The Catholic Community of

St. Mary and St. Joseph Parish

Ministering to Durand, Gaines & surrounding areas



The people who walk in darkness Have seen a great light; Those who live in a dark land, The light will shine on them. Isaiah 9:2

Fourth Sunday of Advent ~B December 20, 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

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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 val-

ues 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 commu-nity 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 mar-

riage 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

December location on Saturday 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 & St Joseph Parish Liturgy Schedule

Monday, December 21 - No Mass

SG 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a, PS 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21, LK 1:39-45

Tuesday, December 22 - No Mass

1 SM 1:24-28, 1 SAMUEL 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8ABCD, LK 1:46-56

Wednesday, December 23 - Gaines

Adoration - 7:20am

Mass - 8:30am - Esther Birchmeyer by Dcn

Wayne and Sandy Corrion

MAL 3:1-4, 23-24, PS 25:4-5AB, 8-9, 10 AND 14, LK 1:57-66

Thursday, December 24 - Christmas Eve - Gaines Mass - Gaines - 4:00pm - Brandon Fitch by the Fitch Family

Mass - Durand - 6:30pm - Jennie DeNolf by St. Mary and St. Joseph Parishioners

Is 62:1-5, Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29, Acts 13:16-17, 22-25, Mt 1:1-25

Friday, December 25 - Christmas Day - Durand

Mass - 10:00am - Jean Hermann by Paul & Virginia Williamson

Is 52:7-10, Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6., Heb 1:1-6, Jn 1:1-18

Saturday, December 26 - Durand

ACTS 6:8-10; 7:54-59, PS 31:3CD-4, 6 AND 8AB, 16BC AND 17, MT 10:17-22

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

Mass - 5:00pm - Gary Crawford by Michael & Brenda Wells

Sunday - December 27

Mass at Gaines - 8:30am - Minor Denny Family by Ruby and Barb Martin

Mass at Durand - 11:30am - St. Mary and St.

Joseph Parishioners

SIR 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3, PS 128:1-2, 3, 4-5.or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9,

COL 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19, LK 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22, 39-40

Notice of Liturgy cancelations during the Holiday Season. There are no Liturgies on the following dates & times:

Thurs., 12/24, 8:30am - No Mass Wed., 12/30, 8:30am - No Mass Thurs., 12/31, 8:30am - No Mass

Volunteers will be needed for Christmas decorating for Durand. Decorating will be held on Tues., Dec 22, at 12noon. Several volunteers will be needed.

Volunteers will be needed for Christmas decorating for Gaines. Decorating will be after the 8:30am Mass on Wed., Dec 23, at 9:30am. Several volunteers will be needed.

Fourth Sunday of Advent Prayer...

...O God, eternal majesty, whose ineffable Word the immaculate Virgin received through the message of an Angel and so became the dwelling-place of divinity, filled with the light of the Holy Spirit, grant, we pray, that by her example we may in humility hold fast to your will. 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.

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.

Mike Gentry, Annette Sneed Laffleur, Shirley Dolehanty, 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.



MASKS IN OUR CHURCHES

As we continue to forge through this evil virus that surrounds us and our community, we ask you to continue to WEAR your masks when at our churches. We have made it through ten very hard months and it would be terrible to have to live all these days over again because it is "just too uncomfortable to wear your masks in church." Please be considerate of your brothers and sisters of our parish family and those who visit. For those that continue to be diligent in wearing masks "Thank You."

Catholic Charities of Shiawassee and Genesee Counties...

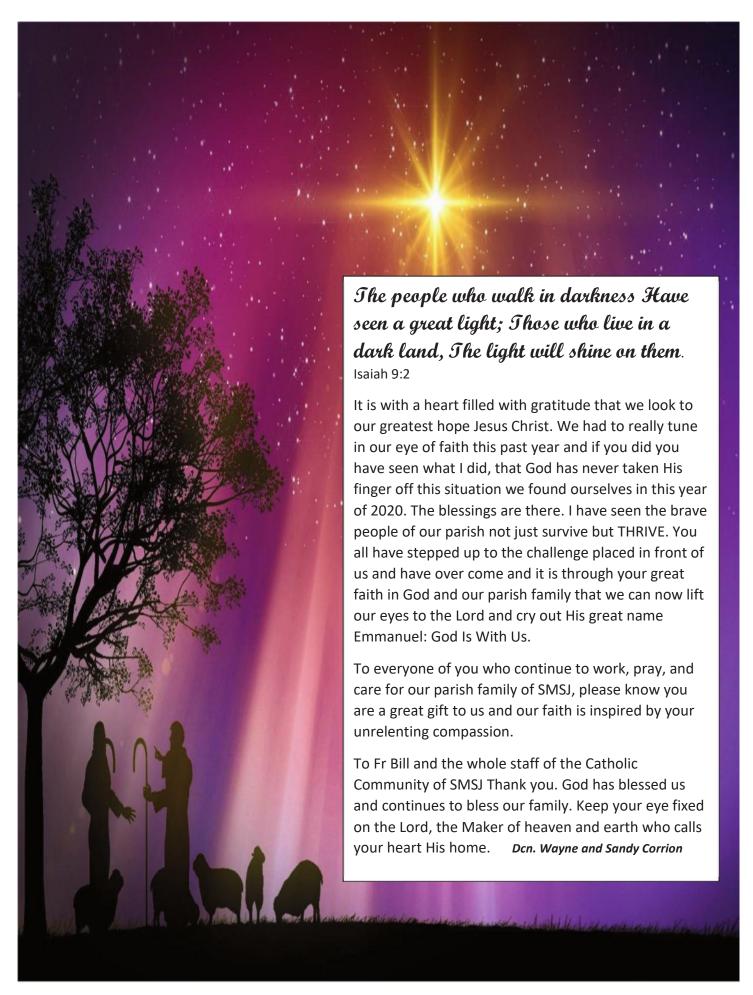
...is looking for volunteers to help with Christmas Dinner. All meals will be served curbside but they still need help with preparation and handing out gifts.

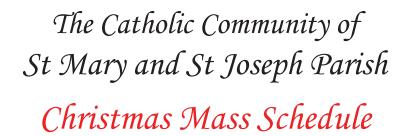
Please contact John Manse at jmanse@ccsgc.org or 810-785-6911. www.ccsgc.org

If you have been part of our parish family joining in on our liturgies and others services and found this to be your "home" parish, we are encouraging you to please register at our parish. By registering, we can make sure we have your contact info to get you important mailings and keep you informed. Registering also provides us with important information on how we can better serve you in your sacramental needs. If you are not a registered member, please consider filling out a registration form that we have in our gathering spaces or contact either of our offices and we can get one to you.



The **Altar Society** has canceled meetings until March.





Thurs, Dec 24th, Christmas Eve

(No Morning Mass at Durand)
4:00pm Christmas Mass at Gaines
6:30pm Christmas Mass at Durand

Friday, Dec 25th, Christmas Day -

10:00am Mass at Durand

Sat, Dec 26th –

5:00pm Mass at Durand

Sun, Dec 27th –

8:30am Mass at Gaines

11:30am Mass at Durand

Wed, Dec 30th –

No Morning Mass at Gaines

Thurs, Dec 31st, Vigil of Solemnity of Mary

No Morning Mass at Durand 6:00pm Vigil Mass at Durand

Friday, Jan 1st, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

10:00am Mass at Gaines

2021 Calendars are Available...

...at both Durand and Gaines locations. These are Catholic calendars and list significant dates.

"Inspire and Light a Fire" Weekend Retreats at St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt Women's Retreat: January 8-10; Men's Retreats: January 15-17 or January 22-24

Step away from the chaos of the world and spend a weekend with the Lord. Based on the book "To Light a Fire on the Earth" by Bishop Robert Barron, this retreat will highlight evangelization as the center of every Catholic's mission. Check in begins at 6 p.m. on Friday. Suggested donation for the weekend is \$185. Register online or view other upcoming retreat date options at www.stfrancis.ws. You can also register by calling St. Francis at 517-669-8321.

The St Luke's Center in Flint...

...is not taking any donations right now for adult clothing. At this time, please do not drop off adult clothing to the Gaines location until further notice. Please check with Goodwill in Flint to drop off clothing.

Bishop Boyea's Year of the Bible Join Bishop Boyea in reading through the Holy Bi-

ble started this Advent and continues 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**.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

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

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.

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 Riley O'Shea, St. Michael, Grand Ledge



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.

Daughters of St. Paul Sr. Danielle Victoria Lussier

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.

St Mary Food Pantry, Volunteers needed: Due to the increase of cases of the Corona Virus we are cancelling the January 16, 2021 distribution. We plan on providing food during the week of January 11-January 16 so we need some volunteers. We would like to have small teams of people (3 or 4) to handle these daily 'mini' distributions. Packing, paperwork and loading the vehicle will be handled by each team. If you are interested in joining a team, contact Kathy Schmidt 517-230-9613 or stmaryfoodpantry@gmail.com so we can plan the appointment schedules.



Parish Support

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 6 & 13

Envelopes for General Fund (mail/drop off) \$10,966.00
Online donations for Gen Fund 12/1-12/13...\$2,485.00
Total donations for General Fund..........\$13,451.00
Two week budgeted amount thru 12/6-13 \$10,000.00
above budget..........\$3,451.00
Fiscal year to date (July 1 thru Dec. 13, 2020)
General Fund Donations (Env/Mail/Online) \$120,003.13
Total Budget General Fund July 1-Nov. 29 \$110,000.00
Above Budget............\$10,003.13

Other Collections for Dec. 6 thru Dec. 13 (Combined)

Energy. Outreach. All Saints. Human Development. Immaculate Conception. Christmas. Christmas Flowers. Good Friday. Easter	\$1,725.00 \$5.00 \$30.00 \$389.00 \$170.00 \$200.00 \$10.00
	\$200.00 \$10.00 \$15.00 \$5.00 \$45.00

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SPECIAL NOTE: The early deadlines season is almost done.
The Jan. 3 bulletin cut is Wed., Dec. 24 at noon. If you
missed this deadline, your article should run the following weekend. Submit to bulletinmj@gmail.com

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

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com