

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



Ministering to Durand, Gaines
& surrounding areas

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October 31, 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

THE THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -
OCTOBER 31, 2021



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Hopefully everyone of us at one time or another has been in the presence of pure unrequited love. You know when you are in that type of love because you feel secure, warm, and welcomed regardless of who or what we have done or become. There is nothing like it. When you have been loved like this it moves you, motivates you, to be better to love others more. Even to the point of loving those you don't care for. This is our calling for this life and eternal life. To love and to be loved brings God deeper into this world and into our hearts.

This is not the case for everyone. Some of us have had terrible experiences of being rejected, hurt physically, emotionally, or both. For those of us who have suffered this "lack of love," we suffer in returning love. You can't give what you haven't received. Unfortunately for us who have experienced this, we have to work even harder to try to break out of the grip of what we suffered. For these folks, first we need to experience giving and receiving forgiveness before we can attempt to love.

For us who are trying to break this chain of "lack of love" can be uphill. Our first reaction to being hurt and/or suffering is to stand up and fight, retaliate, get even. There is only one good way to resolve this and that's through mercy. For us to be merciful, we must experience mercy. When we go to Jesus looking for mercy, especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we can experience loving mercy. Experiencing His mercy can lead to us being merciful. So, we need to overcome hurt by and through mercy. Once forgiveness is given, then we can make positive steps to loving someone, even after being hurt by them. Showing mercy, even mercy that doesn't seem deserving to those who perpetrated hurt. This may seem too hard. How can we know this works? How can we trust this will work? Only by looking to Jesus who has been

through the same rejection, hurt and suffering. Jesus who overcame all of that by looking to the Mercy of the Father, could He hang on the cross even to death forgiving us and loving us. This is true love.

When Jesus hears the scribes say, 'to love (God) with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself', Jesus is pleased that the scribe says it perfectly. Jesus, then says to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."

How can we be so close and yet so far away? To receive love is easy for us. It's the giving of love where we struggle. If we could just get beyond deciding who should receive it and who shouldn't, our vocation of loving others as ourselves, would get a little easier. Herein is the lifelong struggle. To die on your cross of rejection, hurt, and suffering. Crucifying the hate and malice that builds up inside of us when we are hurt. Never, ever, thinking of retaliation. This is how much our love can overcome if we will it. As is many of Jesus' teachings, so simple, yet so complex. When we love those around us, even the ones who come last on your list of deserving it, is when we are in the Kingdom of God. You are not far from it. Go ahead and enter in.

Deacon Wayne

Volunteer SPOTLIGHT

Josie Conrad

Josie has been a member of our parish family for over 84 years. During her time here most notably was her wonderful gift of music that was given to our parish family. Josie started playing organ for Fr Hay's daily Masses when she was 12 years old. Playing organ and organizing our choir for many years. After that, she began lecturing and is still active in this ministry. Josie is also a part of our funeral luncheon ministry. She makes phone calls for our food pantry/distribution and was a catechist in our Religious Ed. Program for 8 years. Thank you, Josie, for your service to our parish family of SMSJ.



Welcome New
SMSJ parishioner!

Lois Baley

Our family is growing! Please greet her, and make her feel welcome.

St. Mary & St Joseph Parish Liturgy Schedule

Monday, November 1 - No Mass - All Saint's Day
Rv 7:2-4, 9-14, Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6, 1 Jn 3:1-3, Mt 5:1-12a

Tuesday, November 2 - No Mass - Commemoration of All Faithful Departed

Scriptural Rosary - 1:00pm

Wis 3:1-9, Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6, Rom 6:3-9, Jn 6:37-40

Wednesday, November 3 - Gaines

Adoration - 7:20am

Mass - 8:30am - Joseph Andrew Coady by the Family

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

Rosary - 2:30pm

Rom 13:8-10, Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9, Lk 14:25-33

Thursday, November 4 - Durand

Mass - 8:30am - Jean Weber by Tim Trebtoske

Rosary - 2:30pm

Rom 14:7-12, Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14, Lk 15:1-10

First Friday, November 5 - All Soul's Day Celebrated - Durand

Adoration - 2:00pm to 7:00pm

Mass (to Commemorate all the Faithful Departed) - 7:15pm

Rom 15:14-21, Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, Lk 16:1-8

Saturday, November 6 - Durand

Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27, Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11, Lk 16:9-15

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

Mass - 5:00pm - SMSJ Parishioners

Sunday, November 7

Rosary - 8:00am at Gaines

Mass at Gaines - 8:30am - Perris Cormier by the Family

Mass at Durand - 11:30am - Cletis and Bill Nall by Joe & Patty Guzniczak

1 Kgs 17:10-16, Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10, Heb 9:24-28, Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

SPECIAL NOTE: The Knights of St. Mary & St. Joseph will honor our risen Knights at a Mass on Sat., Nov. 13 at 5:00pm at the Durand Campus. Following will be snacks and fellowship. All are welcome.



Saturday, November 6. 10:00am -4:00pm

St. Joseph Hall, 12145 Ray Rd (next to Pinehill Park), Gaines MI
Arts, Crafts, Vendors, Bake Sale,

Walking Taco's and Raffle

Tables are available. Arts/Crafts/Vendors are welcome. Table Rentals available \$25 : 8-foot table and 2 chairs. We ask that you donate a \$20 item for the raffle. All monies from this event go to helping the needs in our community and are greatly appreciated. There will be no lunch provided. Reserve Early. Limited tables available.

Sponsored by the Mother Teresa Group. Contact Jill Rohner, 810-836-1557 for more information.

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.

Ryan Bohman, Joe Lezovich, Lisa Terry, Gage Sweet, Eugene Robinson, Mary Dickinson, Cullan Lampkin, Jay & Jenny Kekel, Laretta Bradley, 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.



Altar servers and Eucharistic Ministers will be needed at the Masses. If you are interested in being an altar server or Eucharistic Minister, please see Deacon Greg after Mass for more information and training.



Eucharistic Adoration **First Friday Adoration & All Soul's Mass**

Friday, Nov. 5 at the Durand Campus
Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 2:00-7:00pm with remembrance, prayers and candle lighting for our passed love ones.

Mass at 7:15pm to Commemorate all the Faithful Departed. Refreshments follow Mass.

Please sign up in the gathering space for your hour of adoration.

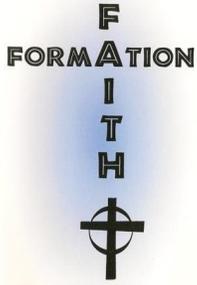
Ushers and Greeters

Now that we are taking up our collection during the preparation of the gifts at our Durand campus, we are looking to recruit some more volunteers to help with the collection for both the 5.00 p.m. and 11.30 a.m. masses. This also applies to greeters as well. If you are interested in becoming or are already an Usher or a Greeter, please contact the Durand office so we can get you on the schedule. Thank you.

Excerpts from God in the Diary of Saint Sister Maria Faustina (*Diary*, 1275)

My Secretary, write that I am more generous to sinners than toward the just. It was for their sake that I came down from heaven; it was for their sake that My Blood was spilled. Let them not fear to approach Me; they are most in need of My Mercy.

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



This month we celebrate All Saints Day. Do we have saints in the making today? Our Second/Third Grade Catechist Linda Yanta thinks so. She wrote an awesome newsletter to the parents of her class and I was so struck by its content and insight I asked permission to relate portions of it here so others would have the opportunity to learn from it. It went like this.....

This week, our theme for learning was all about Saints. Yes, we learned about some specific Saints but, more importantly, we learned that God calls us to be Saints. How does one become a Saint? It's quite simple in theory. All one must do is say, "Yes!" to God. Sometimes it is so easy to say yes to God. Clean my room? Sure, no problem! I can say yes to God and show God's love to my mom and dad by doing what they ask—or even doing it before they ask! Share my toys with brother and/or sister? Too easy! I can show them God's love in action.

But we learned that there is a difficult side to saying yes to God. What if there is a student in your class that everyone makes fun of? Maybe this person doesn't learn as quickly as others. Maybe this person's clothes are dirty, and they don't smell so good. Maybe this person isn't good at sports or maybe they are very shy and quiet. Then you hear the still, small voice in your heart that says, "Go ahead... Ask him or her if they want to play at recess. Sit by this person in class and help him or her with their schoolwork. Walk him or her to the bus so that no one will tease him or her." Saying yes to God may be difficult in this situation. What if your classmates start making fun of you? What if they won't play with you anymore?

God wants us to be Saints. Sometimes it's easy to say yes to Him, and sometimes it is very difficult. Today we learned that sometimes we will fail—we'll mess up and say no to God. Will God stop loving us if we mess up? Never! God wants us to be Saints, and he knows that we will fall short at times. That's why he sends the Holy Spirit, our helper. If we listen with our heart, the Holy Spirit will guide us and teach us how to say yes to God. And God will continue to love us, no matter what.

Thank you Linda for sharing such a heartfelt and spiritual message with you class, and now to everyone else!

Blessings on your week!

Teresa Hurd, Faith Formation Director
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We are planning on starting a Faith Formation Pre-school class. This class will meet on the same Sundays as the older children. If interested, please pick up a registration packet in the gathering space

at both Gaines and Durand and return to the Durand parish office ASAP.

The next KofC Council 12186 meeting will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 2. Officer meeting will start at 6:30pm. Regular membership meeting starts at 7:00pm at the Parish Hall in Gaines.



**High School Youth Group
News**

We all called by our God to evangelize to the world. Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

At our next SMSJ YG (11/7) we will talk about Evangelization. Please join us as we explore some simple ways to share Jesus with others. I would like to invite all teens from our parish that attend Luke M. Powers and Lansing Catholic Central High Schools to come share your faith experiences with us. We'd love to have you help us all grow into a deeper relationship with Christ! Tell a friend, bring a friend. See you there!

Confirmation Preparation News

Confirmation Prep meets the 2nd Sunday of each month at 10:00am in the Fr. Hay Education Building on Durand. Students should be receiving their 2nd edition of Gifted With The Spirit in the mail for our next Confirmation Preparation Session on 11/14. Please read through each section and be ready to engage in our discussions.

There will be a parent meeting on November 7th in the St. Mary's Parish Hall after the 11:30am Mass. Please plan to attend.

God's Abundant Blessings!

John Michailo
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The Altar Society meeting will be held on Thurs., Nov. 4 at 6:30pm in the Fr. Hay Education Bldg, Durand Campus.



The KofC Council 7955 meeting will be on Thurs., Nov. 4 at 6:30pm in the Father Hay Education Bldg, Durand Campus



The Altar Society will be hosting a Bake Sale after the 11:30 Mass on Nov. 7 in the Durand Campus Gathering Space.



The Mother Teresa Group will be meeting again Nov. 2, 2021. All women of the parish are welcome. We meet at the Gaines location the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm. Hope to see you there!!!

Relationships Matter

All relationships are important! Our relationships with others bring us closer to our relationship with God! And Getting together is FUN! Our November gathering will be Hot Dogs and Bunco!! If you have never played it, it's simple and easy to learn! Come join us on **November 20 at 6:30pm** at our Gaines Gathering Space. Signup for anything that goes with Hot Dogs, or dessert! See ya there!!





St. Francis Retreat Center,
DeWitt MI

Upcoming Events

November 12-14 - Women's Weekend Re-

treat

November 12 - All Saints and All Souls One Day Retreat

November 13 - One Day Marriage Retreat

November 19-21 - DOL Confirmation Retreat

December 3-5 - Married Couples Weekend

Visit www.stfrancis.ws or call 517-669-8321 for more information or to register.



Parish Support

COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF October 24, 2021

Envelopes for General Fund (mail/drop off)	\$4,614.00
Online donations for Gen Fund 10/18-10/24	\$530.00
Total donations for General Fund.....	\$5,144.00
One week budgeted amount for 2021.....	\$5,519.22
Above (Below) budget.....	(\$375.22)

Fiscal year to date (July 1 thru Oct. 24, 2021)

General Fund Donations (Env/Mail/Online)	\$91,267.30
Total Budget General Fund July 1-Oct. 24	\$93,826.74
Above (Below) Budget.....	(\$2,559.44)

Other Collections for Oct. 24, 2021(Combined)

Other Misc. Collections:	
Faith Formation.....	\$40.00
Outreach.....	\$115.00
Help Spread the Faith.....	\$15.00
MTG Donuts.....	\$52.00
MTG Bazaar.....	\$100.00



Trunk or Treat after 11:30am Mass on October 31.

We will section off an area in the parking lot for vehicles. Anyone interested in using their vehicle to give out treats is welcome. Please contact me so I can include space for your vehicle. John Michailo, ymsmsj@gmail.com 1-855-288-6704 Ext 7013

Sponsor of the Week

Marsh Monument Co.

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 November 7 bulletin cutoff is Mon., November 1 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 Outreach Food Pantry Volunteers Needed: The next food distribution is on November 6. We are trying to keep volunteers to a minimum (about 15), so if you can volunteer, please sign-up on the sheet in the Durand gathering space or contact Diane Pelky or Kathy

Schmidt. There will be no picking table or baked goods tables. Food packaging (packers) will be done on SATURDAY morning. All volunteers, please gather at 8:00am 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.

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.



Donations: any clothes brought in for donations must be washed and clean, and folded in bags. Any unwashed or stained clothes cannot be donated, and will not be accepted at St. Luke's Center.

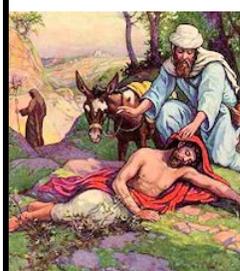


Advent by Candlelight sign-up sheets will be in the gathering spaces at both the Durand and Gaines campus'.



Attention! The Working Hands Ministry Wednesday evening meeting time has changed. We will now meet from 6:30pm-8:00pm starting with the next meeting on Nov. 3.

The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Prayer...



...Almighty and merciful God, by whose gift your faithful offer you right and praiseworthy service, grant, we pray, that we may hasten without stumbling to receive the things you have promised. 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.