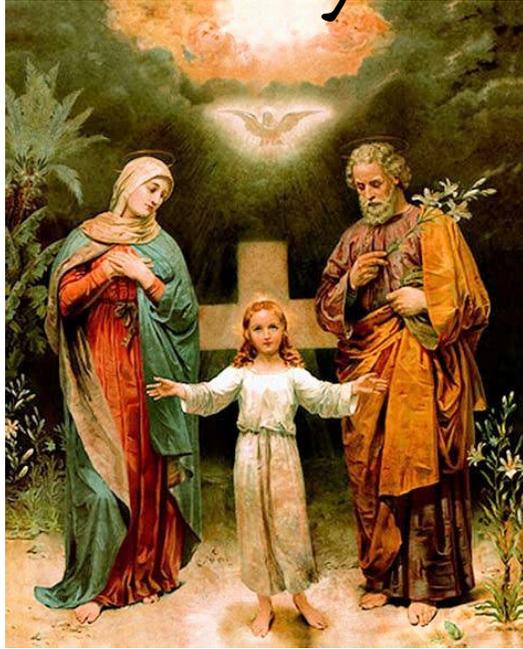


The Catholic Community of
St. Mary and St. Joseph Parish



Ministering to Durand, Gaines
& surrounding areas

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The Eighteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time ~ B August 1, 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.

Official correspondence should be sent to:
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Sacramental Minister: Rev. Bill Wegher

~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.

From Deacon Wayne's Desk

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME - AUGUST 1, 2021

***"What is this?"* . . . Moses told them,
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In our Hebrew Scripture reading today, the Israelites are grumbling, they have traveled a great distance after fleeing Egypt, they are hungry, and when they are given something to eat, they don't say, "thank you" they say, "what is this?" This was a statement we had a lot in our immediate family when raising our children. Sandy would work hard at preparing a meal and some of our kids would say, "what is this?" I presume it is our human nature to be ungrateful at times. Let's face it, we still turn our noses up at some of the things God places before us. Maybe, it's because we have grand expectations, or maybe, it is because God knows that what we think we want would not be good for us. Either way, we can end up with something that is a little less than we desire.

What do you do when God hands you a lemon and you thought it should be a strawberry? We may be handed an opportunity to do God's work, even if it doesn't fit into our plan. What do you do when God places you in a spot where you'd rather not be? When God asks us to do something, we know it may not be easy. If we could just see beyond what we think it looks like and what it could possibly become.

Here are two actual scenarios that happened just this past week in our SMSJ parish family. One, we publish an article every week called, "Volunteer Spotlight." We do this to help everyone understand that it takes ALL OF US to help our family of SMSJ move forward in doing God's work here in Durand and Gaines. Most people we approach to ask if we could write a column on them are typically very humble and ask, "isn't there someone else you could highlight?" And, we say, everyone will have their turn. So, we highlighted a person in the "Volunteer Spotlight" article a few weeks ago. After a week, a different parishioner was so inspired by the work of the "highlighted" volunteer that she found the "highlighted" person and asked how she could get involved with a specific ministry. We can never know when we will inspire someone.

Don't discount what God is asking you to do or say.

The second thing that happened is that we had a visitor come to our parish last Sunday. She came in quietly, sat near the back of the church and could have easily been overlooked and just as easily slipped out right after Mass, without most of us noticing. Then, one of our parishioners, who felt God tug on his heart, spotted her, and went out of his way to go to her, meet her, welcome her, and introduce her to me. After a very nice conversation with her, she asked how she could join our parish. This should warm everyone's heart and inspire us all to know that some things God sets before us may not be what we want, but if we are grateful and embrace what He brings to our attention, we have a chance to change lives, to change our community, to change our world.

Embrace what God sets before you and be thankful that he has given you blessings, even when they may not look like it.

Deacon Wayne

Next weekend after each Mass, we will be holding a "town hall meeting." We will present briefly our 2020/21 fiscal year end statement (which will also be published in our bulletin next weekend) and take a look at the year ahead discussing our new Faith Formation Program, projects that we may try to accomplish, next years budget, and most importantly, take your comments and questions. Please mark this on your calendar and plan on being with us immediately after Mass. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Volunteer SPOTLIGHT

Riky Drenovsky

Riky has been a powerful life changing leader in our parish. Most may know Riky for all her dedication and hard work she has done in bringing people into our Church by leading RCIA. This was a perfect fit for Riky with her profession as a teacher. Recently, she had been part of our SMSJ Leadership Team. Riky also played key roles in our Altar Society, our Durand food distributions as well as being the leader for many years for Working Hands Ministry. Riky has been a member of our parish for 53 years and has now released some of her leadership roles. We will always be grateful for her dedication to her faith and to us, her parish family. Be sure to thank Riky and ask her to share some of her heartwarming stories of doing ministry work here at SMSJ.

St. Mary & St Joseph Parish Liturgy Schedule

Monday, August 2 - No Mass

Nm 11:4b-15, Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17, Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday, August 3 - No Mass

Nm 12:1-13, Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13, Mt 14:22-36

Wednesday, August 4 - Gaines

Adoration - 7:20am

Mass - 8:30am - Reverend Charles Irwin
offered by Diocese of Lansing

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

Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35, Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23, Mt 15: 21-28

Thursday, August 5- Durand

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

Nm 20:1-13, Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9, Mt 16:13-23

First Friday, August 6 - No Mass - Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Intention only - Jennie DeNolf by SMSJ Parishioners

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14, Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9, 2 Pt 1:16-19, Mk 9:2-10

Saturday, August 7 - Durand

Dt 6:4-13, Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51, Mt 17:14-20

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

Mass - 5:00pm - Jack Cyr by Janet Cyr

Sunday, August 8

Mass at Gaines - 8:30am - Michele Renee Nowak offered by Kenneth & Diane Nowak

Mass at Durand - 11:30am - SMSJ Parishioners

1 Kgs 19:4-8, Ps Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, Eph 4:30-5:2, Jn 6:41-51

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.

Kim Bartes, Sandy Corrion, Paul Davis, 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 continue to pray for you.

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



Parish Support

COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF JULY 25, 2021

Envelopes for General Fund (mail/drop off)	\$3,929.00
Online donations for Gen Fund 07/13-07/25	\$595.00
Total donations for General Fund.....	\$4,524.00
One week budgeted amount for July 2021	\$5,288.45
Above (Below) budget.....	(\$764.45)

Fiscal year to date (July 1 thru July 25, 2021)

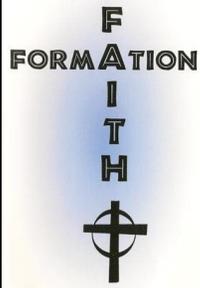
General Fund Donations (Env/Mail/Online)	\$21,798.20
Total Budget General Fund July 1-July 25	\$21,153.80
Above Budget.....	\$644.40

Other Collections for July 25, 2021(Combined)

Other Misc. Collections:	
Outreach.....	\$75.00

PLEASE NOTE: The final numbers for Fiscal Year ending 2021 and the budget for the Fiscal Year ending 2022 will be published on August 7/8. Thank you.

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



Many of you may be wondering why my title is Faith Formation Director (FFD) instead of the more common title of Religious Education Director (DRE). The reason is simple...we no longer wish to simply direct religious education but assist in forming faith! Doesn't that make much more sense? To help us in that endeavor we are moving away from a traditional religious education classroom style to a Family Faith Formation model? What's that all about?

In a nutshell...it's all about the family...shouldn't it be so? Mom's and Dad's want the best for their children – yet our society has become so busy and we, as a parish, desire to give the family an opportunity to celebrate and transmit faith in a dynamic fashion that will be relevant to the family. Nationwide statics tell us that for every new Catholic coming into the Church....Six are leaving and the exodus is between the ages of ten and twenty. Despite the wonderful spirit so active and alive here at St.

Mary & St Joseph Parish, the disheartening nationwide statistics are impacting our faith community as well. The reality we face is that the classroom model of catechizing children, a model used by the Church for decades, no longer is working because the culture has changed so significantly. The classroom model not only fails the families we serve, it also places a continuing drain (financial, physical and spiritual) on the resources available to sustain it. Many families search for the sacramental “event” for their children (Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation) without being offered a path of true spiritual growth and active engagement in the Faith. With a Family Faith Formation experience, the parents, along with the children, will be given that opportunity with special resources that the Parish will provide to guide and support them along that spiritual path of faith. Stay tuned in the coming weeks for further details on our up and coming Family Faith Formation Experience! Blessings on your week....

**Teresa Hurd
Faith Formation Director**

Youth Ministry News



My name is John Michailo and I have been charged with coordinating the Youth Ministry at SMSJ for students in grades 9 - 12 as well as teaching Confirmation Preparation. I am very excited

about the direction our parish is heading with regards to Faith Formation. The entire approach to this model emphasizes the mindset that Faith Formation is constant from the cradle to the grave. Please look for more details about both teen related programs in the weeks to come. I have been a member of SMSJ for the past 6 years. I am often seen and heard behind the drums at Mass on Sundays at both church locations. Prior to coming to SMSJ, I was a parishioner at St. Paul's in Owosso where I was involved in the Music and Youth Ministries. Born and raised in Owosso,

I now live just outside of Corunna. Most recently after teaching for 30+ years, I retired from Swartz Creek Community Schools this past June. While there, I served as the Director of Bands in grades 6 - 12, middle school Chorus and Elementary Music in grades K - 5. Many of my former students were involved in the Youth Ministry at their churches. I was often inspired to see these students on fire for Christ and I enjoyed hearing them share about how Jesus was leading them into a deeper relationship with Him. My hope is to help our youth at SMSJ develop that same kind of personal relationship with Jesus. Even more importantly, I want to help them to be able to GO TO ALL THE WORLD AND SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS (MK 16:15; LK 28:19; ACTS 1:7-8). Abundant Blessings!

**John Michailo, Youth Ministry Coordinator
ymsmsj@gmail.com**

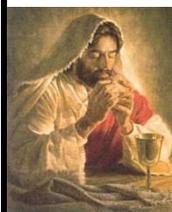
All are invited:

**"Sing a Joyful Song"
Saturday, August 7
12:30pm - 2:30pm**



This special presentation by Father Bill on Music in the Liturgy is not just for cantors, choirs, or musicians, but for all parishioners! This event is free, includes lunch, and will be held at our Gaines location. Reserve your spot by calling either parish office at 989-271-8434 or 855-288-6704.

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



...Draw near to your servants, O Lord, and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness, that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide, you may restore what you have created and keep safe what you have restored. 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.

TOWN HALL MEETING

The weekend of August 7&8, 2021 after each mass, Deacon Wayne will be having a town hall meeting to cover finances and this coming years vision for St. Mary and St. Joseph Parish and for general discussion. We will be publishing our budget for Fiscal year 2021-2022. Thank you

SAVE THE DATE!



The Parish Picnic will be Sunday, August 29, with Mass at 10:00am at the Durand location. Please save the date for this outdoor parish event. More details will follow at a later date.



The KofC Council 7955 Knight and Family for the Month of July:
Mark and Marie Dyer



The **Altar Society** meeting will be held on Aug. 4 at 6:30pm in the Durand location gathering space.



The KofC Council 7955 meeting will be on Thursday, Aug. 5 at 6:30pm for the Officers & 7:00pm for the Regular Meeting in the Father Hay Education Building.



The **Mother Teresa Group** will be meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 3, 6:30pm at the Gaines location. All woman are welcome and encouraged to join us. Please join us.



The next KofC Council 12186 meeting will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 3. Officer meeting will start at 6:00pm. Regular membership meeting starts at 7:00pm at the Parish Hall in Gaines.

GATHERING at the **G**ROTO

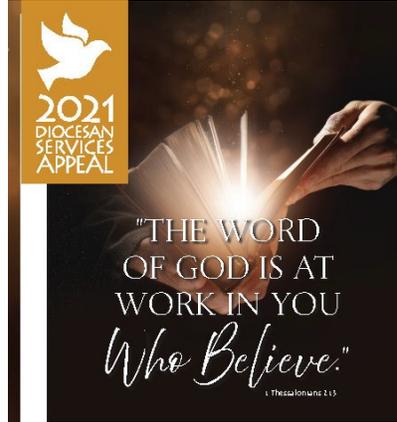
Come and join us as we invoke the Holy Spirit, through the intercession of our Blessed Mother praying the Rosary for our SMSJ Parish Family
Wednesdays at our Gaines Grotto at 2:30pm
Thursdays at our Durand Grotto at 2:30pm
In case of inclement weather, we will pray in the Gathering Space!

Starts July 7/8 ~ All are welcome! ~ Bring your Friends



St. Vincent de Paul Panel Truck...

...is coming to St. Mary and St. Joseph Parish, Durand on Monday August 2. If you have any (used or new) clothing or small household items that you wish to donate to St. Vincent, please drop them off the weekend before on July 31 and August 1 under the entrance of the Education Building. We will have volunteers to help move them inside the Ed Building until the truck arrives. Please do not drop off any desks or entertainment centers. Thank you.



"THE WORD OF GOD IS AT WORK IN YOU Who Believe."

Thank you

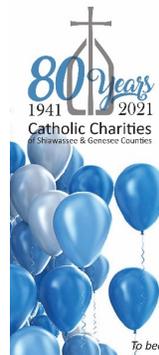
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- St. Francis Retreat Center
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- Youth Formation



Cheers to 80 Years!
Celebration & Chair-ity Event

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!

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