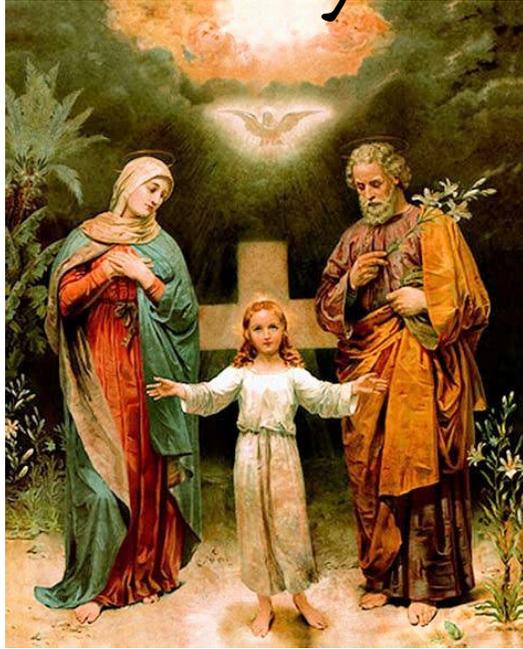


The Catholic Community of
St. Mary and St. Joseph Parish



Ministering to Durand, Gaines
& surrounding areas

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The Fifteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time ~ B July 11, 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.

~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.

Official correspondence should be sent to:
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From Deacon Wayne's Desk

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME - JULY 11, 2021



In him we were also chosen . . . and were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, which is the first installment of our inheritance Eph 1:11,13-14

Do you remember the days on the playground and a game was about to get started and then came the "great team pick" where you would get chosen for a team, and generally based on your ability or strength? Do you remember what that felt like, especially if you were small or weak or "the nerd?" If you fell into one of these categories, then obviously you weren't the first one to get picked. It was an awful sinking feeling knowing all the best were picked while you waited for the moment. And then sometimes if you were the last one left, they let you be the umpire or the "ball fetcher" to help you feel part of. In this, you were witnessing that those doing the choosing had one thing in mind; choose the best so we can win. Obviously, the outcome of winning was the most important thing. To win, to feel superior, to feel the prestige, to have the bragging rights. That is what it was all about.

St. Paul tells us today that "***In him we were chosen*** ." This should bring us great peace, especially for those who may have experienced, as a child, being picked last for the team or not being chosen. As humans, one of our strongest desires is to be part of something. A team, a group, a club, a family. But sometimes in real life, there are those who in fact are left out of what is deemed "normal." What happens to those folks who don't fit in? The lonely, the forgotten, the outcast? Well, they try to do the best they can and wait for the day when someone will select them to be part of something. That's where you come in. As Christians, we are called to welcome and bring people into the family of Christians and walk with them. Every one of us has the title, "Hospitality Minister."

These stories of choosing/adoption always get my attention, because of the experience my wife and I lived through in adopting two of our daughters from Romania in 1989. When we thought we could no longer have children, we decided to adopt. We decided to adopt two siblings. An estimated 100,000 Romanian children were in orphanages at the end of 1989, when communism ended. Many of them were victims of sexual abuse, hungry, cold, and beaten. Many of the children suffered with AIDS.

So, we found our way to Romania to rescue and adopt two children. We had long discussions. Out of all the children, how will we ever be able to choose two? A local Romanian physician went to the orphanages before we ever arrived. On our first day, we went to visit the first children she spotted as "healthy." The long and short of it is that we chose two beautiful girls, half-sisters and brought them home into our family. I don't know why God put them in our path first. But when we saw them, we knew immediately that there would be no "baby shopping." These two would be our daughters. We started the paperwork the next day.

Fast forward to today, our daughters now are 34 and 32 years old. Sometimes, I'll get a text from one of them and it will say something like, "Dad I am so blest. When I think about how you traveled all the way across the world to pick me to be your daughter. I love you dad."

When we choose someone out of love, everything even their weaknesses and short comings are displaced by joy. Unlike the captain of the baseball team who only has winning on his mind, when God does the choosing, the one thing He has on His mind is Love. To Love you. And, His great hope is that you will love Him in return. That my friends are called Mercy. God makes a choice each day to sustain us. Not because we deserve it, but out of sheer Mercy!

Our RCIA team will be sending out information in the next few weeks asking for your help at inviting someone you may know who may be in search of Christ and His church. If you know of anyone, please use the contact info on the front of the bulletin and/or pass the RCIA brochure to someone you may think may be interested in joining our Christian Catholic family, or maybe they just want to know a little more about our Catholic faith. Make them feel special, chosen.

Deacon Wayne

Volunteer SPOTLIGHT

Karrie Johnston

Karrie is involved in many of the aspects and ministries in our parish. To list a few, she is part of the Mother Theresa Group, SMSJ Leadership team, and the Gaines Food Pantry. Karrie is a wise and versatile person who has the keen ability to initiate and lead projects, such as, the leadership role she played in the building and printing of our latest parish directory in 2018. Seldom is there a need to coax Karrie to do something. When asked, Karrie most generally digs right in and helps where she can. Be sure to thank Karrie when you see her. She is a great asset to our parish family of SMSJ.

**St. Mary & St Joseph Parish
Liturgy Schedule**

Monday, July 12 - No Mass
Ex 1:8-14, 22, Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday, July 13 - No Mass
Ex 2:1-15a, Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34, Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday, July 14 - Gaines
Adoration - 7:20am
Mass - 8:30am - Paul Davis (Living) offered by Anne Bartes
† **Sacrament of Reconciliation - 9:00am to 9:30am**
Ex 3:1-6, 9-12, Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7, Mt 11:25-27

Thursday, July 15 - Durand
Mass - 8:30am - Jack Cyr by Eric & Jackie Sneed & family
Ex 3:13-20, Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27, Mt 11:28-30

Friday, July 16 - No Mass
Ex 11:10—12:14, Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18, Mt 12:1-8

Saturday, July 17 - Durand
Ex 12:37-42, Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15, Mt 12:14-21
† **Sacrament of Reconciliation - 3:30pm to 4:30pm**
Mass - 5:00pm - Marquerite Tony by Susan Tony

Sunday, July 18
Mass at Gaines - 8:30am - SMSJ Parishioners
Mass at Durand - 11:30am - Fr. Franklin Hay by Tim Trebtoske
Jer 23:1-6, Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6, Eph 2:13-18, Mk 6:30-34

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.

Paul Davis, Norma Reimel, Monique VanAgen, Monica Coolich, Bill Snook, Jean Miller, Judy Ware, Lisa Terry, Brandon by Lori Dykstra, Marge Reed, 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



PRAYER TO THE SLEEPING ST. JOSEPH



O St. Joseph, you are a man greatly favored by the Most High. The angel of the Lord appeared to you in dreams, while you slept, to warn you and guide you as you cared for the Holy Family. You were both silent and strong, a loyal and courageous protector.

Dear St. Joseph, as you rest in the Lord, confident in his absolute power and goodness, look upon our family of SMSJ parish and as we ask the guidance of the Holy Spirit. As we take this journey of changing our culture of embracing our faith in God while moving towards Parish-wide Faith Formation. Please take our desire for this into your heart, dream of it, and present it to your Son. Help us then, good St. Joseph, to hear the voice of God, to arise, and to act with love. With love in our hearts St. Joseph, We praise and thank God with you in joy! Amen

We pray for

Michele Renee Nowak...

Rest In Peace

...that she may now enjoy the great blessings of eternal life. We pray also for her family and friends, especially her dearly loved children, Dillon & Austin, that they may find peace in the promises of Christ.

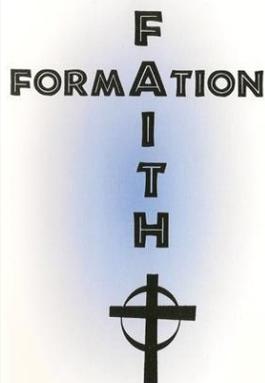


Knights of Columbus - Gaines Council 12186

Knight of the Month for June Ben Monroe

Family of the Month for June Ben and Toni Monroe

**St. Mary St. Joseph Catholic Community
Faith Formation News.**



By now most of you have heard that there is a new staff member on board to serve St Mary/St Joseph Parish. In a couple of weeks, I will be speaking briefly at all the Masses, but until then allow me to share a little about myself here in print.

I have over 25 years of Ministry experience, which includes certified Faith Formation Director, Youth Minister, RCIA Director and Adult Faith Formation Director. I am also a Commissioned Lay Ecclesial Minister through the Diocese of Lansing. In my ministerial career, I have served at St. Mary, Charlotte, St. Patrick, Brighton, St. Peter, Eaton Rapids and St. Casimir, Lansing. On a personal note, my husband Charlie and I, have raised six children and are now enjoying a dozen grandchildren. We reside in the island city of Eaton Rapids which is about the same size as Durand. A wonderful place to live and raise a family. My last place of employment was at St. Casimir Parish, and sadly it was forced to close its doors one year ago. Since then, I had been waiting for the Lord to call me to just the right Faith Community. I interviewed for a few positions, but none of them felt quite right to me. When I learned, from a

posting on the Diocesan Website, that St Mary/St Joseph Parish had a vision for a whole new approach to Faith Formation that included the entire family I became very excited. Immediately I felt drawn to this community and this endeavor. Even the fact that the round trip commute for me would be over one hundred miles, did not dampen my spirits. (And I hate freeway driving!) So I applied, was interviewed and praise God I was hired!

As the weeks go by, I will make every effort to get to know you, the people of God, whom I have been called to serve. My hours may vary but know that I will always be available to you Thursday through Sunday, and the days I am not in the office I can be reached by email (SMSJFFD@gmail.com).

Communication is key for the success of any program therefore I plan to write a biweekly column for the parish bulletin to keep you abreast of the progress that the Faith Formation Planning Committee is making toward this new vision of faith formation for the family. "Family" here also includes our senior citizens and young adults. So stay tuned to the bulletin and also the Parish Mass announcements for future details....And pray, pray, pray, that the Holy Spirit, who continues to lead us on this new venture, will fill us with joy, wonder and awe. Blessings on your week.....

**Teresa Hurd
Faith Formation Director**



**COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF
JULY 4, 2021**

Envelopes for General Fund (mail/drop off)	\$5,676.00
Online donations for Gen Fund 07/01-07/04	\$1,935.00
Total donations for General Fund.....	\$7,611.00
One week budgeted amount for July 2021	\$5,288.45
Above (Below) budget.....	\$2,322.55
Fiscal year to date (July 1 thru July 4, 2021)	
General Fund Donations (Env/Mail/Online)	\$7,611.00
Total Budget General Fund July 1-July 4	\$5,288.45
Above Budget.....	\$2,322.55
Other Collections for July 4, 2021(Combined)	
Other Misc. Collections:	
Energy.....	\$25.00
Outreach.....	\$100.00
Right to Life Baby Bottles.....	\$52.00

PLEASE NOTE: The final numbers for Fiscal Year ending 2021 and the budget for the Fiscal Year ending 2022 will be published by the end of this month. Thank you.

St Mary Outreach Food Pantry Volunteers needed:

The Greater Lansing Food bank is sponsoring a drive-through mobile food distribution on Saturday, July 17, 2021 in the St. Mary's parking lot. We need 15-20 volunteers to support their effort. If you can volunteer, contact Diane Pelky 989-288-4446 or Kathy Schmidt 517-230-9613 for additional information and to be put on the volunteer list so that we know we have sufficient help.



**Knitting Hands Ministry
2021-2022 Meeting Dates**
All meetings are held in the Education Building,
at the Durand Location.
(CLIP AND SAVE!)

Wed. 7-8:30pm Thurs. 1-2:30pm

Sept 22-23	Jan 26-27
Oct 6-7	Feb 9-10
Oct 20-21	Feb 23-24
Nov 3-4	Mar 9-10
Nov 17-18	Mar 23-24
Dec 1-2	Apr 6-7
Dec 15-16	Apr 20-21
Jan 12-13	May 4-5

**The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Prayer...**



...O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honor. 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.

To all SMSJ Parishioners,

Please be advised that SMSJ Cemetery will be increasing the prices of grave sites to \$1000/site and \$250/site for perpetual care. This will be effective September 1, 2021. This increase is necessary due to overall rising costs/inflation. Be assured we have enacted the smallest increase possible while continuing to ensure a beautiful country cemetery setting. We are extremely fortunate and thankful to have many great volunteers that have helped with being able to keep the costs down over the years. Our last price increase was 2014.

Any order placed before September 1, 2021, will be honored at the current price of \$600/ grave site. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity and get back to us soon.

If you have any questions or concerns about the increase, please feel free to contact Dcn. Wayne at 1-855-288-6704 to discuss this situation with you.

**18th Annual Gaines Community Rodeo
July 16 & 17, 2021 - Gaines Park**

Rodeo admission is \$12 for adults 13 & up. \$5 for children 5-12. Children under 5 are free. Gates open at 5:00pm. Limited bleacher seating. Bring a blanket or lawn chair for lawn seating. Food, water and soft drinks may be purchased.

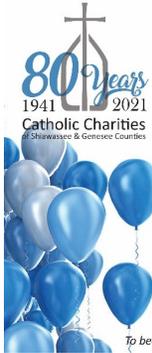
**No coolers. No alcohol.
No pets.**

If you are interested in helping, a sign up sheet is in the St. Joseph & St. Mary gathering spaces.



Come and join us as we invoke the Holy Spirit, through the intercession of our Blessed Mother praying the Rosary for our SMSJ Parish Family
Wednesdays at our Gaines Grotto at 2:30pm
Thursdays at our Durand Grotto at 2:30pm
In case of inclement weather, we will pray in the Gathering Space!

Starts July/8 ~ All are welcome! ~ Bring your Friends



This fun evening will include wonderful hors d'oeuvres, drinks, a historical photo gallery of Catholic Charities, silent auction, live auction, and of course good company! Come take a stroll down memory lane as well as learn about our Vision for the Future!

www.ccsgc.org/cheerst80years

Tickets on Sale Now!
September 16, 2021, 5-7pm
Doors open at 4:30
\$55 per person
\$75 at the door



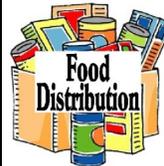
SCAN ME

To become a sponsor contact Theresa Hurley at thurley@ccsgc.org



Drive-Through Mobile Food Distribution...

...is scheduled for Saturday, July 17, 2021 in the St. Mary's parking lot. The distribution is for all Shiawassee County residents in financial hardship in need of food for any reason. Registration is at 8:30 am with distribution 9:00am - 11:00am (or until food is distributed). Bring proof of residency (either gov't issued id or mail with your address). We ask that you wear a mask if you are able. For more information, call Greater Lansing Food Bank 517-449-0360. In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.



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SPECIAL NOTE: The July 18 bulletin cutoff is Mon., July 12 at noon. If you missed this deadline, your article should run the following week-end. Submit to bulletinmj@gmail.com



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