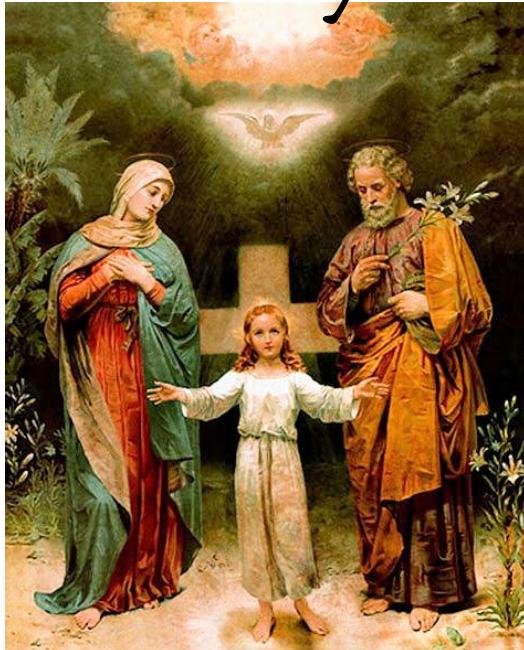


The Catholic Community of St. Mary and St. Joseph Parish



Ministering to Durand, Gaines
& surrounding areas

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unless the Father who
sent me draw him,
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last day, Jn 6:44***

The Nineteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time ~ B August 8, 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

Official correspondence should be sent to:
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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 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.

From Deacon Wayne's Desk

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME - AUGUST 8, 2021

No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him, and I will raise him on the last day., Jn 6:44

Often in our life, we have goals that we set in front of us, and we hope that the goals we set will lead to important and successful outcomes. This is especially prevalent in ministry. We, of course, want the best for who we are ministering to, but at times it is very easy to loose sight of the fact that the ministry we are privilege to be part of is not our "ministry." The fact is that all ministry is God's work. All we are is only the vessel God uses to complete the ministry.

No one can come to Christ unless the Father draws him. A really good idea to keep in front of us when ever we are working in ministry, is that we are only there to set the table and that God provides the meal. We invite and God opens the door and brings them in. We start the work of ministry and God does all the heavy lifting. To often we live on the falsehood that if we work hard enough and long enough that our ministry will be successful. Then when things don't go according to "our plan," or we judge our success on the amount of people that are served, or the compliments that we receive. Our measuring stick is our ego. And when it is successful, we look to find what exactly we did that was so great and forget to take it in that God is the reason success came.

Seven or so years ago, we taught a RCIA class where a nice young woman attended through that year, and she was only one of two that came into our SMSJ parish that year. She loved to participate in the choir and would sing at Mass on Sundays. She had a great love for our parish.

This same young lady does not have much, and her parents do what they can to support her, but often when things get difficult, she has to rely on herself to make it day by day in her life. She is a great person and wants so bad to be part of our parish. Her parents work every weekend and can't bring her to Mass.

Last Sunday her grandmother came to



Mass and didn't know that her granddaughter, this wonderful young lady, was at Mass. Grandma didn't realize until after Mass that she was there. As grandma went to Communion and looked up on her way back to her seat, only to see her granddaughter singing the Communion hymn with the choir. A very surprised grandmother went to her after Mass and told her how surprised that she was there.

After, her grandmother asked her, "Did your parents bring you?" She said no that she wanted to come so bad that she got dressed in her Sunday best and got on her bike and rode 5 miles to come to church and participate. Her grandmother was filled with joy and after Mass they loaded up the bike in grandma's car and grandma drove her young granddaughter home.

This young lady was drawn to Mass not her RCIA leaders. Not because grandma said she had to come. Not just so she could sing. No, she was drawn here by God. This should be our lesson today, that when God draws us to where we need to be nothing is impossible. This young woman's desire to be at Mass, singing for all of us was driven by the Prime Drawing Card. God Himself. This story should help us all to understand that even though we might be part of something, in the end God the Father draws us to where we need to be, and He will be there to raise us up on the last day. This young lady rode 5 miles on a bike to be here with God at Mass. This young lady believes God is here. Do you?

Den. Wayne

Volunteer SPOTLIGHT

Janice Proulx

Jan has been a parishioner for about 19 years. Jan has been part of the Funeral Luncheon Ministry for years. She also has spent time on the committee who does Art and Environment in decorating our worship space in Gaines for different times of the Liturgical year. Jan loves to be involved with the Mother Theresa Group as well. Although Jan's health has limited her lately, we still appreciate all the foundation ministry work she has done over the years. Be sure to thank Jan for her hard work she has done for our parish family of SMSJ.

St. Mary & St Joseph Parish Liturgy Schedule

Monday, August 9 - No Mass

Dt 10:12-22, Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20, Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday, August 10 - No Mass

2 Cor 9:6-10 Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9, Jn 12:24-26

Wednesday, August 11 - Gaines

Adoration - 7:20am

Mass - 8:30am - Richard Heagle offered by Leo J. Dolehanty

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

Dt 34:1-12, Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17, Mt 18:15-20

Thursday, August 12 - Durand

Mass - 8:30am - Steve and Helen Vencil by Josie Conrad

Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17, Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday, August 13 - No Mass

Jos 24:1-13, Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24, Mt 19:3-12

Saturday, August 14 - Durand

Jos 24:14-29 Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11, Mt 19:13-15

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

Mass - 5:00pm - Gayle & Pat Steele - Special Intention (50th Wedding Anniversary)

Sunday, August 15 - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass at Gaines - 8:30am - SMSJ
Parishioners

Mass at Durand - 11:30am - Dolphis &
Adele LaFave by the Folsom family

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab, Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16, 1 Cor 15:20-27, Lk 1:39-56

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.

Joyce Fisher, Kim Bartes, Sandy Corrion, 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.

Town Hall Meeting

This weekend, 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.



Knights of Columbus - Gaines
Council 12186

Knight of the Month for July

SK Brian Wendt

Family of the Month for July

SK Lee Wendt & Lady Patricia Wendt



PARTH SUPPORT

COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF AUGUST 1, 2021

Envelopes for General Fund (mail/drop off)	\$5,685.20
Online donations for Gen Fund 07/26-08/01	\$620.00
Total donations for General Fund.....	\$6,305.20
One week budgeted amount for 2021.....	\$5,288.45
Above (Below) budget.....	\$1,016.75

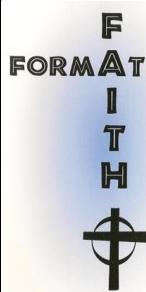
Fiscal year to date (July 1 thru August 1, 2021)

General Fund Donations (Env/Mail/Online)	\$28,693.50
Total Budget General Fund July 1-Aug. 1	\$26,442.25
Above Budget.....	\$2,251.25

Other Collections for August 1, 2021(Combined)

Other Misc. Collections:	
Outreach.....	\$100.00
Altar Society.....	\$239.00
Peters Pence.....	\$15.00
Assumption.....	\$25.00

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 statistics 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.

 Gaines KofC Council 12186 will be hosting a Parish Cemetery cleanup and grass trimming event on Tuesday, Aug. 17, starting at 5pm. Please bring your grass trimmer. Hot dogs, chips & beverages will be provided. All parishioners & family members are invited. Please mark your calendar. Thank you, and God Bless!

Jobe Syndrome Seminar
St. Francis Retreat Center, Dewitt MI
Saturday September 11, 10:00am – 3:00pm

Seminar presentation of Deacon Gene Hausmann's new book:

Jobe Syndrome and Scientific Evidence for the Existence of God and Evil.

The book is written to assist young people, their parents and teachers who struggle with reconciling Science and Religion. Four different lines of scientific evidence are presented to demonstrate how rational is our faith in God. Registration fee is \$25, and includes lunch. Register online at www.stfrancis.ws or call St. Francis at 517-669-8321.



St. Paul School of Owosso...

...is seeking the following positions: middle school math teacher, 5th grade teacher, gym teacher, computer teacher, music teacher and lunchroom supervisor.

For more info contact Laura Heatwole at 989-725-7766 or email at principal@spsowosso.org

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



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

**DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN GROWING IN YOUR FAITH?
RCIA MAY BE JUST WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR...**

Sessions will be starting September 9. Please Contact Sandy Corrion at 855-271-8434 EXT 7006 or email at RCIASmsj@gmail.com

Sponsor of the Week

Nations Heating and Cooling

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!

The August 15 bulletin cutoff is Mon., August 9 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



St. Mary and St. Joseph Parish

Fiscal Year End and Budget for FY 2022
(July 1, 2020 thru June 30th 2021)

	SMSJ ACTUAL Thru June 30th 2021	SMSJ BUDGET THRU 6/30/2021	(Excess)(Deficit) +/- Budget	Proposed Admin Budget for Fiscal Year 2021/2022
Income				
Sunday Offertory	\$ 220,818	\$ 240,000	\$ (19,182)	\$ 220,000
Holy Day Collections	12,385	14,000	(1,615)	14,000
Online Donations - General Fund	55,081	15,000	40,081	55,000
Fuel Collection	3,728	3,000	728	1,000
Misc Income	9,617	2,000	7,617	2,000
Candle Donations	670	1,000	(330)	1,000
Faith Formation*	3,494	500	2,994	10,100
Interest Income	895	1,000	(105)	900
Bequests & Donations	-	1,000	(1,000)	1,000
Rental Income	640	640	0	640
Sale of Assets	225	0	225	0
Total Operating Receipts	\$ 307,553	\$ 278,140	\$ 29,413	\$ 305,640

*Includes (Religious Ed, Youth Group, RCIA, Parish Wide FF)

	SMSJ ACTUAL Thru June 30th 2021	SMSJ BUDGET THRU 6/30/2021	(Excess)(Deficit) +/- Budget	Proposed Admin Budget for Fiscal Year 2021/2022
Expenditures				
Administration	\$ 151,071	\$ 157,500	\$ (6,429)	\$ 150,292
Faith Formation*	11,136	10,375	761	44,248
Worship	25,091	27,900	(2,809)	26,500
Plant & Maintenance	36,530	48,926	(12,396)	45,450
Utilities	31,667	36,540	(4,873)	36,740
Tuition (Includes Diocesan Assessment)	13,324	11,500	1,824	14,000
Hospitality/Evangelization Expenses	1,964	1,000	964	-
Add Accrued Expenses	4,893	-	4,893	-
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 275,675	\$ 293,741	\$ (18,066)	\$ 317,230
Excess(deficit)	\$ 31,877	\$ (15,601)	\$ 47,478	\$ (11,590)

	SMSJ ACTUAL Thru June 30th 2021	SMSJ BUDGET THRU 6/30/2021	(Excess)(Deficit) +/- Budget	Proposed Admin Budget for Fiscal Year 2021/2022
Improvement Income (Ceased envelopes)	\$ 3,200	\$ 500	\$ (2,700)	3,500
Improvement Expenses (one time)	\$ 39,135	\$ 50,000	\$ 10,865	0

Misc Cemetery Donations	\$ 7,816	2,500	5,316	7,800
Cemetery Lot Sales	\$ 3,000	4,000	-1,000	3,000
Cemetery - Bequests/Donations	\$ -	0	0	0
Cemetery Expenses	\$ 3,327	600	2,727	3,400

Outreach Income	\$ 16,314	11,000	\$ 5,314	10,000
Food and Supplies	\$ -	500	\$ (500)	0
SM Food Pantry Expenses	\$ 1,622	7,000	\$ (5,378)	2,000
SJ Food Pantry Expenses	\$ 2,508	4,000	\$ (1,492)	3,000
Postage & Shipping	\$ 385	0	\$ 385	800
Retreats and Seminars	\$ -	500	\$ (500)	0
Christian Service (Financial Assistance)	\$ 4,583	10,000	\$ (5,417)	5,000

Mass Intentions/Stipends	\$ 2,180	3,500		2,000
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	SMSJ	Assets	SMSJ
Senior Group Income (SM)	\$ 0	Checking Account (Sagelink Credit Union)*	\$ 318,733
Senior Group Expenses (SM)	\$ 0	Savings Account (Sagelink Credit Union)	\$ 9,446
Senior Group Checking Acct Balance	\$ 4,738	Savings (Diocesan Account) as of 6/30/21	\$ 710,150
Altar Society Actual Income (SM)	\$ 3,012	Long Term Investments as of 6/30/21	\$ 617,402
Altar Society Income Budget 2022	\$ 3,000	Julie M. Drenovsky Fund (Diocesan Account) 6/30/2021	\$ 5,327
Altar Society Actual Expenses (SM)	\$ 674	Cemetery (Diocesan Account - SMSJ) 6/30/2021	\$ 23,967
Altar Society Expenses Budget 2022	\$ 1,100	Witness To Hope Campaign - Parish Share thru 3/31/21	\$ 38,878
Altar Society Checking Acct Balance	\$ 6,341	Total Assets	\$ 1,723,903
Mother Teresa Group Actual Income (SJ)	\$ 5,022	*Includes Improvement, RE/Youth Group, Outreach, Pastors Fund, General, Senior Citizens, Altar Society and Mother Teresa Group accounts	
Mother Teresa Group Income Budget 2022	\$ 5,000		
Mother Teresa Group Actual Expenses (SJ)	\$ 2,677		
Mother Teresa Group Expenses Budget 2022	\$ 2,150		
Mother Teresa Group Checking Acct Balance	\$ 4,198		

Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Lansing - Long Term Investments			
	Original Investment Amount	Apr-21	
00206-10 - Maintenance Investment Fund	\$300,000	\$422,033	40.68%
00206-11 - General Investment Fund	\$150,000	\$195,369	30.25%