

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



Ministering to Durand, Gaines
& surrounding areas

For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” Jn 18:37

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King
of the Universe ~ B
November 21, 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

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
- NOVEMBER 21, 2021



To Christ the King we give Thanks and Adoration

Giving Thanks to Christ

I diverge from my normal lectionary reflection as we prepare to celebrate the upcoming traditional Thanksgiving holiday, to give thanks to God for the abundant blessings received. It is with grateful heart that thanks are indeed in order. So, I share with you people whom I am and you should be grateful for as well.

First, we thank God for the wonderful staff who work so hard to serve our parish family. To **Paul Williamson** who works tirelessly on all the office work, music leadership and all he does for us, his family of SMSJ. Next, is **Sandy Bensinger** who offers us her gifts as a great parish secretary, along with her musical talents and does it all with a deep love for our parish. Then **Teresa Hurd**, our newest member Faith Formation Director, has worked extra hard on getting to know us and getting Faith Formation implemented. As Faith Formation becomes to blossom and become part of our culture at SMSJ, we are very thankful for all her hard work and look forward to moving into all demographics of our parish family. Now there are two people who have spent countless hours pulling together and editing our bulletins every week and make sure we are up to date on information about our parish family on all our social media platforms (web site, Facebook, and other sources). This is basically a full-time volunteer position that **Brent and Marlene Cole** fill as well as their work in various other volunteer positions in Music, food pantry, and other leadership roles.

Next is **Pam Schaefer**, who leads up so much of our music and continues to be an intricate part of our staff. Thank you, Pam. Another of our new additions is **John Michailo**, our Youth Ministry leader. John's enthusiasm for Christ and our SMSJ family is very deep and inspiring. **Sandy Corrion**, our RCIA lead, is a blessing to be thankful for, as I know this better than anyone. **Deacon Greg** has been helpful at many capacities along with his diaconate role, he has jumped in on Faith Formation at various levels. Thanks Greg. **Fr Bill** is the frosting on our "thanksgiving cake." His teaching, preaching, pastoring, mentoring, and humor has been a great blessing for our family and community

of SMSJ.

Of course Teresa, John and Sandy each have their key team members who work with them on Faith Formation, so I thank all our catechists, youth group ministers, and our RCIA team.

To all our ministry leaders, Parish and Finance council seat holders, our amazing Leadership Team, and ALL our wonderful volunteers that work so hard on all aspects of keeping our parish family a shining example of what a Christian community should look like. We are continually blessed by each of you and give many thanks for your countless hours. As administrator, I am humbled and privileged to see all the great work each of you do for our parish family. It is a great view from where I sit that most do not have the advantage to see. So, this is why we try to highlight people each week in our Volunteer Spotlight article, so each of you can see how every single parishioner offers a wonderful gift to our parish family, to keep it moving forward as an intricate pate of the Body of Christ here in Durand /Gaines.

And to all of our parish family members, thank you for your prayers, support, and love you have shown to each other. We do have the greatest parish family in all the Diocese of Lansing, but I may be a little partial. Love you all.

Dear God, Thank you for making yourself present in every single member of our parish community of SMSJ. It humbles us to see how you work through and with each of us. Please continue to bless us as a Family of St Mary St Joseph so we can be You in this world. Bring us with peace, courage, forgiveness, and love as we move into this new liturgical year. Please know that we here at SMSJ are thankful for you, God and Father with all our heart.

Den. Wayne

Volunteer SPOTLIGHT

Nick Cross

Nick is one of the newer members of our SMSJ parish family. While coming through RCIA, he felt God pulling him into a very special ministry. Nick followed God's call and now offers his talents to our parish as computer technician and plays a key role in making sure our "live Stream" Masses are recorded for the home bound. This was greatly appreciated through Covid and is still very useful. Nick is an awesome husband and father to their 3 boys, showing his sons the importance of their faith. A very important responsibility. Thank you, Nick.

St. Mary & St Joseph Parish Liturgy Schedule

Monday, November 22 - No Mass

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20, Ps Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56, Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday, November 23 - No Mass

Scriptural Rosary - 1:00pm

Dn 2:31-45, Ps Daniel 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61, Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday, November 24 - Gaines

Adoration - 7:20am

Mass - 8:30am - Juanita Trudeau by James & Barbara Norcross

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

Rosary - 2:30pm

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28, Ps Daniel 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, Lk 21:12-19

Thursday, November 25 (Thanksgiving Day) - No Mass

Dn 6:12-28, Ps Daniel 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, Lk 21:20-28

Friday, November 26 - No Mass

Dn 7:2-14, Ps Daniel 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, Lk 21:29-33

Saturday, November 27

Dn 7:15-27, Ps Daniel 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, Lk 21:34-36

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

Mass - 5:00pm - SMSJ Parishioners

Sunday, November 28

Rosary - 8:00am at Gaines

Mass at Gaines - 8:30am - Collin Lumpkin by Frank & Jackie Kondel

Mass at Durand - 11:30am - Julie Kay Zuniga by the family

Jer 33:14-16, Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14, 1 Thes 3:12-4:2, Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

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.

Patricia Elliott, Tucker James Montana, Marchell Weld, Bob Weld, Christine Jablonski, Randy Burke, Joe Lezovich, 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 server training...

...will be held on Saturday, Dec. 4 starting at 11:00am at the Durand Campus and on Saturday, Dec. 11, 12noon at the Gaines Campus. Lunch will be provided both dates. Fourth grade students to seniors are invited.



Rest In Peace

We pray for Terry McDowell

Son of Suzanne McDowell

That he may now enjoy the great blessings of eternal life. We pray also for his family and friends that they may find peace in the promises of Christ.



The Durand Campus will be having an Angel Tree this year. The tree will be set up in the gathering space by the first weekend in December. If you would like help or know someone who does, please contact Becky Landris at 989-288-6265, or via email at becky.landris@gmail.com

Giving Tree

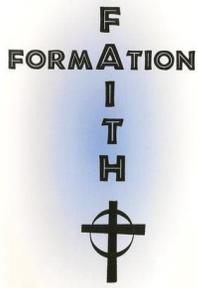


The Giving Tree is up at the Gaines location with tags that parishioners may take for gift buying. Please, only one gift per child if possible. If there are two gifts, they must be wrapped in one box or bag. Wrapped gifts should be returned by Dec. 8. Thank you.

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.

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



GOD IS GOOD! I am happy to inform you that there have been no new cases of Covid 19 reported by our Faith Formation Families. In light of this, the FF Core Team has decided to go ahead with the **Thanksgiving Faith Fest** scheduled for this **Sunday, November 21, 10:00am to 11:15am, in the church basement**

at our Durand location. Please note that EVERYONE is invited to these Faith Fests and it is NOT just for our Faith Formation Families.

So... what is Faith Fest all about?????... you may ask.

All Faith Fests have a religious theme. Last month the theme was "All Saints." This month it is "Giving Thanks" and next month it will be "Advent and St. Nicholas." It is a time for the Parish Family to gather together in a relaxed and joyful atmosphere to learn a little more about our Catholic Doctrine to assist us all on our continuing Faith Journey.

Ok, you may be saying to yourself, I get that, but what actually happens at a Faith Fest? Well it goes something like this...

*Upon arrival, all will partake of some refreshments (Cookies, donuts, fruit, etc. some of which is provided by the Faith Formation Dept., and some donated by K of C, Altar Society, Mother Teresa Guild or parishioners who just want to bring a snack to share). This is a time whereby you can sit with a cup of coffee and a goodie of your choice and catch up with friends from our parish. But....it is also time to perhaps make some new friends and be inclusive to all, just as Jesus did when he began his public ministry here on earth.

*This is followed by a prayer service, a presentation by the children of the parish or a guest facilitator, a craft to be assembled and taken home as a reminder of the religious theme of the month, and some games/community builders that will help us to enjoy and get to know each other a little better. We close our time together as we began it, with prayer that may be led by someone on the Catechetical team, one of our SMSJ children or teens, or any of our parishioners who would like to. As I said, this gathering is for ALL SMSJ parish family members. This is a great event to attend if you are new to the parish. Allow me to extend a special invitation to YOU to come and get to know our parish family!

Blessings on your week!

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High School Youth Group News

There will be no SMSJYG next week 11/28.) Please have a restful and joyous Thanksgiving weekend. See you on 12/5 where we'll be learning about the Saints (Not the football team from New Orleans!)

Confirmation Preparation News

Our next session will be on 12/12. Students who missed our last session will have the 3rd edition of Gifted With The Spirit mailed to them. Please read through all of it and be prepared to engage in thoughtful discussion. Remember, Jesus went all in for us! Please consider going all in for Him!

God's Abundant Blessings!

John Michailo
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Holy Land Carvings...



...will be at both SMSJ campus' the weekend of Dec. 4 & 5.



Thank you to everyone for the many birthday cards sent to my Mom, Joan Morse. Sincerely, Chris Morse-Laverty



Family Faith Formation Fun Fest...

...held Oct. 31, at the Durand Campus, was a success!

To view photos, click (or copy and paste) on one of the two links below:

<https://stmarystjoseph.org/faith-formation-1>

<https://www.facebook.com/dcnwayne>



KofC Council 12186 needs volunteers to help with final blowing of leaves at the St. Joseph Cemetery on Tuesday, Nov. 23, starting at 3:00pm. (Some of us will be there at 1:00pm.) Bring your leaf blower and rakes. Food and beverages will be provided after, but before dark.



JOIN IN THE YOUTH CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAM!

If you love music and want to spread *extra* Christmas joy, this is for you!! Sign-up sheets are available in our gathering spaces to participate in the Christmas Musical Program before the 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass at Gaines. Practice days and times to be determined.



Please sign up by December 1 and we will give you a call to discuss details.

Advent Reconciliation Service

There will be extended confession time on Friday, Dec. 3, from 6:00pm-7:00pm for confessions at the Gaines location. There will be two priests available for confessions. The reconciliation service is combined with the First Friday Adoration. Adoration is from 2:00pm-7:00pm, with Mass at 7:15pm.

Excerpts from St Sr Maria Faustina (Diary 67)
 "You are not living for yourself but for souls, and other souls will profit from your sufferings. Your prolonged suffering will give them light and strength to accept My will."



Volunteers are needed for **Advent Decorating** at the Gaines location. Decorating will take place at 9:30am on Wed, Nov 24 at Gaines. Decorating will be at Durand on Friday, Nov 26, at noon.



Advent by Candlelight will be held this Sunday, November 21, at 4:00pm at the Durand Campus basement.



Collection information for November 14 will be reported in next weekends bulletin.

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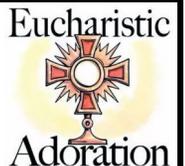
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Special Bulletin Cut off Date: Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, articles for the November 28 bulletin were due by Thursday, November 18 at 10:00am. Articles that weren't received by the deadline will run in the December 5 bulletin. Sorry for any inconvenience.

The December 5 bulletin cutoff is November 29 at 10:00am. Submit to bulletinmj@gmail.com
 If you want to schedule an event utilizing a Parish facility, contact DCN Wayne using email dcnwaynesmsj@gmail.com

First Friday Adoration, & Mass
 Friday, Dec. 3. at the Gaines Campus



Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 2:00-7:00pm with **Mass** at 7:15pm. This First Friday is sponsored by the Gaines KofC 12186 and is open to every member of our community. Please sign up in the gathering space for your hour of adoration. Invite a friend to join you in drawing closer to God through this very special time of prayer.

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Prayer...



...Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. 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.