

St. Mary & St. Joseph Parish



One Holy Family in Christ

Jesus said . . . I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture . . .

Jn 10:9

**Fourth Sunday of Easter~ A
May 3, 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.
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.

Official correspondence should be sent to:
700 Columbia Dr., Durand, MI 48429.
1-855-288-6704

Parish Administrator: Deacon Wayne Corrion
Email: dcnwaynesmsj@gmail.com
Secretary/Business Manager: Paul Williamson
Email: stmarydurand@gmail.com

Secretary: Sandy Bensinger
Email: stjosephgaines@gmail.com
Director of Religious Education (DRE):
Robin Doyle Email: smsjdre@gmail.com

Deacon: Greg Middleton 989-721-7683
Sacramental Minister: Rev. Bill Wegher

~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.



St. Mary and St. Joseph Catholic Church
@kofccouncil12186
@stmjaltarsociety



From Deacon Wayne's Desk

Jesus Christ is Risen

Alleluia, Alleluia!

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 3, 2020

Jesus said . . . I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture . . .

Jn 10:9

In Mass, we hear the words at the conclusion of Eucharistic Prayer; Through Him with Him and in Him. Why do we use these words? What are we to understand about these words? What does it mean to enter through Him?

Jesus Christ is our mediator between us and God. His Passion, Death and Resurrection that we now celebrate in this season of Easter. Jesus stands in "the gap" between us and God the Father, a bridge that allows us access to God the Father. Jesus provides access to Eternal Life with God after our trial here on earth. That's right, a "trial". A trial that places us in a position to choose to fall in love with God our Father or not to trust in Him. Trusting in Jesus is our "walking across that bridge." Jesus does all the hard work of gaining us entrance to God but we have to decide

whether or not to make the journey. Our journey will bring tests for us, just as Jesus' journey through the PDR tested His love for the Father and for us. We need to know as well that there are thieves in this world who would prefer we trust in them. In us doing so, they can possess our love (our soul) to follow things that are quite honestly pleasurable to our human nature (see the seven deadly sins). So, it's a war that is vying for your love. *A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; (but Jesus) came so that (we) might have life and have it more abundantly.* It all boils down to this. Will you choose the life of instant pleasure? Or the life of ABUNDANT Peace, Love and Forgiveness? Sounds like a cut and dried choice doesn't it? No matter what you chose it comes with a commitment. Only one leads to the pastures of God's unending love. Which will you choose today?

**Jesus Christ is Risen Indeed,
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

God's Easter Blessings to every one of you.
Continue to pray, extra hard right now.

Dcn. Wayne

St. Mary & St Joseph Parish Liturgy Cancellation Notice

By notice from Bishop Boyea, all liturgies are cancelled through Fri., May 15, 2020. At the time of publication, it was not known if the liturgies will start up or continue to be cancelled.

Fr. Bill will be praying daily Masses and one weekend Mass from his home. The intentions and readings are for your convenience only.

Monday, May 4 - No Liturgies

Acts 11:1-18, Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4, Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday, May 5 - No Liturgies

Acts 11:19-26, Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7, Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday, May 6 - No Liturgies

Intention - Mac Canover by the Family

Acts 12:24—13:5a, Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8, Jn 12:44-50

Thursday, May 7 - No Liturgies

Intention - Earl Chamberlain & Family by Michele

Acts 13:13-25, Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27, Jn 13:16-20

Friday, May 8 - No Liturgies

Acts 13:26-33, Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab, Jn 14:1-6

Saturday, May 9 - No Liturgies

Acts 13:44-52, Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, Jn 14:7-14

Sunday, May 10 - No Liturgies

Intention - Marianne McGuire Klein by Dcn

Wayne and Sandy Corrion

Acts 6:1-7, Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19, 1 Pt 2:4-9, Jn 14:1-12

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.

Jennifer Tulip, John Michailo, Sandy Corrion, Mike Gentry, Lynn Ingram, Francis Ryan, Jan & Alex Proulx, and Donna Cormier.



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. Please continue to pray for all those that have been afflicted with or caring for someone with the Corona Virus. Also all the frontline Doctors, Nurses, EMTs, Police, Fire and all those continuing to work at Grocery Stores, Pharmacies, Food Banks and other essential stores. Thank you for all you do as we continue to pray for you.

With the passing of Fr. Joseph Aubin, circumstances prevented a regular funeral gathering. Once things return to normal, a memorial service will be scheduled. Please monitor upcoming bulletins, Facebook, MyParish App and the Parish website for more information.

Although our Parish Masses have been closed, 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

As most of you already know, **both locations will be completely closed through Friday, May 15, 2020.** The Parish staff will still be monitoring voicemails and emails remotely so please contact our offices if you have any concerns or questions. We will continue to monitor the status of this pandemic and will do our best to keep our parish family informed on activities here at St. Mary and St. Joseph Parish. Please be safe and continue to pray for an end to this pandemic. God Bless.

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.

Fourth Sunday of Easter Prayer...



...Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

DURAND USHERS & GREETERS FOR MAY 2020

Due to the uncertainty of re-opening the Durand location and who will feel comfortable with attending, the list for May will be determined by volunteers that do attend. Once permission to open again is determined, if you are interested in participating as an usher or greeter, please call the church office to advise you will attend.

Mother's Day BBQ originally scheduled for May 9 after the 5:00pm mass has been **cancelled**. The St. Mary Knights of Columbus 7955 are sorry to announce that due to Covid-19 the BBQ is cancelled. God Bless

Relationships Matter Night...

...for Sat., May 16 at 6:30pm at the Gaines location **has been cancelled**. The next scheduled date will be June 20. Please mark your calendar and continue to monitor the SMSJ Facebook page and website for the latest updates. Be safe and God Bless.



Parish Support from April 7 to 21.

General Collection (Received).....	\$7,693.11
Energy.....	\$20.00
Outreach.....	\$225.00
Good Friday.....	\$250.00
Easter.....	\$460.00
DSA amount pledged.....	\$9,060.00
The DSA goal amount is \$25,984. We are 34.87% of goal.	

Sponsor of the Week

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #7955 DURAND

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 May 10 bulletin cut off is Monday, May 4 at noon - bulletinmj@gmail.com

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

