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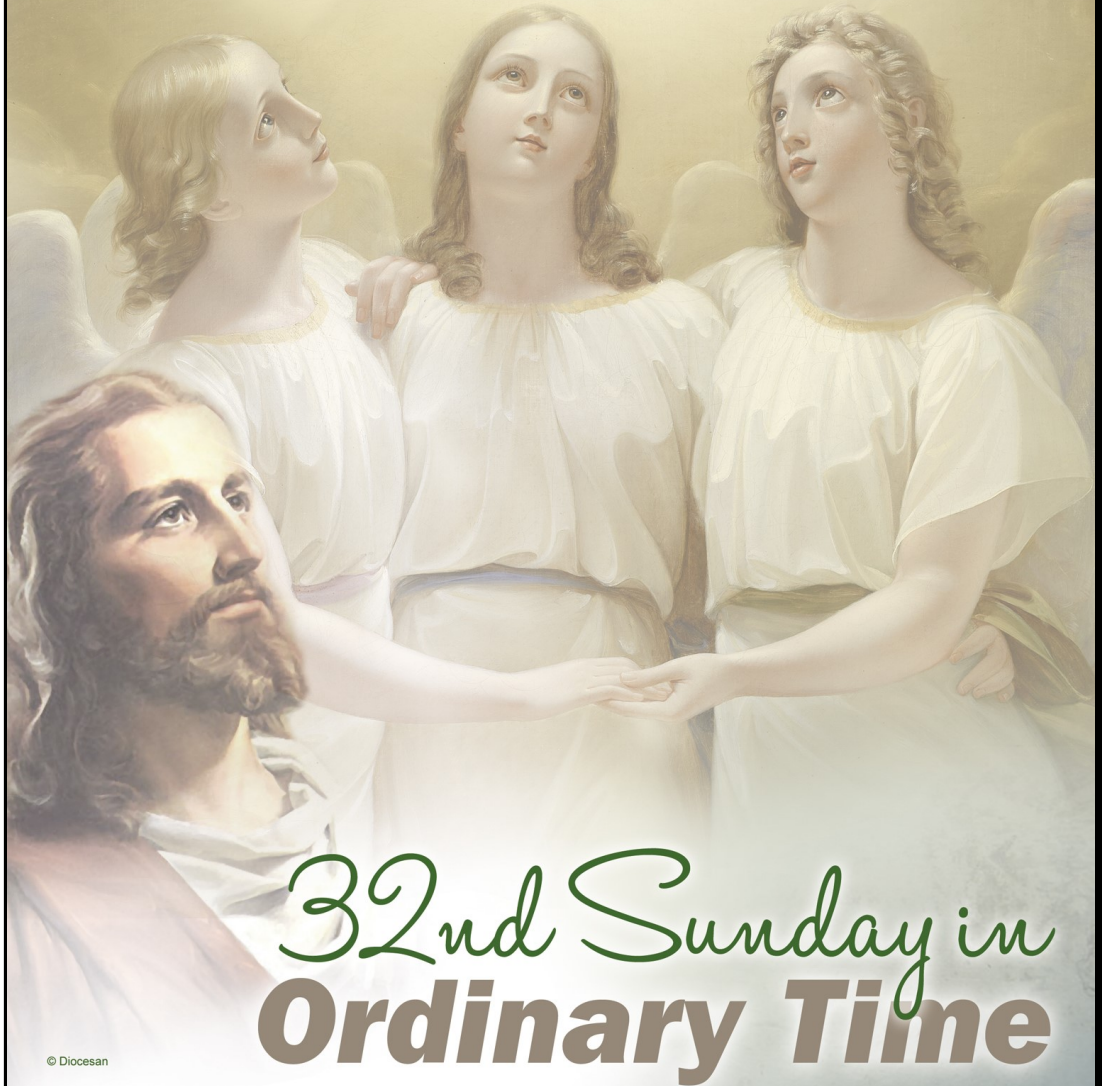
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*"They can no longer die, for they are like angels; and they are the
children of God because they are the ones who will rise."*

Luke 20:36



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Ministering to Durand, Gaines & Surrounding Areas
The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - C - Nov. 6, 2022

From Deacon Wayne's Desk

THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - NOVEMBER 6, 2022

***"It is my choice to die at the hands of men
with the hope God gives of being raised up by him;" 2 Mac 19:5***

We are now in the "end times" of our liturgical year, with only 3 weeks left before we enter the Advent season. Mother Church takes this time/season, where we see the harvest in nature, as our trees lose their leaves and as farmers bring in their crops, we too are reminded that we also experience a season of harvest. Death is part of life. As a mentor of mine used to say, "none of us are getting out of here alive." So, what are we to do with this impending season? What is the Catholic Church trying to teach us here?

Reflecting on our first reading of the widow and her seven sons, who are being offered the option of either rejecting the tenants of their faith or die. This story tells us that the widow's sons and even the widow, choose to stand by their tenants of faith, clinging to the God of Hope and accept death by the hand of their persecutors.

Most of us will never face persecutors asking us to reject our faith or die. Most of us will live a life without ever being threatened with physical death for standing up for our belief in God. Even though this may never happen to us, each of us is faced with the decision of following God's will or rejecting it for the sake of our own comfort. Yes, we face the daily challenge to follow the ways of the world or to follow God's will. If we chose the worldly ways, our faith dies. If we follow God's will, we then experience a death of what we want to do, a death of our trivial comforts, concerns and selfishness by doing what God wants us to do. What God wants more than anything is to understand that we are the most joyful when we follow His will, to go through life doing what we were made to do, love God with everything we have and our neighbor as ourselves.

God provides us with daily opportunities to embrace His will. We need to know that following His lead will resemble a "small death" in giving up what we want to do versus what He wants us to do. Each of these opportunities helps us to understand that through these "daily deaths" we do not have to be afraid of dying. When we embrace these sacrifices, we prepare ourselves for God's will to be done, and we can understand that by dying to ourselves, we are living in Christ. We have no need to fear our eminent death, because we will have practiced "dying" at the opportunities that God presents to us.

Our responsorial psalm today hits the nail on the head. **Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.** His Glory appears every time we follow His will. We know that dying is not the end of the story. For us believers, it is the beginning of the story, the Resurrection. And, when His Glory appears, your Joy will be full.

Dea. Wayne

"I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full." John 15:11



The Altar Society, will be hosting a Bake Sale after the 5:00pm and 11:30am Masses on November 5 & 6 in the Durand Gathering Space. All parishioners are welcome to bake for this fundraiser. Proceeds help pay for the Altar supplies and funeral dinner paper products.



Don't forget to turn your clocks back before bedtime Saturday, November 5. Daylight savings time ends on Sunday, November 6 at 2:00am.

Daylight Saving Time Ends



*"The ends of the earth stand in awe, at the sight of your wonders.
The lands of sunrise and sunset
You fill with your joy." Psalm 63 2*



A Quilt Raffle...

...is being held by the Mother Teresa Group. The drawing will be held during the Advent by Candlelight. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10.



St. Mary & St Joseph Parish Liturgy Schedule

Monday, November 7 - No Mass

Ti 1:1-9; Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday, November 8 - No Mass

Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; PS 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29; Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday, November 9 - Gaines

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

Eucharistic Adoration - 7:20am

Mass - 8:30am - Geneva Katanbafnezhad by Chris & Jennifer Bellows

Community Rosary - Following Mass

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

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; PS 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Thursday, November 10 - Durand

St. Leo the Great

Mass - 8:30am - Vaughn Tubbs and family by Michele

PHMN 7-20; PS 146:7, 8-9A, 9BC-10; LK 17:20-25

Friday, November 11 - No Mass

St. Martin of Tours

2 JN 4-9; PS 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18; LK 17:26-37

Saturday - November 12 - Durand

St. Josaphat

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

Mass - 5:00pm - SMSJ Parishioners

3 JN 5-8; PS 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; LK 18:1-8

Sunday, November 13 (33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Rosary - 8:00am at Gaines

Mass at Gaines - 8:30am - Aaron Ferguson by Ronda Roach

Mass at Durand - 11:30am - Pat Ingram Sr. from the Ingram family

Mal 3:19-20a; Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19

Fallen/Risen Knights Mass 2022



Mass will be celebrated in honor of the fallen/risen Knights for Councils 7955 (Durand) and 12186 (Gaines) at our Durand campus on Saturday, November 12, 5:00pm. Refreshments and fellowship will follow in the basement.



Congratulations

Please congratulate our RCIA Candidates and Catechumens that received the Rite of Welcoming at the Saturday night Mass this weekend. Please pray for them and their Sponsors as they continue their Journey of Faith.

Tanner Shay – Sponsors Julie Mulnix and Mollie Shay

Dean Smith – Sponsor Gabrielle Smith

Kristin Bartes – Sponsor Andy Bartes

Soncee Fennell – Sponsor Cody Cathcart

Lisa Swansey – Sponsors Alice Masalink and Mary DeMott 3

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.

Anne Bartes, Fr. Bill Wegher, Sandy Williams, Chad Rip, Tina Wittels, 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 the church. SMSJ-Durand office 1-855-288-6704 or the SMSJ-Gaines 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.



The Gaines KofC Council 12186 have scheduled the annual parish cemetery leaf pick up session for **Sun., Nov. 6, starting after the 8:30am Mass.** Please bring your rakes, blowers and large tarps to help move the leaves to the SE corner of the cemetery. Hot dogs, chips, beverages & cookies will be provided at approximately 4:00pm. All parishioners & family members are invited.



Please mark your calendar. Bring a chair for rest and fellowship.. Thank you, and God Bless!



Relationships Matter

All relationships are important! Our relationships with others bring us closer to our relationship with God and getting together is FUN!

Our next gathering will be Bingo and Taco's!!

If you have never played it, it's simple and easy to learn!

Come join us on **November 19th at 6:30pm at our Gaines Gathering Space**



Sign up for anything that goes on a Taco, or dessert. Sign up sheets are in the gathering spaces at each campus.



Knights of Columbus

Gaines Council 12186

Knight of the Month for October 2022

SK Doug Perry

Family of the Month for October 2022

SK Doug and Lady Kathy Perry



Adult Faith Opportunity. Join us November 6 at 10:00am. We will explore:

The Communion of Saints as the Key to the Holy Eucharist. In one short hour, you can deepen your relationship with our loving father and grow your understanding of how the Communion of Saints is an integral part of our sacrifice of the Mass.

Everyone is welcomed and encouraged to attend.

If you have any questions, please feel free to approach me in person, or call 855-288-6704 ext. 7006, or email: rciasmsj@gmail.com

Sandy Corrión
Director of Adult/RCIA Formation

High School Youth Group News

Join us this Sunday, Nov. 6 to learn what the church teaches about.... I guess you'll have to come in order to find out!! Next Sunday, Nov. 13, we will be discussing YG holiday service activities.

In case you haven't heard, the Outpouring Retreat has been rescheduled to January 27 - 29. Please contact me if you would still like to attend. We currently have 14 attending but there's room for more!!

Remember, Jesus went all in for us. Please consider going all in for Him!



Join us on Remind.



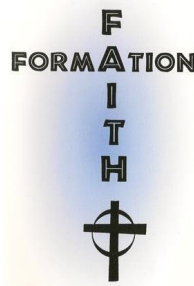
Join us on Bookface.

Confirmation Preparation News

CP1 will meet next Sunday, Nov. 13 at 10:00am. Please read through Gifted With The Spirit issue #2 about Covenants. Also, please bring it to class with you! As you read, understand why God has been longing to have us be in full union with Him from the Beginning of Creation. Be prepared to discuss what covenants are. What covenants did God make with us? What is our role in each covenant? All of you are registered for the Outpouring Retreat on January 27-29. Woo Hoo! As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Abundant Blessings!

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

Our Trunk or Treat event was a success! Thank you to everyone that participated by decorating your cars. We had 17 participants! And, thank you to everyone that helped set things up and tear down, and of course, for the parents and kids that came in costumes and looked fantastic! We had some great costumes, from a really scary mask, to an Encanto character and cute fairies and mermaids! Tanner Shay won the car decorating contest with his ninja turtle car! The trophy is going to be a traveling one and will go home next year with the new winner.

We had bobbing for apples, with the apples being donated by Ball Orchard, cider and donuts, a donut eating competition that was really funny to watch, a bean bag toss, and a pumpkin punch game with more candy! I can't wait until next year and see how much we can grow! Thank you to everyone for making this year a great success!

Mollie Shay, Pre K-7th Grade,
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Heartbeat of Greater Flint Volunteer Opportunity

Heartbeat of Greater Flint is looking for volunteers at its pregnancy and family center. Responsibilities include; sorting donations, packing newborn baby layettes, greeting clients and occasionally answering the phone. Right now volunteers are needed Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from 10:00am to 3:00pm. You can volunteer once a week or month as fits your schedule. Must be 18 years or older. Please contact Jim Lusty, Heartbeat director, for more information at 810-618-2889 or email him at lynmarie15@juno.com.



Working Hands Ministry

We meet in the Fr Hay Education building every other Wednesday evening (6:30pm) & Thursday afternoon (1:00pm). For information, please call Tammy at 989-445-0500

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Parish Support

COLLECTION INFORMATION FOR OCT. 30, 2022

Envelopes for General Fund (mail/drop off)	\$6,173.35
Online donations for Gen Fund 10/24-10/30	\$1,186.00
Total donations General Fund.....	\$7,359.35
One week budgeted amount FY 2023.....	\$6,133.17
Above (Below) budget.....	\$1,226.18

FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

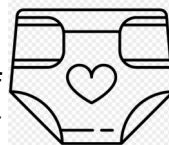
(JULY 1 THRU OCTOBER 30, 2022)

General Fund Donations (Env/Mail/Online)	\$101,295.04
Total Budget General Fund 7/1-10/30.....	\$110,397.12
Above (Below) Budget.....	(\$9,102.08)

Other Collections for Oct. 30, 2022

Outreach.....	\$102.00
Faith Formation.....	\$20.00
World Mission.....	\$20.00
Assumption.....	\$5.00
All Saints.....	\$55.00

The Altar Society has an ongoing collection for baby goods that are donated to Catholic Charities of Shiawassee County. If you have, or



would like to donate any size 4, 5 and 6 diapers, or any children's winter clothes, please place them in the Pak 'n' Play in the gathering space at the Durand Campus.



St. Francis Retreat upcoming events list:



•**Women's Retreat - Rescue and Response:** Nov. 11-13, 2022

•**Cultivating Joy - Prayer in Motion Retreat:** Nov. 12, 2022, 9:30am-3:00pm

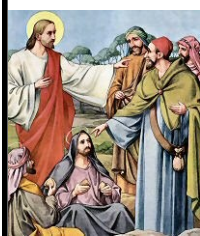
•**The Interior Life: One Day Seminar with Sheri Wohlfert:** Nov. 17, 8:30am-4:00pm

•**Women's Contemplative Retreat:** Nov. 18-20, 2022

More information and registration for any of these events can be found at www.stfrancis.ws or call 517-669-8321. Facebook: @stfrancisdewitt.ws

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Prayer

Almighty and merciful God, graciously keep from us all adversity, so that, unhindered in mind and body alike, we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are yours. 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.



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Please Pray for them this week.



Heavenly Father, we give you thanks and praise for your Son, Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit to inspire holy, faithful men to minister as priests. Lord, we pray for your grace to encourage and support our seminarians as they endeavor to become priests. We ask this through Christ our

Lord. Amen

**Diocese of Lansing Seminarian
Brett Ivey, St. Mary, Williamston**



Heavenly Father, we give you thanks and praise for your Son, Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit to inspire holy faithful women to become Brides of Christ and serve your people. Lord, we pray that your grace and love be enough for this woman in discernment of consecrated life.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

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