liturgies

Ex 32:7-14, Ps 106:19-23, Jn 5: 31-47

Friday, March 27 - No Liturgies

Wis 2:1a,12-22, Ps 34:17-21,23, Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30

Saturday, March 28 - No Liturgies

Jer 11:18-20, Ps 7:2-3,9bc-12, Jn 7: 40-53

Sunday, March 29 - No Liturgies

Ez 37 :12-14, Ps 130: 1-8, Rom 8:8-11, Jn 11:1-45

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.

John Michailo, Sandy Corrion, Mike Gentry, Lynn Ingram, Francis Ryan, Alex Proulx, Donna Cormier, Roy Beville, Elizabeth Hincka, Julie Okenka, Susan Elsarelli, Courtney and Toby Versola, and Nick Hall



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.

Although our Parish Masses have been canceled, there are other ways to view or listen to Mass on the following channels:

TV Sunday - 6:00am & 10:00am on WLAJ Lansing TV53. 10:00am on WBSF Flint TV 46 (CW Network). Contact your local cable provider for channel information.

Radio Sunday - 11:00am on WJIM Lansing 1240AM. 12:00pm on Good Shepherd Catholic Radio, Jackson on 1510AM and 93.3FM



Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Spring Raffle & Bake Sale have been postponed until further notice. Tickets will not be sold until it has been rescheduled. Hang on to the tickets you have already purchased, and we will update everyone as soon as possible. Please everyone, Take Care!

SPECIAL NOTE: The Altar Society meeting scheduled for April 1 has been cancelled.

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 April 17-19, 2020. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$185 for meals and a single room. Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail reflect.michigan@gmail.com, or call (586) 770-1772 for details.

This Week in Our Parish: March 22-March 28

- Sun - 8:30am-9:30am, Church open for prayer, Gaines
11:30am-12:30pm, Church open for prayer, Durand
- Mon - 8:30am-2:30pm, Church open for prayer, Durand
- Tues- 8:30am-2:30pm, Church open for prayer, Durand
9:00am-3:00pm, Church open for prayer, Gaines
- Wed- 9:00am-1:00pm, Church open for prayer, Gaines
- Thurs- *Solemnity of St. Joseph*
8:30am-2:30pm, Church open for prayer, Durand
9:00am-1:00pm, Church open for prayer, Gaines
- Fri- 8:30am-2:30pm, Church open for prayer, Durand
- Sat - 5:00pm-6:00pm, Church open for prayer, Durand

DRUMMER AND OTHER MUSICIANS NEEDED AT GAINES LOCATION:



The choir is in need of a drummer for our Sunday 8:30am Masses at the Gaines location, especially for the Easter season. Drum set available if needed. Other musical instruments and singers are also invited and welcomed. Please talk to Donna Cormier, (810)266-4745 or Pam Schaefer, (810)252-5006, or come to the choir section after Sunday Mass.

Make Lent More Meaningful....

Pray - especially for people you don't like and for people who don't like you.

The Daughters of Isabella, Regina Coeli Circle 1095, Davison, Mich. Is offering (2) \$750.00 scholarships to any Catholic Women who are High School Seniors and seeking a higher education. Applications are available. If interested contact. Sara St. Martin (810) 744-1948 or Marilyn Hancock (810) 691-9675

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



...have been canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic. We appreciate the support of our members and community family and pray this situation concludes as soon as possible. Take care of yourself and your family.

<http://www.kofccouncil12186.org/events.html>

Working Hands Ministry will not meet until further notice. Please take care of yourselves.

Mother's Day BBQ, save the Date! The St. Mary's Knights of Columbus 7955 will be hosting a special Mother's Day BBQ on Saturday May 9 after the 5:00pm mass. More information to follow.

DURAND USHERS FOR APRIL 2020

5:00pm – Patty Finney, Pat Loomis
Sharon & Michael Gould

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

DURAND GREETERS FOR APRIL 2020

5:00pm – Diane Hawley

11:30am – Renee Walters

Parish Giving Parish Support for March 15

COLLECTION FOR WEEKEND MARCH 15, 2020

General Collection (Budgeted weekend amount).....	\$4,708.00
General Collection (Received).....	\$3,439.00
(Shortage).....	(\$1,269.00)
Energy.....	\$70.00
Outreach.....	\$280.00
Ash Wednesday.....	\$10.00

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The March 29 bulletin cut off is Monday, March 23 at noon - bulletinmj@gmail.com

If you want to schedule an event utilizing a Parish facility, contact DCN Wayne using email dcnwaynesmsj@gmail.com