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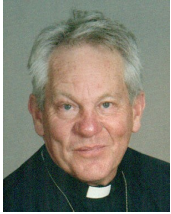
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6th Sunday
of Easter



Ministering to Durand, Gaines & surrounding areas
The Sixth Sunday of Easter - C - May 22, 2022

*From Deacon Wayne's Desk***Jesus Christ is Risen alleluia alleluia!****THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 22, 2022*****Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen looked up intently to heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at His right hand. Acts 7:55***

Due to Ascension Thursday moving to next Sunday, May 29, we have the option of using either the readings for the 6th or 7th Sunday of Easter this weekend. So, we chose the Seventh Sunday of Easter readings for today.

In our first reading, we hear the wonderful faith filled story of the first martyr of the Church, Saint Stephen who also just happens to be a deacon and the patron saint of deacons. In this story, we have St Stephen exhorting the rulers of that day by opening the scriptures as Jesus did for the disciples on the Road to Emmaus, except with a different ending. When St. Stephen finishes his romp through salvation history, he then calls them names, like "stiffed neck people" and "murderers." With this, his audience turns on him to stone him to death.

In the heat of all this, Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, looks up intently to heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at His right hand. And says to the crowd, "Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." The crowd angered refuses to listen and they stone him. But, Stephen has the last words, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he fell to his knees and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them."

Last Monday, May 16, marked the 13th anniversary of the ordination of Deacon Greg and I to the Diaconate. On behalf of Deacon Greg we want to say what a privilege and honor it is to serve you, our whole parish family and our community. We are happy that we haven't angered anyone to the point of stoning us, yet.

Then three years ago, Bishop Boyea asked me if I would accept the responsibility of being our parish administrator. Now, this brought with it many joyful times as well as hardships. This experience has been a true blessing that I wouldn't trade for anything.

The times we find ourselves in requires changes in our church. One of them is that we face the shortage of priests. We are blessed to have Fr. Bill as our sacramental minister and I, like all of you, love and appreciate him. We face times where the structure of the church is changing because of things like the priest shortage. So, here we are at SMSJ with a wonderful priest and two deacons and one who was selected to run the parish as administrator.

This may not be how you would have ever imagined our church being structured, but as I start my fourth year as your administrator, I turn to each of you with great joy knowing that if this is to be the new model of what a parish structure is to look like, then everyone of you have shared in the ongoing successes of our parish family of SMSJ.

We should be convinced as we look back over what we have been through in the last three years (including covid) and realize that through hard work and dedication we will survive/thrive. Together as a parish family, our responsibility is to carry the Good News into our communities, workplaces, and homes. In doing this, we shouldn't be surprised that we will meet resistance, and it may even feel like you are about to be "stoned." Don't focus on that though, focus on being filled with the Holy Spirit just as Stephen when he looked up intently to heaven. We too will see the glory of God and Jesus standing at His right hand.

It is with great joy in my heart that I have a perfect view of watching all of you working together, sharing your faith, and caring for each other here at SMSJ and our community. And in that, I too see the Glory of God and Jesus. Thanks for putting up with me and please keep those stones on the ground!

Christ is Risen! Mary, Seat of Wisdom guide us! St Joseph pray for us!

Dcn. Wayne

Get involved in Faith Formation

God is calling to you, asking you to offer your gift of your time to this wonderful experience of sharing your love for the Catholic Faith through Family Faith Formation. I encourage you to call me, and I will be glad to speak to you about how you, YES YOU, can have the privilege of handing on your faith to others through this ministry.

Dcn Wayne 989-721-0571

St. Mary & St Joseph Parish Liturgy Schedule

Monday, May 23 - No Mass

Acts 16:11-15, Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b, Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday, May 24 - No Mass

Scriptural Rosary Durand - 1:00pm

Acts 16:22-34, Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8, Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday, May 25 - Gaines

No Adoration

Mass - 8:30am - Julie Kay Zuniga by the Family

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

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1, Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14, Jn 16:12-15

Thursday, May 26 - Durand

Mass - 8:30am - Wesley & Delores Combs by Tim Trebtske

Acts 18:1-8, Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, Jn 16:16-20

Friday, May 27 - No Mass

Acts 18:9-18, Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, Jn 16:20-23

Saturday, May 28 - Durand

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

Mass - 5:00pm - Mary Ann Williams by Gloria Carpenter

Acts 18:23-28, Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10, Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday, May 29

Rosary - 8:00am at Gaines

Mass at Gaines - 8:30am - SMSJ Parishioners

Mass at Durand - 11:30am - Stan Guzniczak by Joe & Patty Guzniczak

Acts 1:1-11, Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9, Eph 1:17-23, Lk 24:46-53



There will be a **Memorial Day Mass** at the St Joseph Cemetery, 12300 Baldwin Rd, Gaines, on **Monday, May 30 (Memorial Day) at 10:00am with Fr Bill as celebrant.**

Attention 2022 Graduates!

Our Graduation Mass and lunch will be held on Sunday, June 12 at the 11:30am Mass. Graduates wishing to participate should RSVP to: ymsmsj@gmail.com or contact the parish office by Monday, June 6. We would love to have you be a part of this special Mass. You and your family are also invited to a light lunch immediately following the Mass. For planning purposes, please let us know how many will be attending the lunch when you RSVP. We look forward to celebrating you!



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.

Bruce Lawton, Stacy & Barb Lawson, Debbie Bensinger, Brenda Kimbel, Jan Proulx, Tony Tuczynski.

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.



SMSJ Parish White Elephant Rummage Sale!

12145 Ray Rd., Gaines
(Parish Hall) Starts June 16
thru June 18. 9:00am to

7:00pm each day. NOTE: no clothes this year. Many proceeds are donated from our own Parish & community. All proceeds go to meet the needs of the community! Everything only costs a donation.

Drop off dates & times: Open Sun., June 12 & Mon. June 13 from 10:00am to 3:00pm and Tues., June 14 & Wed. June 15 from 11:00am to 7:00pm. There is a sign up sheet at the Gaines Campus for the 3 day sale.

Take down and cleanup, Mon., June 20 starting at 9:00am until 2:00pm. Stop in anytime to help.

For more info, contact Loretta Clifford at 810-471-0640 or email at LCMarykay2@charter.net

The Sixth Sunday of Easter Prayer



Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honor of the risen Lord, and that what we relieve in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do.

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.

First Communion 2022

Congratulations

Caleb Bison & Zofia Stevens



High School Youth Group News



Thanks for an Awesome first year as Teen Ministry Coordinator! May each of you have a great finish to your school year and a relaxing fun filled, God filled summer vacation. Remember to thank The Lord for all the fun and great times you have. A great way to do this is to make time each week to attend Mass. It's also OK to remind mom and dad of this as their lives can get busy and they can forget. Jesus went all in for us. Please consider going all in for Him!

Confirmation Preparation News

Reminder: Candidates will need 10 hours of church related service as well as 10 hours of community related service. Creating your own service project is a great way to earn your hours! The Gaines Rodeo, the Flint Mission and the Parish Picnic are 3 summer time church related activities! Please feel free to contact me with specific questions.

Abundant Blessings!

John Michailo

High School Youth Group Minister
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This year's Altar Society's Annual Spring Raffle will be the weekend of May 21 & 22.

We truly appreciate all the great talent and look forward to what will be in the raffle this year!

There will be a **Finance Council Meeting** on Tuesday, May 24, at 7:00pm in the Durand gathering space.

Parish Family Faith Formation Closing Celebration is Sunday, May 22, 9:45am to 11:20am in the lower level gathering space at our Durand location. All SMSJ Parishioners are invited to share a hot breakfast, provided by the Alar Society. Enjoy some special presentations and get the kids involved in some fun



games provided by the Mother Teresa Group. Invite others to join in with this intergenerational event! We will be looking for YOU!



Parish Support

COLLECTION INFORMATION FOR MAY 15, 2022

Envelopes for General Fund (mail/drop off)	\$4,772.00
Online donations for Gen Fund 4/8-5/15	\$1,240.00
Total donations General Fund.....	\$6,012.00
One week budgeted amount FY 2022.....	\$5,519.22
Above (Below) budget.....	\$492.88

FISCAL YEAR TO DATE (JULY 1 THRU MAY15, 2022)

General Fund Donations (Env/Mail/Online)	\$255,980.25
Total Budget General Fund 7/1-5/15.....	\$253,884.12
Above (Below) Budget.....	\$2,096.13

Other Collections for May 15, 2022

Outreach.....	\$542.00
Family Faith Formation.....	\$95.00
Good Friday.....	\$20.00
Worldwide Evangelization.....	\$10.00
Easter.....	\$40.00
Ash Wednesday.....	\$20.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$10.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$10.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$10.00
Christmas.....	\$10.00
Home Missions.....	\$20.00
Catholic Relief.....	\$10.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$10.00
Share the Care.....	\$10.00

DSA Week #10: \$35,716.00 pledged - 131.07% of our goal of \$27,249, with 31.75% participation. Thank you. We continue to exceed our goal!

Thank You

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus Council #12186 for the use of your ramp. It made Joe happy to be able to get in and out of the house on his own for longer, and it made it easier for the short time he had to use the wheelchair. Your kindness will not be forgotten. Thank you so much. Karen Lezovich

Sponsor of the Week Hass Vision Center

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 May 29 bulletin article due date is Monday,
May 23 at 10:00am.

Submit to bulletinmj@gmail.com



Facility Usage

If you want to schedule an event utilizing a Parish facility, contact Deacon Wayne using email dcnwaynesmj@gmail.com

June 13-15, 2022



FORGED

An outdoor adventure retreat for young men just finishing 6th, 7th, and 8th grades.

Participants will gain important outdoor skills such as plant identification, how to pitch a tent, start a proper campfire, prepare our own meals, and cook over a fire, and more.

Challenging and entertaining talks will center around the importance of creating genuine friendships between guys, the need for authentic Catholic gentlemen in our society, and how respect for women is a central attribute of a truly Catholic man.

To register go to: <https://form.jotform.com/220234989797069>



Bottles for Right to Life

Don't forget to pick up your baby bottle today on your way out and put your loose coins, cash, or a check in it made payable to: "Flint Right to Life." Please return it on Father's Day, June 19. Your gifts will save unborn babies.

Relationships Matter

Come join us on Sat., May 21 at 6:30pm at our Gaines location for tacos and dessert! Bring Your Dice!



The Gaines KofC Council 12186 have scheduled the Parish Cemetery grass trimming & Veteran grave marker event for Tuesday, May 24, starting at 3:00pm. Rain day Wed. May 25. Please bring your grass trimmers & push mowers. Hot dogs, chips, beverages & cookies will be provided. All parishioners & family members are invited. Please mark your calendar. Thank you, and God Bless!



FaithFest: Saturday, June 25, 2022

St. Francis Retreat Center in Dewitt, MI

Join us for contemporary Christian music all day, plus a beautiful outdoor Mass, Reconciliation & Adoration, activities for the family, and fireworks to close out the evening! Visit www.faithfest.com for more information and tickets.

