

St. Mary & St. Joseph Parish



One Holy Family in Christ

"All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." Mt 28:18,20

The Ascension of the Lord ~ A May 24, 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:
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1-855-288-6704

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~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
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From Deacon Wayne's Desk

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - MAY 24, 2020

"All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." Mt 28:18,20

Did anyone in authority ever look you in the eye and say, "and that is the final word". My dad used to say that to us growing up but it sounded more like, "because I said so". Today at the very last statement of Jesus Christ, the very last chapter and verse of Mathew's gospel, has an authority that cannot be denied. It says, the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them And that's an order.

But the apostles didn't act out of fear but the very next line says, "When they saw him, they worshiped" . . . so obviously they were joyful to see Christ again one more time. Jesus sticks to his word. He ordered them, they show up, and most importantly, He shows up in all His Glory. It had to be very re-affirming for them to witness this follow through of Christ.

Christ's final words to them and to us is "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.". We should find great Joy in these statements. We follow a Messiah who reassures us there is nothing more powerful than He. If that is not enough for you, He then doubles down and brings in one more level of confidence for our faith to build on and tells us He will always be

with us. I think it's a good time to pause in silence and think about that. Go ahead and do that right now.

If you took the time to do what I proposed, you probably found yourself eventually right back where the apostles did after they worshiped. The gospel tells us; but they doubted.

It's our weak human nature to turn back to our doubt and maybe this is a great gift from God that we would realize just who we are . . . weaklings and who Jesus is . . . the King of the universe, the King of your heart and soul. When we doubt, we need to reach to something that is un-doubtable, namely God's never-ending love for each of us. Our doubt can tell us how we have turned away.

The "lock down" has kept us from Sacraments to some extent so if you are carrying around that doubt it is suggested that you return with all you heart to Christ, especially as we prepare to enter back into the sacrament of Holy Communion. It's right for us to reconcile with God as to create a clean heart for this beautiful day we all have longed for, in returning to Mass and to that most intimate moment of all human longing to be re-united with Christ through the Holy Eucharist.

Make it your top priority to receive Christ's Mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation as you prepare yourself to receive Him in the Holy Eucharist. Don't miss this golden opportunity. You want Him and He wants you. Let us make this a beautiful re-union. Remember, He has all the power in heaven and earth to bring His mercy to us, and with clean hearts we will have the most beautiful of all re-unions with Him.

Jesus Christ is Risen Indeed, Alleluia Alleluia!

God's Easter Blessings to every one of you.

Continue to pray, extra hard right now.

Mary, Seat of Wisdom guide us.

St. Joseph pray for us.

Den. Wayne

St. Mary & St Joseph Parish Liturgy Cancellation Notice

Masses will start again the weekend of May 30/31, 2020. Please check the website/Facebook and/or MyParish App for updates.

Monday, May 25 - No Liturgies

Acts 19:1-8, Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab, Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday, May 26 - No Liturgies

Acts 20:17-27, Ps 68:10-11, 20-21, Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday, May 27 - No Liturgies

Intention - Marianne McGuire Klein by Maureen Schisler

Acts 20:28-38, Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab, Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday, May 28 - No Liturgies

Intention - Robert Eilert by Eilert Family

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11, Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11, Jn 17:20-26

Friday, May 29 - No Liturgies

Acts 25:13b-21, Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab, Jn 21:15-19.

Saturday, May 30 - Durand

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31, Ps 11:4, 5 and 7, Jn 21:20-25

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

Mass - 5:00pm - Marianne McGuire by Joelle McGuire

Pentecost Sunday - May 31

Mass at Gaines - 8:30am - Marianne McGuire Klein by Den Wayne and Sandy Corron

Mass at Durand - 11:30am - Martin & Lillian Siminski by Tim Trebtsoske

Acts 2:1-11, Ps Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34, 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13, Jn 20:19-23

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.

Patrick Tulip, Danielle Bartes, Lisa Terry, Paul Davis, Mary Frankovich, Barb Klauss, Jean Hermann, Joan Zito, Jennifer Tulip, John Michailo, Sandy Corron, 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.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL PARISHIONERS.

Here are a few points of business as we continue to go through this shutdown period and sustain parish life.

FINANCES

Many of you have been asking "where do I send my church donations while we are shut down"? The answer is; 700 Columbia Dr., Durand Mi. 48429. We are picking up mail on a regular basis and locking donations in our locked safe until counting takes place. We are strongly encouraging folks to convert to electronic giving. If you would like to know how, please call us and we can assist. We very much appreciate all those who continue to give even amid this crisis. Through your generosity we have been able to maintain our expenses. Our donations are down by 25-30% but we have great hope that through your generosity and God's Divine Mercy we will not just survive but we will THRIVE. Thanks to everyone for your support and prayers for our parish family and community.

PRAYER

We are taking steps at our local parish level to reinvigorate your prayer life. Our Church locations are open during our regular office business hours for personal prayer as follows: St. Mary, Monday and Friday. St Joseph on Wednesdays.

Also, to promote community prayer, we are praying the rosary in the parking lots at 2:00pm. Wednesday at St Joseph, and Thursday at St Mary. We are calling it a walking rosary. Using proper social distancing, we will walk and pray together for healing in our world under the protection of our Mother Mary Queen of Victory.

ADDITIONAL THINGS YOU CAN HELP WITH

As we start to take these small steps at re-opening, we are in need of sanitizing wipes and hand sanitizer. If you have any extra of these at home, and would like to donate them to the church, you can drop them off in our gathering space on Mondays and Fridays (Durand) and Wednesdays (Gaines).

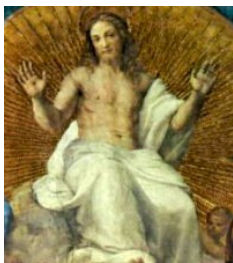
Thank you for all your support.

Dcn Wayne

Taken from MyParish App posted Mon., May 11, 9:44am

Ascension of the Lord Prayer ...

...Almighty ever-living God, who willed the Paschal Mystery to be encompassed as a sign in fifty days, grant that from out of the scattered nations the confusion of many tongues may be gathered by heavenly grace into one great confession of your name. 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.



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

How do SMSJ Parishioners register for our Parish's FORMED subscription? It's easy!

1. Open your internet browser and go to formed.org/signup
2. Select our Parish by entering one of the following: name, city & zip code. (use zip code 48429, it's the easiest).
3. Register your name and email address.
4. Check that email for a link to begin using FORMED.

**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. 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.

**PARISH SUPPORT FROM****MAY 6 - 19**

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| General Collection..... | \$6,633.00 |
| Energy..... | \$40.00 |
| Outreach..... | \$160.00 |
| Good Friday..... | \$130.00 |
| Catholic Relief..... | \$15.00 |
| Easter..... | \$275.00 |

DSA UPDATE: Total pledged through May 19, 2020 is \$15,190.00. This is 59.45% of our goal of \$25,984.00. Thank you to those that have pledged to date.

Sponsor of the Week**Monroe Point Shell**

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The May 31 bulletin cut off is Monday, May 25 at noon - bulletinmj@gmail.com

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

