

# CHRIST THE KING





# The Catholic Community of St. Mary and St. Joseph Parish

Ministering to Durand, Gaines & surrounding areas

For further information, contact the Durand location at  
855-288-6704  
Or the Gaines location at  
989-271-8434

## St. Mary & St Joseph Parish Liturgy Schedule

### Monday, November 23 - No Liturgies

Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5, Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6, LK 21:1-4

### Tuesday, November 24 - No Liturgies

RV 14:14-19, Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13, LK 21:5-11

### Wednesday, November 25 - Gaines

**Adoration - 7:20am**

**Mass - 8:30am - Theresa Clark by Dcn Wayne and Sandy Corrion**

RV 15:1-4, PS 98:1, 2-3AB, 7-8, 9, LK 21:12-19

### Thursday, November 26 - Thanksgiving Day - Durand

**Mass - 8:30am - Jared Trebtoske by Tim Trebtoske**

Sir 50:22-24, Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 1 Cor 1:3-9, Lk 17:11-19

### Friday, November 27 - No Liturgies

RV 20:1-4, 11—21:2, PS 84:3, 4, 5-6A AND 8A, LK 21:29-33

### Saturday, November 28 - Durand

RV 22:1-7, PS 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7AB, LK 21:34-36

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

**Mass - 5:00pm - St. Mary and St. Joseph Parishioners**

### Sunday - November 29

**Mass at Gaines - 8:30am - Theresa Clark by John and Shirley Tomasek**

**Mass at Durand - 11:30am - Mary**

Frankovich by Robert & Carol Smith

IS 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7, PS 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19, 1 COR 1:3-9, MK 13:33-37

### Realign Resources for Mission Meeting:

On Dec. 3 at 7:00pm the Diocese of Lansing Realign Resources for Mission Committee will be at our parish to meet with staff and parishioners in an effort to explain the reason, rationale and methodology of the Realign Resources for Mission process and, most importantly, to listen to parishioners response of the process and how it could, potentially, impact upon your parish positively or negatively. The meeting will take place in our Parish hall Durand (basement) and will be approximately 90 minutes long. The meeting will consist of two components: First, a presentation on behalf of the Realign Resource for Mission Committee; Second, small group discussion followed by feedback from parishioners on your hopes and fears for the process; what you love or feel needs to be known about your parish; and any specific suggestions you may have for the future of your parish or the future of the diocese. All are most welcome. We will also have this setup for a Zoom meeting if you would prefer to join virtually.

Zoom info: Meeting ID: 828 5867 1193 Passcode: 977352

For more information please visit:

<https://www.dioceseoflansing.org/realign-resources-for-mission>

## 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.

**Kathy Root, Paul Delehanty, Raymond Jenroh, Tyler Adams, Diane & Mike Pelky, Christian Carpenter, Lisa Terry, Mike Retka, Al Proulx, Tony Tuczynski, and Janice 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.**

**Please continue to pray for all those that have been afflicted with or caring for someone with the COVID-19. 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.**



### SMSJ Monthly Adoration...

Adoration is switching to once a month on the 3rd Friday of the month except October. They are scheduled from 6:30pm to 7:30pm.

**Gaines - December 18 - Durand**



**Volunteers** are needed for decorating for **Advent** at the Gaines location for Wed., November 25, at 10:00am. Please sign up in the gathering space if you are able to help decorate.

### Donuts and Discussion

In an effort to keep our parish family as safe as we can, we have decided to move our Donuts and Discussion meeting on Wednesday and Thursday mornings after our daily Mass to a virtual setting. So we are temporarily suspending the live portion and going strictly to our Zoom format ONLY for these sessions. See meeting info below for each day.

#### Wednesday Zoom meetings:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89931078336?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89931078336?pwd=a2V0QW1JMHcyaERSd1A1bXM4Mm5lQT09)

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Meeting ID: 899 3107 8336

Passcode: 087986

#### Thursday Zoom meetings:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83907154261?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83907154261?pwd=WmlzRVBOc3lUMzYrSEVQdVB3VXBwZz09)

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Meeting ID: 839 0715 4261

Passcode: 719332



# From Deacon Wayne's Desk



THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE— NOVEMBER 22, 2020

*I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD. The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy, shepherding them rightly.* EZ 34:15-16

As we close this liturgical year with the solemnity Christ the King, look back over our past liturgical year and see that we have been through one of the darkest times of our church's history. Not being able to gather to praise our King, being isolated, our sacramental life greatly reduced. As sad as this is, we are still a people of Hope looking to our Lord and Savior as we pray for patience, healing and a return to community especially at Mass.

It's nice to know as we listen to today's readings that we are cared for by our Shepherd who guides us, heals and teaches us and never abandons us. It's with great joy that we look to these wonderful words from God our shepherd knowing that there's nothing that we should need or want as long as we have allowed Him into our hearts.

When He sits on the throne of our hearts, we are then members of his Royal Family, children of the King. We are part of his creation that reaches out to others to help them, to seek the lost and lonely and comfort the sick. He needs to be King of your heart, minds and souls. Are we holding back anything that is due the King? Every aspect of your life, every waking moment is to be relinquished to Him. He is the King of everyone and everything. Let the King of Glory enter your heart.

This Thursday, we reach one of our national holidays, Thanksgiving Day. With our focus of having the great Shepherd watching over us, we enter this time of Thanksgiving searching deep into our hearts for all those things that we found as His blessings this year, even as we have struggled through the dark times of the COVID-19 virus and this huge political split we see in our country.

As many of you are probably not gathering with family and friends on this Thanksgiving, I would challenge you to at least be in touch with them via phone or video so that you can at least enjoy some time with them. Also, please take time to reflect on these readings. Sit quietly with yourself, maybe with a cup of coffee or a glass of water and a small piece of paper and a pencil and write down 10 things that you're most thankful for this year. When we take time to do this, it helps us to realize that God never stops working in our lives no matter what trials and tribulations we work through. This gives us a chance to show great gratitude to God who loves you more than you can imagine. Please take time to reflect on what you are most thankful for and to let God know the things you're most thankful for. Don't miss this opportunity.

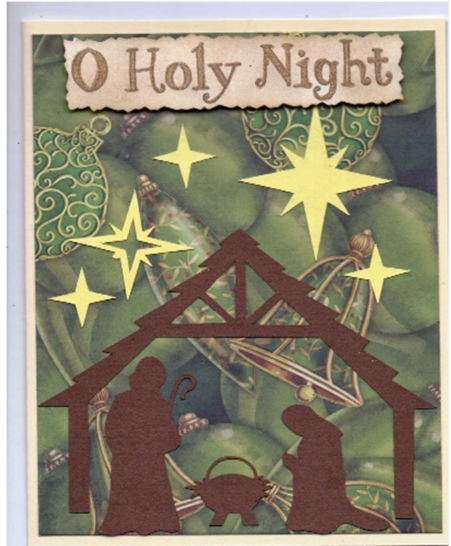
*Don. Wayne*

## ***Ten Things Deacon Wayne is Thankful for:***

- 1). For God, our Father who protects, defends and showers us with His Mercy.***
- 2). My Immediate family and all the joys and sufferings that we have endured with God's help.***
- 3). Our Parish family of SMSJ, your prayers, support, and efforts that each person provides for us.***
- 4). Our staff, Fr. Bill, Deacon Greg, Paul Williamson, Sandy Bensinger, the Coles.***
- 5). For all the Religious Formation leaders, Robin Doyle, Anita Holey, Sandra Corrion and the RCIA and Alpha leaders.***
- 6). SMSJ Leadership Team, Parish Council, Finance Council. Altar Society, Mother Theresa Group.***
- 7). All our Outreach Ministries, Food pantry leaders and volunteers, Knitting Hands.***
- 8). All our Liturgical Ministers, musicians, cantors, servers, Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers, lectors, sacristans.***
- 9). All our new parish families that have joined us this past year and for those who are entering soon.***
- 10). For all those from our surrounding community that look to our parish family for hope, joy, and Compassion and where we can see the face of Christ in their faces.***

## Looking for Volunteers

In these times of separation due to Covid 19, it has never been more important to reach out to others in our parish and community. We will be sending a Christmas card to every member of our parish. It will include a message from our leadership with Mass time, outreach information, and a personal note.



We are looking for volunteers to take a packet of 10 cards to be addressed and add the personal note. We will provide a few suggestions you may use or use a message of your own you feel led to share.

We will assemble the packets of 10 cards and number each packet. We need to record who has which packet so they may be traced to ensure no one is left out. All cards must be returned no later than Sunday, December 13, so we can get them in the US mail by December 15. Packets will be available the weekend of November 29/30.



**Bishop Boyea's Year of the Bible**

Join Bishop Boyea in reading through the Holy Bible starting this Advent and continuing through the next 12 months. Together, it will be *our* Year of the Bible. Each day, Bishop Boyea will text you a chapter of Sacred Scripture directly to your cellphone. We will then read it and meditate upon it. Over the weeks, he will also text you an invitation to events; share video reflections with you; and let you know about other Year of the Bible updates. To sign up, simply text **BYOB**, which stands for Bishop's Year of the Bible to **84576**.

**St Mary and St Joseph shirts and sweatshirts are on sale.** See the displays in both gathering spaces. All profits go to support our parish Religious Formation Programs. Order forms should be filled out, put in an envelope with payment and dropped in the collection baskets. Any questions call Sandy 989-721-7847.

There are two 38" flat screen TVs that are being donated to the parish for anyone in need of a new TV. Please contact the parish office in Gaines for info - 989-271-8434.

A gently used 7' Christmas tree is available to anyone who may need one for their home. If you or someone you know is interested, contact either Parish Office.

**KEEP CHRIST  
IN CHRISTMAS**

Keep Christ in Christmas yard signs will be on sale at the Gaines location by KofC Council 12186. \$10/each, supply is limited.



**Upcoming Programs at St. Francis Retreat Center in Dewitt**  
**Married Coupled Weekend:**  
**December 4-6, 2020**

*Join us for a weekend away from the frenzied state of the world to reconnect with your spouse and God. The weekend includes a Renewal of Vows ceremony, Mass, inspiring talks, plus time to unwind and reconnect with each other. Check in is 6:00pm Friday night and the retreat ends around noon on Sunday. Cost is \$300 per couple, with \$50 due with registration as a non-refundable deposit. Attendance is limited, register by November 27*

For more information or to register, call St. Francis at 517.669.8321 or visit [www.stfrancis.ws](http://www.stfrancis.ws)

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

Heavenly Father, we give You thanks and praise for Your Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit to inspire holy, faithful men to minister as priests. Lord, we pray for Your grace to encourage and support our seminarians as they endeavor to become priests. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Diocese of Lansing Seminarian Seamus Kettner, St. Charles and Helena, Clio**



Heavenly Father, we give You thanks and praise for Your Son, Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit to inspire holy, faithful women to become Brides of Christ and serve Your people. Lord, we pray that Your grace and love be enough for this woman in discernment of consecrated life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, Sr. M. Evangeline Rutherford**



The Working Hands Ministry has decided to suspend our meetings until the new year due to the increase in COVID cases. We will attempt to resume meeting again the week of Jan 13-14. Please watch the bulletin for further information. If you are in need of a prayer shawl, or yarn to make a prayer shawl, please contact Tammy at 989-445-0500. Stay safe everyone. Happy Thanksgiving & Merry Christmas. God Bless.



Knights of Columbus 7955 & 12186 will be having a sweatshirt drive. There will be a box in the Gathering Space at the Durand & Gaines Locations to collect Adult Sweatshirts with Sports Logos.

**Christ, King of the Universe Prayer...**

...Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. 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.



Thanks  
for Your  
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# Parish Support

**COLLECTIONS FOR WEEKEND OF  
NOVEMBER 15**

Envelopes for General Fund (mail/drop off)	\$2,773.20
Online donations for Gen Fund 11/9-15....	\$650.00
Total donations for General Fund.....	\$3,423.20
One week budgeted amount thru 11/9-15	\$4,000.00
(Below) budget.....	\$576.80
Fiscal year to date (July 1 thru Nov. 15, 2020)	
General Fund Donations (Env/Mail/Online)	\$99,216.13
Total Budget General Fund July 1-Nov. 15	\$97,750.00
Above Budget.....	\$1,466.13

**Other Collections for Nov. 15**

Energy.....	\$9.00
Outreach.....	\$264.00
HumanDevelopment.....	\$25.00
All Saints.....	\$30.00
Mass Intentions.....	\$345.00

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The December 6 bulletin cut off is Monday, November 27 at noon - [bulletinmj@gmail.com](mailto:bulletinmj@gmail.com)

**SPECIAL NOTE:** The early deadlines season is here. **The Dec. 6 bulletin cut is Friday, Nov. 27 at noon.** If you missed this deadline, your article should run the following weekend.



If you want to schedule an event utilizing a Parish facility, contact DCN Wayne using email [dcnwaynesmsj@gmail.com](mailto:dcnwaynesmsj@gmail.com)