

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



Ministering to Durand, Gaines
& surrounding areas

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Mk 4:26-29

The Eleventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time ~ B June 13, 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

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME ~ JUNE 13, 2021



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These verses of the Gospels that try to explain the "Kingdom of God" are so profoundly deep, using the simple, real life, normal everyday happenings. In our Gospel today uses the parable of someone planting seeds to try teach us the simple, awesome, unexplainable beauty of Gods Kingdom and how we enter into it.

We try so very hard in our lives to plan, execute plans that produce a great result in our lives, as well we should. If we are to move forward and try to do a little better each day of our lives, it's always good to plan, work, and produce what we need to sustain life, both for our own needs and the needs of those who are our family, friends, and communities that we care for and love.

I have had the awesome experience of growing up on a grain farm that brought so many wonderful life lessons for me that are now priceless. The whole cycle of planting, caring for, and harvesting all over a short period of time, in about 8 months this whole process takes place every year. This parable comes to life for anyone who has ever planted seeds to produce something beautiful.

This story recalls the experiences of my younger years on the farm. One of the memories that was always so profound would happen around early summer, much like today.

The seed would be in the ground and then the waiting would start. You could not see the seed planted in the ground and day after day you could watch it, but at this stage it was very profound just how vulnerable that tiny seed is in the ground and even more profoundly how powerless you would feel as you wait always wondering, would it get the proper amount of rain, was the soils prepared correctly to help the seed sprout and grow? All

those questions and many more would cross our mind as this poor venerable seed would lie hidden in the ground until its proper time.

For this reason, I believe farmers are closer to God than most, because they stand in this very venerable spot year after year, waiting, wondering, and most importantly placing their complete trust in God. It's not so much what the farmer does. It is more the placing of their complete trust in God and what He is going to do.

So many times in our life, we feel like we need to know. We want insurance for the things we do. We want it all to be perfect, with all our human wisdom and science in the end, We still cannot know completely. This parable teaches us that we should do more trusting and a little less knowing. You do not have to have all the answers to God's plan, you just have to live in it. Whatever the seed brings.

In the end, this parable wants to place us in this very venerable place of trusting completely in God and what His plan is. So, we should never push our plan out in front of Gods plan. Rather we should be walking in lock step with his plan knowing that God does all the heavy lifting, and we do our very small part and trust that Our Father in heaven is always wanting the best for us. We need simply to co-operate with Him. Our job is not to know but to co-operate. To co-create.

What seed are you planting today? Are you willing to wait in wonder of God's plan? Go ahead and lean right into Him and you will be in awe.

Don. Wayne

Volunteer SPOTLIGHT

Travis Senk

Travis and his wife Denise and their two daughters have been part of our parish for 10 years. Travis came into the Catholic Faith through the RCIA process in 2011. Travis was called to be part of our wonderful Men's Ministry, that meets a few times per month with other men who are also fathers and husbands to help grow in their faith and relationship with God. Travis has been on our Parish Council, and he now sits on our SMSJ Leadership team. Travis and the Men's group led up our Lenten bible reflection series this past year and was strategic in running multiple ALPHA sessions both live for our parish and an online series as well.

St. Mary & St Joseph Parish Liturgy Schedule

Monday, June 14 - No Mass

2 Cor 6:1-10, Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4, Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday, June 15 - No Mass

2 Cor 8:1-9, Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday, June 16 - Gaines

Adoration - 7:20am

Mass - 8:30am - John Mueller by Jacqueline Elford

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

2 Cor 9:6-11, Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9, Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, June 17 - Durand

Mass - 8:30am - Shirley & Frank Provenzola by Josie Conrad

2 Cor 11:1-11, Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8, Mt 6:7-15

Friday, June 18 - No Mass

2 Cor 11:18, 21-30, Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, Mt 6:19-23

Saturday, June 19 - Durand

2 Cor 12:1-10, Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13, Mt 6:24-34

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

Mass - 5:00pm - Carm Strauss by Bob Martin Family

Sunday, June 20

Mass at Gaines - 8:30am - SMSJ Parishioners

Mass at Durand - 11:30am - Judy Trebtoske by Tim Trebtoske

Jb 38:1, 8-11, Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31, 2 Cor 5:14-17, Mk 4:35-41

SPECIAL NOTE: We will be honoring our graduates this year on June 27 at 11:30 at our Baccalaureate Mass in Durand. Please RSVP by June 20 at (989) 271-8434 (Gaines Office)



We pray for

Dylan Richard Chadwell

Son of Denise and Richard, brother to Rachel, Corrie, Joshua, Brent and Noah...

Rest In Peace

...that he may now enjoy the great blessings of eternal life. We pray also for

his family and friends that they may find peace in the promises of Christ.

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.

Jean Miller, Judy Ware, Lisa Terry, Brandon by Lori Dykstra, Chuck Krieve, 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 front-line 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.

RUMMAGE SALE SMSJ Church
White Elephant
Rummage Sale will be held at the St. Joseph Hall, 12145 Ray Rd., Gaines.

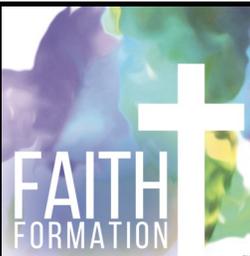
Donations are being accepted on Sunday, June 13 & Monday, June 14 10:00am to Noon and Tuesday June 15 & Wednesday, June 16 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm.

Sale is open to shoppers on June 17, 18 & 19 (Thursday, Friday & Saturday, from 9:00am to 7:00pm.

Many items are donated from our own Parish & Community. All proceeds go to meet the needs of the community.

Everything only costs a donation!

For more information, contact Loretta Clifford at 810-471-0640 or LCMarykay2@aol.com



In the next few weeks, you will hear about a new direction we are going to move in as a parish, in how we choose to follow Christ and form our lives more closely with Him. Starting in our next fiscal year, we will be shifting from a traditional Religious Ed model to a

Faith Formation model. What does that mean to us? In this new model, our intention is to provide methods/teaching on forming our faith for every individual of our parish family/community, whereas our previous model focused mostly grades 1 through 8. This new model is to serve the whole parish while understanding that our Faith Formation goes for the entirety of our life, from conception to natural death. We are never done learning. We are constantly being formed by knowledge, wisdom, and our life experiences. It is the intent of this new Faith Formation model to offer opportunities to the entire parish to be continually formed in our choices to follow Christ. Every day and every decision we make, brings us a chance for us to discern to follow Christ more closely. This mindset should be our first thought process in every decision we make. How is what I'm about to do INFORMED BY MY FAITH? How do I allow my faith to drive my decisions?

This new direction will bring some personnel changes. At this point, we have filled the position for a full time Faith Formation Director. We will introduce this person in a few weeks.

There will be new opportunities for us to engage everyone in teaching/learning. Our new effort will reach out to grade schoolers, those preparing for sacraments, high school age youth, young couples (engaged/married), young couples with children, and every adult. We all will be given opportunities to participate in Faith Formation.



Rodeo Sponsorships

The Annual Gaines Community Rodeo, presented by the KofC Council 12186, is seeking sponsorships. If you or your business are interested in purchasing an ad in the program, an arena sign, a radio ad or set up a vendor booth, contact Brent Cole at 810-691-2641 for more details. Deadline for ads is June 28. The event will be held on July 16 & 17.



Welcome New SMSJ parishioners!
Anna, Brandon & Amelie Attard, Linden



Our family is growing!
Please greet them, and make them feel welcome.

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.

Parish Giving **Parish Support**

DSA Thru Week Twelve - \$29,180.00 pledged, being 108.93% of our goal of \$26,787.00. Thank you all those who pledged to the DSA!
COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF JUNE 6, 2021

Envelopes for General Fund (mail/drop off)	\$5,961.00
Online donations for Gen Fund 5/24-5/30.	\$1,625.00
Total donations for General Fund.....	\$7,586.00
One week budgeted amount for May 2021	\$4,903.84
Above (Below) budget.....	\$2,682.16

Fiscal year to date (July 1 thru June 6, 2021)

General Fund Donations (Env/Mail/Online)	\$260,028.83
Total Budget General Fund July 1-June 6.	\$240,288.48
Above Budget.....	\$19,740.35

Other Collections for June 6, 2021(Combined)

Other Misc. Collections:

Energy.....	\$45.00
Outreach.....	\$80.00
Right to Life Baby Bottles.....	\$171.90
Candles.....	\$33.50



Knights of Columbus - Gaines Council 12186

Knight of the Month for May

John Stanis

Family of the Month for May

John and Gayle Stanis

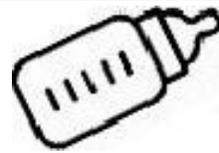
DURAND USHERS FOR JUNE 2021

- 5:00pm – Leonard & Pam Corwin
- Elaine Cesar & Lois Crawford
- 11:30am – Lori Grumley, Tim Trebtoske
- Brenda Wells, Tom Gomos

DURAND GREETERS FOR JUNE 2021

- 5:00pm – Dcn Wayne and/or Dcn Greg
- 11:30am – Cindy Midkiff

Summer Job Opportunity: Flint area Catholic Cemeteries are in need of summer groundskeepers. You could work up to 40 hours per week, Monday – Friday earning \$13 per hour. Must be 16 years old or older and be familiar with lawn mowing and grass trimming equipment. Training provided. To apply please visit our website at www.dioceseoflansing.org/employment and complete the online application. The job is posted under the New Calvary Catholic Cemetery.



Baby Bottles for Right to Life

Please remember to bring your filled baby bottles back on *Father's Day, June 20*. All donations will go to the local ministry of "Flint Area Right to Life."

Events Happening at the St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt, MI

June 26, 2021 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



July 9-11, 2021 Ignatian Weekend Retreat. For men and women. This silent retreat includes an overview of Ignatian spirituality, the Examen Prayer, practice of Lectio Divina, and meeting with a spiritual director. The cost is \$185. Register online at www.stfrancis.ws or call the Retreat Center at 517-669-8321.

July 11-17, 2021 Directed Ignatian Retreat. For men and women. This silent Ignatian retreat is built around the elements of Lectio Divina and the Examen prayer of St. Ignatius of Loyola. On this retreat, you meet daily with a spiritual director, who will help you review your life from a spiritual, God-Centered perspective. The cost is \$620 per person, this includes all meals, materials, lodging, and spiritual direction. A non-refundable deposit of \$75 is requested with your registration. Register online at www.stfrancis.ws or call the Retreat Center at 517-669-8321.

The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Prayer...



...O God, strength of those who hope in you, graciously hear our pleas, and, since without you, mortal frailty can do nothing, grant us always the help of your grace, that in following your commands we may please you by our resolve and our deeds. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Prayer For Priests



O Jesus, Eternal Priest, keep all thy priests within the shelter of Thy Sacred Heart, where none may harm them. Keep unstained their anointed hands which daily touch Thy Sacred Body. Keep unsullied their lips purpled with Thy Precious Blood. Keep pure and unearthly their hearts, sealed with the sublime marks of Thy glorious priesthood. Let Thy holy love surround them from the world's contagion. Bless their labors with abundant fruit, and may the souls to whom they have ministered be here below their joy and consolation and in Heaven their beautiful and everlasting crown. O Mary, Queen of the clergy, pray for us; obtain for us a number of holy priests.

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.



Sponsor of the Week

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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!

SPECIAL NOTE: The June 20 bulletin cutoff is Mon., June 14 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

