

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



Ministering to Durand, Gaines
& surrounding areas

"I, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call". Eph 4:1

Seventh Sunday of Easter
(Ascension of the Lord) ~ B May
16, 2021

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.

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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.



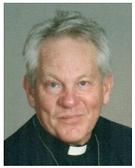
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From Deacon Wayne's Desk

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - SEVENTH
SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 16, 2021

**"I, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner
worthy of the call." Eph 4:1**

Jesus Christ is Risen, Alleluia!



Have you ever been a "prisoner?" Well maybe not as a traditional prisoner as you would think in a prison cell, but I think if we sit back and think about it at one point or time in our lives we probably have been a prisoner to something or someone and not necessarily in a bad way, but it could be in a very good and positive way. When in a relationship either with a spouse, parent, sibling or a friend, we find ourselves out of love for that relationship or situation bound to do what is good for others or the situation that God has called us to. While in a relationship or a situation, when we act out of love, mercy, or compassion, we are acting as we are called to do as Christians love one another and to love God with all our whole being. This is what we're called to, but it doesn't mean that it's going to be easy. As any of us know, there have been in these types of situations that it takes hard work every day to remain in that position as a prisoner. In fact, we are called to follow Christ who also felt as if he was a prisoner as he hung on the cross for us.

This being a prisoner, can sometimes come when we loose a loved one after many years of a relationship. It can feel like we're in prison, all alone in a prison that's made out of missing love, forgiveness, and compassion

that we experienced from that loved one. Through conversations with many of you who have lost a loved one, it has become very clear that a ministry needs to be put in place in our parish that helps people to resolve or slowly step through the grief that they find themselves in, because it is not easy to do this all by yourself. With that in mind, we are about to embark on a new ministry that will tend to those who are healing from grief of not only a loved one but also a situation that has been taken away from us, maybe it's a job or a relationship of someone that's broken away from us.

What are we to do in these situations where it feels like we're locked in a prison? Well, the first thing we are to do is to realize we are never alone when our life is united with Christ. He was not alone when he was captured and put into prison and eventually hung on the Cross. No, God the Father was with Him and together with the Power of the Holy Spirit they conquered sin and death. We too can conquer this prison that we find ourselves in when we trust in the deep love of God. We too can be transformed. It is through a deep love from God that our prison is transformed from a place of despair, grief, and loneliness to a wide-open universe of love, joy, and thanksgiving for the love that we have shared in those relationships with loved ones or situations that seemed to have been removed from our lives.

On May 22, we are having a luncheon for anyone suffering from grief of a loss in their life. We will meet at our Gaines Location Gathering Space at 12:00 noon and start with lunch to be followed by a short talk on helping us take steps to find hope and to find our way through our grief. The overall intent is for us to gather and hopefully be open to healing through good discussions with others who find themselves walking the same road and feeling alone.

The reason we can find great hope even after a devastating loss is that we are united to Christ and the fact that he overcame his passion and death with the outcome of a Resurrection and on to the Ascension, which calls us all to embrace where God is leading us. In that Hope, we too will experience a resurrection just as Christ did, through trusting in God and knowing that He never abandons us. Being a prisoner of Christ, means that we're yoked to Him and we should have no fear or anxiety of where he is leading us. In Him we have a great hope! Do not be afraid! Live the WHOLE Easter Experience.

He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia. *Deacon Wayne*

St. Mary & St Joseph Parish Liturgy Schedule

Monday, May 17 - No Mass

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

Tuesday, May 18 - No Mass

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

Wednesday, May 19 - Gaines

Adoration - 7:20am

Mass - 8:30am - Marie Dyer (Birthday) by Mark Dyer

† Sacrament of Reconciliation - 9:00am to 9:30am

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

Thursday, May 20 - Durand

Mass - 8:30am - Robert & Carolyn Trebtoke by Tim Trebtoke

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

Friday, May 21 - No Mass

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

Saturday, May 22 - 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 - Elton Loomis by the Loomis Family

Sunday, May 23

Mass at Gaines - 8:30am - Donna Cormier (Birthday) by Marie & Mark Dyer

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

Gn 11:1-9, Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30, Rom 8:22-27, Jn 7:37-39

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.

Charlie Weldon, Mike McRae, Laura Gentry, Marge Reed, Christian Carpenter, Paul Davis, Barb Osborne, 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.



Volunteer SPOTLIGHT

Patrick McGuire

Patrick and his wife Joelle have been lifelong members of our SMSJ parish family. Pat is involved in several ministries in our parish such as, lector, sacristan, and greeter. Pat's love for God has led him on a journey of learning through theological training through Siena Heights University and Patrick is now part of our RCIA team. He also spent years as a catechist and a youth co-director in our parish. Pat also helps as master of ceremonies in our important liturgies such as the Easter Vigil. Thank you, Patrick!

Diocesan Service Appeal (DSA) collection continues. Thank you for your support.

BREAK THROUGH THE GRIEF ~ YOU ARE NEVER ALONE

Attention: All who have lost a loved one!

This event is for those who are suffering through the grief of a family member, whether it is a parent, spouse, friend, or child. We will be gathering on **May 22 in the Gathering Space of our Gaines Church** for a time of fellowship. We will provide a lite lunch and follow this up with a talk from a guest speaker who can help us as we live through our grief that comes from the passing of a loved one or situation. Everyone is welcome!



We will begin at **12 noon** with lunch and immediately after we will have the talk and open discussion where you will be able to express any concerns or questions that you may be dealing with in your grieving process. Gathering with those who may be dealing with grief, may bring some wisdom from those who have made this journey.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.”

Matthew 5:4

Knights of Columbus - Gaines Council 12186

Knight of the Month for April

John Stanis

Family of the Month for April

John and Gayle Stanis



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 Thomas Watza, St. Patrick, Brighton



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.

Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate Sr. Alina Marie Neiser



Baby Bottles for Right to Life

Don't forget to pick up your baby bottle today on your way out and put your loose coins in it for the next few weeks. Please return it on **Father's Day, June 20**. All donations will go to the local ministry of "Flint Area Right to Life."

Altar Society Annual Spring Raffle

The Altar Society will be having their Spring Raffle. Tickets will be on sale during the weekends of May 15, 16, 22, and 23 after all masses in the Gathering Space of both locations. Tickets will be drawn after the 11:30am mass on May 23.

Donuts and Discussion Hour Continues!

Please come and join us Live for our Discussions after daily Mass. They are fun and informative. As we go forward, we are eliminating the Zoom virtual part of the meetings.



June 26, 2021 at St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt, MI

Join us for a day of outdoor worship, live music, and a Vigil Mass with Bishop Earl Boyea! More information and tickets can be found at www.faithfest.com



Parish Support

DSA Thru Week Eight - \$22,640.00 pledged, being 84.52% of our goal of \$26,787.00. Thank you!
COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF MAY 9, 2021

Envelopes for General Fund (mail/drop off)	\$4,979.00
Online donations for Gen Fund 5/1-5/2.....	\$1,160.00
Total donations for General Fund.....	\$6,139.00
One week budgeted amount for May 2021	\$4,903.84
Above (Below) budget.....	\$1,235.16

Fiscal year to date (July 1 thru May 9, 2021)

General Fund Donations (Env/Mail/Online)	\$234,872.73
Total Budget General Fund July 1-May 9..	\$222,307.68
Above Budget.....	\$12,568.05

Other Collections for May 9, 2021(Combined)

Other Misc. Collections:	
Energy.....	\$164.00
Outreach.....	\$15.00
Easter.....	\$25.00
Good Friday.....	\$20.00
Catholic Relief.....	\$100.00
Candle donations.....	\$74.45

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SPECIAL NOTE: The May 23 bulletin cut is Mon., May 17 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