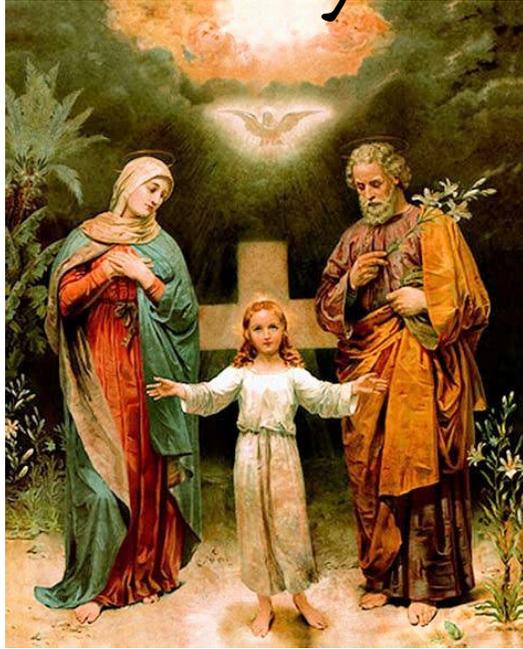


The Catholic Community of
St. Mary and St. Joseph Parish



Ministering to Durand, Gaines
& surrounding areas

“As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.” *Jos 24:15*

The Twenty-First Sunday
in Ordinary Time~ B
August 22, 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:
700 Columbia Dr., Durand, MI 48429.
1-855-288-6704

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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.

From Deacon Wayne's Desk

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME - AUGUST 22, 2021

"As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." Jos 24:15



Years ago, Bishop Mingling came to our parish to confirm our students who had prepared for confirmation.

Afterward, at the social hour, the bishop joined us for coffee and cookies. As I stood by the door greeting people, the bishop appeared and turned to me and asked me this question:

"What is the best way to show your children you love them?"

He stopped me before I could say anything, and he answered his own question, "the best way to show your children you love them, is to love your wife."

St. Paul puts it this way. *Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and handed himself over for her to sanctify her.*

I think of this often when I'm thinking about Christ and his Church. How He cares for us and guides us. Loving His Church (His bride) therefore loving his children. God is constantly guiding us, asking us to participate in that love. We are asked to follow Him. Sometimes following Him is hard, and like the disciples in the Gospel, sometimes we have the tendency to whine, "This is hard, who can accept it?"

Christ tells us that the words He speaks to us are Spirit and life. The word that is spoken to us is to go into the whole world and announce the Good News. Go and profess your faith to others and LIVE IT.

As we enter this new experience of Faith Formation in our parish, we are called to understand Christ's teachings, while helping one another to grow in faith and encourage each other to LIVE out this faith. This will take time and hard work, but it's guaranteed to be the greatest and most noble work we will ever attempt in our lives, bar none.

This cultural change we are about to engage in at SMSJ, called Faith Formation, calls us to go deeper, providing us a chance to draw closer to Christ, loving him while helping others to the same journey. Working to advance the Kingdom of God in our lives, in our world.

We cannot afford to be stagnated in our faith

because of the business in our lives. Trying to prioritize our comforts, over living out our Faith. But alas, change is hard. When we go deeper into our faith, we will be called to abandon what we prioritize as important. Leisure, relaxation, and we will even be called into uncomfortable situations of bringing the Good News to others, who may not take kindly to your announcement of Christ's teachings. It is too easy to fall back into our ways where we prefer to take it easy and float through life, not stirring up any mud.

Christ is calling you to have faith in Him and follow. Does this shock you? I hope so because this faith in Christ and living it, is your top priority even when you try to pretend it is not. We only have two options: One, to go deeper into forming our life, or two, do like those many disciples in today's Gospel who "returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him."

Be not afraid. You are invited to grow deeper and live out your faith in Christ in a very intentional way. This will be both the most difficult and the most rewarding thing you will ever engage in, bar none. Don't enter this as an obligation, but an opportunity to an ever-opening opportunity of the endless beauty of our Catholic Christian Faith. Don't miss this.

"Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

Deacon Wayne

Volunteer SPOTLIGHT

Victor Huddas

Vic covers a lot of ground in our parish. He has been a member of our choir at Gaines for many years. He has filled the role of lector, Eucharistic minister, greeter and leads the rosary on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Vic has worked with the homebound ministry including leading communion services at the senior center in Argentine. He has been an active member of the Gaines KofC including holding the position of Grand Knight in the past. Vic has joyfully given of his time at our parish for over 30 years. You may even see him cutting the grass at our parish hall. We very much appreciate Vic and his leadership in our SMSJ parish and community. Thank You Vic!

St. Mary & St Joseph Parish Liturgy Schedule

Monday, August 23 - No Mass

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10, Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b, Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday, August 24 - No Mass

Rv 21:9b-14, Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18, Jn 1:45-51

Wednesday, August 25 - Gaines

Adoration - will not be held

Mass - 8:30am - Juanita Trudeau offered by Mary Deering & Jim Lannin

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

1 Thes 2:9-13, Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab, Mt 23:27-32

Thursday, August 26- Durand

Mass - 8:30am - Gary Crawford by Michael & Brenda Wells

1 Thes 3:7-13, Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17, Mt 24:42-51

Friday, August 27 - No Mass

1 Thes 4:1-8, Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12, Mt 25:1-13

Saturday, August 28 - Durand

1 Thes 4:9-11, Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9, Mt 25:14-30

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

Mass - 5:00pm - Joe Frankovich by Michael & Sharon Gould

Sunday, August 29

No Mass at Gaines due to Picnic

Mass at Durand ONLY - 10:00am - Fr.

Joseph Aubin by Tim Trebtoske

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8, Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5, Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27, Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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.

Kathy Lott & Baby, Margret Becker, 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.

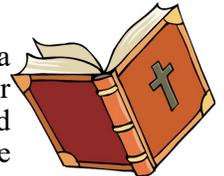
Please continue to pray for all those that have been afflicted with or caring for someone with the COVID-19. Also all the front-line Doctors, Nurses, EMTs, Police, Fire and all those continuing to work at Grocery Stores, Pharmacies, Food Banks and other essential stores. Thank you for all you do as we continue to pray for you.



TRIBUTE GIFTS



As we recognize Donna Cormier and Robin Doyle for their many years of dedicated service to our parish, we are accepting donations for tribute gifts being purchased in their honor.



Robin Doyle began her position as Director of Religious Education at St. Mary Church 21 years ago, but has a total of over 40 years educating our youth. Donna Cormier has served as Music Director at St. Joseph Church in Gaines for 44 years. Both of these women retired this year after so generously offering their talents and hearts to their ministries of education and music. We will show our gratitude with special gifts which will be placed at each of our parish locations to honor them. To make a donation, please drop it in the collection basket or mail it to either parish office site. Please write "Tribute Gift" on the envelope. If you wish, you may specify your donation for either Donna Cormier or Robin Doyle. Selection of gifts is underway. If you would like further information, you may contact Pam Schaefer at 810-252-5006 or Paul Williamson at the parish office, 1-855-288-6704.

FORMED.org is available to our parish through a very generous donation. Sign up to FORMED.org:

There are 3 easy steps to sign up -

Go to <https://formed.org/>

"I belong to a Parish"

Enter zip code 48429

Enter your name, email, and you are signed up!

Recruiting Altar/Sacristy Stewards

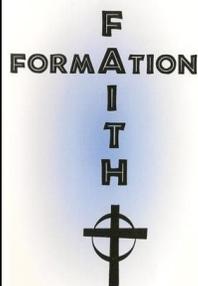
If you are looking for a ministry that has no meetings or fundraising, and time devoted is controlled by you, this ministry is made for you! We are looking for people who are willing to give one or two hours monthly keeping our altar and sacristy vacuumed, dusted, etc. Please fill out the form and drop it on the collection basket or contact me directly. Thank you! Mary Ellen Rowe, 989-277-9018, megerowe@aol.com

Name _____

Phone number _____

Email _____

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



Let me just start out by saying thank you to the St. Mary/St. Joseph Parish Family. You all have made me feel very welcome and needed! Those of you in the work force know how difficult it can be to start a new position. Even though it may be a position you have been trained and have experience in...the transition can sometimes be difficult. I am happy to report that has not been the case here! I can honestly say I am happily looking forward to serving you in the coming years!

Plans for our Family Faith Formation are coming along nicely. I have had some productive planning meetings with the catechetical staff...several who have had a lot of experience and others who are helping out for the very first time. Both are wanted and needed. To them I also offer my thanks for their support.

I want you to know that we are always looking for extra help, so if you feel God may be calling you to help out with Faith Formation, please pick up a Volunteer packet

in the gathering space at either the Gaines or Durand worship site. Fill out the volunteer form and then mail it or drop it in the collection basket or the Durand Parish Office. Rest assured that as soon as I get it I will be in contact with you.

Here are some important dates that are coming up....**Sunday, September 12, 12:30pm to 1:30pm** in the Parish Hall at the Durand location, we will be having our first parent/guardian meeting to roll out the new Family Faith Formation Experience. At the meeting, we will have registration packets and samples of the resources we will be using this year.

After all the Masses September 18/19 at both worship sites, I will be available with registration packets and resource material for those unable to attend the meeting on September 12. John Michailo will be joining me to register and answer any questions you may have about High School Youth Ministry and Confirmation Preparation. We are looking forward to serving you and your children in the year ahead!

Blessings on your week....

**Teresa Hurd
Faith Formation Director**

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. Sign up sheets are available in the gathering spaces for a dish/dessert to pass.

PICNIC BONUS:

At the picnic, we will be recognizing **Robyn Doyle** and **Donna Cormier** for their many years of service to our parish. We will also celebrate **Father Bill** on his 30th anniversary to the priesthood! We are so grateful to God for each of them and for their dedication to our parish family.

BREAK THROUGH THE GRIEF ~

YOU ARE NEVER ALONE

Attention: All who has lost a loved one!



This event is for those who are suffering through the grief of a family member. Whether it be a parent, spouse, friend, or child. We will be gathering on **Sept 11 in the Gathering Space of our Gaines Church** for a time of fellowship. We will provide lunch, and a talk from our guest speaker Fr Bill Wegher. Living through our grief that comes from the passing of a loved one or situations can be very difficult. Everyone is welcome! You don't have to go through it alone.

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 as you feel comfortable. 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



***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 Corron at 855-271-8434 EXT 7006 or email at RCIASmsj@gmail.com

Eucharistic



Adoration

**Eucharistic Adoration
First Friday Adoration and Mass
Friday, Sept 3rd, 2:00-8:00pm
Eucharistic Adoration- 2:00pm-7:00pm**

Confessions from 6:30pm-7:00pm

Mass 7:15pm, at the Durand location.

Adoration sign-up sheets will be in the gathering spaces for all parishioners to sign up for 1 hour of adoration.

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.

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.



Parish Support

COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF AUGUST 15, 2021

Envelopes for General Fund (mail/drop off)	\$3,374.00
Online donations for Gen Fund 08/02-08/08	\$1,125.00
Total donations for General Fund.....	\$4,499.00
One week budgeted amount for 2021.....	\$5,519.22*
Above (Below) budget.....	(\$1,020.22)
Fiscal year to date (July 1 thru August 16, 2021)	
General Fund Donations (Env/Mail/Online)	\$38,641.50
Total Budget General Fund July 1-Aug. 15	\$38,634.54*
Above Budget.....	\$6.96

*Budgeted amount increased to balance our Operating budget for FY2022 per SMSJ Finance Council meeting on August 10, 2021.

Other Collections for August 15 2021(Combined)

Other Misc. Collections:	
Energy.....	\$44.00
Outreach.....	\$426.00
Altar Society.....	\$20.00
Peters Pence.....	\$10.00
Assumption.....	\$459.00

St. Mary Outreach Food Pantry Volunteers Needed: The next food distribution is on August 28. Volunteers are needed for the following: Food packaging (packers) will be done on SATURDAY morning beginning at 8:00am. Other workers gather at 8:30am in the education building.



Due to the Covid-19 virus, this distribution is to occur outside in the parking lot per the Greater Lansing Food Banks (GLFB) recommendation. We are trying to keep volunteers to a minimum, so if you can volunteer, contact Diane Pelky or Kathy Schmidt so we will know that we have the volunteers that we need (about 15). There will be no picking table or baked goods tables.

For any questions concerning the St. Mary Outreach Food Pantry, please contact Diane Pelky at 989-288-4446 or Kathy Schmidt 517-230-9613 or

stmaryfoodpantry@gmail.com.
Thank you again for your continued support.
God Bless!

Women's Weekend Retreat:

Rediscovering Jesus

September 17-19, 2021

St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt

Drawing on the wisdom of the book, “Rediscover Jesus” by Matthew Kelly, we will be revisiting and expanding on what we know about the personhood and divinity of Jesus Christ. From the Incarnation to the Resurrection and beyond, we will strive to deepen our understanding of what Jesus said about who he is. Register online at www.stfrancis.ws or call 517-669-8321. The suggested donation is \$185 and covers all lodging, meals, and materials. Check in begins at 6:00pm on Friday.

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!

The August 29 bulletin cutoff is Mon., August 23 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

