

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



Ministering to Durand, Gaines
& surrounding areas

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there is disorder and every foul practice.
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The Twenty-Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time~ B
September 19, 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.

From Deacon Wayne's Desk

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TIME - SEPTEMBER 19, 2021



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What a perfect description of Wisdom. And just before the beauty of wisdom is the description of wickedness in the first reading. *The wicked say: Let us plague the just one, because he is obnoxious to us; he sets himself against our doings, reprimands us for transgressions of the law. With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test . . . Let us condemn him to a shameful death; God will take care of him.* Sounds like what we did as kids when we find a spider and tear off one leg at a time to see how it could walk. The difference is that when we were kids it was curiosity that drove that torture, but in this reading, "the wicked" are thinking about torturing someone because their evil is being brought into the light and they are hating the person who is persistently calling them out for their evil. In other words, the person calling them out is getting to their conscience, and it is very hard for the wicked to hear. This torture the wicked suggests is what most prophets face simply because the prophet presents what should be done from God's viewpoint.

We see corruption of power, influence, and money daily. Most corruption is being done by people to get a position of power, and we see in our world how ruthless people can be to get power. For too many, it is all about status and power. We see in the Gospel today, Jesus predicting again His passion and death and his disciples are squabbling. So, Jesus brings to light that their squabbling may have been about status and privilege. Jesus explains to them in the Kingdom there is no rank. Jesus wants rank to be absent from the Church, especially among leadership: "No one is to lord over others."

Our world seems to be opposite of this, and only few can truly be labeled as "servant leaders." Jesus hasn't established His Church to be a stepladder to power. Jesus is not about power as the world defines it. He suggests that power comes by serving others. He tells His followers serving others is to be their goal as well. It is easy to seem holy explains James, assuring Jesus' followers that selfish ambition can only lead to disorder and every foul practice. Yet, many will pay any price to get ahead even

though this brings no profit to building the city of God. Let those who would be first be the servant of all. Where are you on following Christ as a servant leader? A holy person?

Deacon Wayne

Faith Formation K-8

As we prepare to enter this new culture of Faith Formation here at SMSJ, we will be explaining what this will mean to various age groups within our parish family of SMSJ. We will be doing short videos and posting them on our Facebook and website page for everyone, so you can better understand the beauty of Faith Formation, and how this exciting new adventure involves you and your family. This week will discuss K-8th grade families.

Unlike traditional religious education as we have know it, Faith Formation offers an opportunity for the whole family to be involved; where the parents are mentoring / learning right along with their children. So, one of the huge benefits is that families learn together and draw deeper into a relationship with Christ. While loving parents spend time with the ones they love, discussing the beauty and importance of faith in the family. When our children see that our relationship with Christ is important to you, they will embrace their own relationship with Christ exactly the way the parents embrace theirs.

Our Faith Formation sessions will be held weekly with the first and third week at SMSJ Durand Campus. The second and fourth weeks will be held at home with the parents leading. The SMSJ Faith Formation leaders will be mentoring parents on tips for leading the home sessions. This new venture will provide the great opportunity for parent's involvement and provides more flexibility for families and their busy lifestyles.

**Volunteer
SPOTLIGHT**

Jerry Reed

Jerry and his wife Marge have been a parishioner for many years. Jerry is plugged in on many ministries at our parish. He is a Knight for the Gaines council. Jerry was our DSA coordinator and Mass collection counter for many years. He enjoys being a hospitality minister for the 8:30 Mass and has also been active as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. At one time for quite a few years, Jerry and Marge cleaned our Gaines Campus worship space. Jerry has helped at food distributions. He is one of those kinds of people you only have to ask once, and he is at your service. When you see Jerry, please take time to thank him. Good job Jerry!

St. Mary & St Joseph Parish Liturgy Schedule

Monday, September 20 - No Mass

Ezr 1:1-6, Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6, Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday, September 21 - No Mass

Scriptural Rosary - 1:00pm

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13, Ps 19:2-3, 4-5, Mt 9:9-13

Wednesday, September 22 - Gaines

No Adoration

Mass - 8:30am - Jack Bollinger by Lorraine Bollinger

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

Rosary - 2:30pm

Ezr 9:5-9, Ps Tobit 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8, Lk 9:1-6

Thursday, September 23 - Durand

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

Rosary - 2:30pm

Hg 1:1-8, Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b, Lk 9:7-9

Friday, September 24 - No Mass

Hg 2:1-9, Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4, Lk 9:18-22

Saturday, September 25 - Durand

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a, Ps Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12ab, 13, Lk 9:43b-45

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

Mass - 5:00pm - SMSJ Parishioners

Sunday, September 26

Rosary - 8:00am at Gaines

Mass at Gaines - 8:30am - Roger Borland by Arlene Borland

Mass at Durand - 11:30am - Martin & Lillian Siminski by Tim Trebtoske

Nm 11:25-29, Ps Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14, Jas 5:1-6, Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Eucharistic



Adoration

First Friday Adoration & Mass Friday, October 1 at Gaines Campus

Eucharistic Adoration from 2:00-7:00pm

Confessions from 6:30 -7:00pm
Mass at 7:15pm

Devotions: Chaplet of Divine Mercy 3:00pm,
Rosary 4:00pm, Scripture Reflection 5:00pm,
and at Music 6:00pm

Signup sheets are in the gathering spaces for Adoration

The Knights of Columbus Council #7955 will be serving a Sloppy Joe to-go meal on September 18 after the 5:00pm mass and September 19 after the 11:30am mass.



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.

Helene Sloan, Linda Carsten, Brian Jones, Mike Gentry, Kathy Lott & Baby, 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. 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.



The Altar Society will be having a Kitchen

Clean Up on Thursday, September 23

at 5:00pm. We are looking for volun-

teers of all ages. It is a great oppor-

tunity for youth to earn some commu-

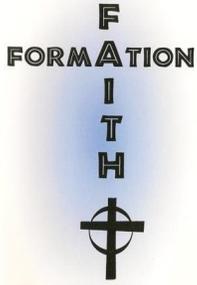
nity service. There will also be piz-

za provided!!



St. Mary St. Joseph Catholic Community

Faith Formation News.



Fall is just around the corner and although many of us will miss the lazy hazy days of summer, it is a season of cool days, vibrant colors and the business of autumn events. One of those events is the start of Family Faith Formation. We are excited to bring you this new opportunity to deepen the Faith, not only for our children, but for their parents and other adults in our parish family as well.

I am hoping that by the time you are reading this most of the Family Faith Formation registration packets have been picked up and filled out. If you forgot to pick up your forms, you will have another opportunity to do so after all the Masses this weekend of September 18 and 19. We still do have some openings on our Catechetical Staff that need to be filled. Please see the sign-up sheet in the gathering space at both campuses and pick up and return a Volunteer Form. New this year...the time commitment is only twice a month, and sessions will involve community building activities such as

crafts, games, prayer experiences, etc. that will enhance the understanding of the Sunday Gospels. Parents will be the primary educators of their children so with the bi-monthly gatherings of the children, it will be more about sharing, enjoying and getting to know their peers in a spiritual gathering. So if you have been hesitant about signing up to assist because you don't feel qualified, ban the thought! The sessions will be relaxed and fun and I promise you a rewarding experience that you will enjoy!

If you have questions or need clarifications about our Family Faith Formation experience, please email, call or drop by my office. Know that I am here to serve you!

Blessings on your week....

Teresa Hurd
Faith Formation Director
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High School Youth Group News

"Faith - Live it, Grow it!"

Our first SMSJYG session will be Sunday October 3, 10:00am to 11:15am in the Fr. Hay Education Building at our Durand Campus. We are still looking for donations of gently used sofas, bean chairs & other comfort furniture. Please contact me if you have something to donate to our kids.

Confirmation Preparation News

Confirmation Preparation for students in grade 8 and 9 will meet the 2nd Sunday of each month beginning October 10, from 10:00am to 11:15am in the Fr. Hay Education Building at our Durand Campus. Please read our new Sacramental Readiness Policy which can be accessed on the SMSJ website as well as the SMSJ Facebook page.

God's Abundant Blessings!

John Michailo
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Confirmation Preparation Coordinator
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RED MASS 2021 The Diocese of Lansing Annual Red Mass will be held at St. Mary Cathedral, Tuesday, **October 5, 2021** at 5:15pm. A dinner reception will immediately follow. All Judges, Lawyers, Law Students and interested persons are invited. Contact Diane Arzberger [517-402-1562](tel:517-402-1562) or lclguild@gmail.com to reserve a spot. RSVP deadline is October 1. Richard Thompson, will be presented the prestigious Thomas More Award. As President & Chief Counsel at the Thomas More Law Center, Mr. Thompson , directs a highly professional and aggressive team of lawyers dedicated to the defense and promotion of the religious liberty of Christians, time-honored family values, the sanctity of human life, a strong national defense and an independent and sovereign United States of America.



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

2021 MICHIGAN CATHOLIC
WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

All are cordially invited to attend the **First Annual Michigan Catholic Women's Conference** being held on Saturday, October 16, 2021 from 9:00am until 5:00pm at the Lansing Center. The conference theme is "Outpouring: God's Love - Our Hearts." Speakers include: Sheri Wolfert, Kelly Wahlquist, Father Adam Maher and Father Joe Krupp, with Bishop Boyea from Lansing and Bishop Gruss from Saginaw joining us to preside at Mass. The day will include lunch, shopping, music, prayer ministry, Adoration, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please join together with your sisters, daughters, friends, and women from across the State of Michigan to experience the love Christ brings to us as we journey through this life. For more information and to register, please visit www.MichiganCWC.org



Parish Support

**COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF
SEPTEMBER 12, 2021**

Envelopes for General Fund (mail/drop off)	\$4,867.00
Online donations for Gen Fund 09/05-09/12	\$1,085.00
Total donations for General Fund.....	\$5,952.00
One week budgeted amount for 2021.....	\$5,519.22*
Above (Below) budget.....	\$432.78
Fiscal year to date (July 1 thru September 12, 2021)	
General Fund Donations (Env/Mail/Online)	\$53,236.50
Total Budget General Fund July 1-Sept 12	\$60,711.42*
Above (Below) Budget.....	(\$1,474.92)

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

Other Collections for Sept. 12, 2021(Combined)

Other Misc. Collections:	
Outreach.....	\$25.00
Faith Formation.....	\$144.00
Assumption.....	\$35.00

Sponsor of the Week

Iron Horse Pub Restaurant

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 September 26 bulletin cutoff is Mon., September 20 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



ORCHARD & CIDER MILL

**SMSJ Parish Diehl's Orchard and Cider Mill - Corn Maze Outing - Sunday
October 24**

This trip is open to all ages. **Anyone age 15 years or younger MUST be accompanied by an adult at all times.** Admission: Age 6+: \$7, Children ages 4-5: \$3, Children 3 and under: FREE!. **This is a cash only event payable upon registration which is due Sunday, October 17. Money and registration forms should be placed in an envelope labeled Corn Maze and placed into the collection basket.**

Students in grades K -12 MUST complete and turn in a Permission Form located in the gathering space and also available on the SMSJ website / SMSJ Facebook page or through the QR code below. Adults willing to transport youth / Chaperone please fill out a Chaperone Form located in the gathering space and also available on the SMSJ website / SMSJ Facebook page or by using the QR Code below. We will depart from SMSJ Durand Campus at 1:00pm and Caravan to Holly. We will plan to return to SMSJ Durand Campus at 6:00pm.



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, megeerowe@aol.com

Name _____

Phone number _____

Email _____