

DIRECTORY

OF

MINISTRIES

St. Mary's Church
Durand, Michigan

“My brothers, what good is it to profess faith without practicing it? Such faith has no power to save one, has it? If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and no food for the day, and you say to them, ‘Good-bye and good luck! Keep warm and well fed,’ but do not meet their bodily needs, what good is that? So it is with the faith that does nothing in practice. It is thoroughly lifeless. To such a person one might say, ‘you have faith and I have works – is that it?’ Show me your faith without works, and I will show you the faith that underlies my works!”

James 2:14-18

MINISTRIES OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH
Durand, Michigan

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ALTAR SOCIETY

The Altar Society consists of all women in the Parish. The parish is divided into four districts, with a specific chairperson for each district.

The ladies of the Altar Society clean the sanctuary and sacristies twice per month, launder and press altar linens and all other linens required for Mass.

In addition, they administer funeral dinners, and put on dinners for other ministries upon request.

Because they incur the costs of hosts, laundry of altar linens, cleaning supplies for the altar, sanctuary, sacristies, and kitchen, along with all paper products, utensils, coffee and coffee pots, and host the annual Harvest Dinner and raffle, as well as an annual bake sale to raise funds to support the ministry.

They also contribute some of their funds to the following:

CCD

St. Vincent de Paul

Youth Group

Loaves and Fishes

St. Mary Masses

**Durand Convalescent Center for residence birthdays and
Holidays**

The Society conducts regular meetings and sometimes has interesting speakers and fun activities for their members.

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ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY

The Altar Server Ministry consists of boys and girls who volunteer to be trained to assist the priest and deacon during the celebrations of the Liturgies of the Church.

As specified in the Roman Sacramentary, they have a specific and vital role in the celebration of Mass, as well as the other liturgies of the Church.

Coordinator: Paul Whitman 989-277-0678

ANNULMENT MINISTRY

The Annulment Ministry is a caring, compassionate, strictly confidential ministry provided to any parishioner wishing to seek an annulment of a marriage from the Catholic Church.

The individuals involved in this ministry are trained to assist a person, or persons, in the process of petitioning the Marriage Tribunals of the Church in acquiring an annulment. These ministers are called Procurator-Advocates. These advocates are the clergy of the parish and/or a trained lay person who has been delegated to the task by the pastor.

The Procurator-Advocate guides and assists the petitioner in ensuring that all documentation required by the tribunal is accurate, up to date and clear as to why the marriage in question should be annulled before submitting it to the tribunal.

On occasion, this may require the advocate to contact one of the lawyers or judges at the tribunal for information or clarification, or, in a rare instance appearing before the tribunal on behalf of the petitioner.

Referrals to the Procure-Advocate(s), usually come from the parish office or the RCIA, but may be facilitated by any other ministry in the parish.

**Procurator-Advocate: Mr. Jack Drenovsky 989-288-6704
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BAPTISM MINISTRY

As the first Sacrament of the Church, this ministry, unlike RCIA, is directed at parents and godparents wishing to have infants or toddlers Baptized into the Church. A class is conducted to explain the duties of the parents and godparents regarding the sanctity of the sacrament and the responsibility they have in bringing the children up in the practice of the faith.

The facilitator of this ministry also explains the rite of Baptism as it is administered by the clergy of the parish.

The head of this ministry is:

Lori Grumley 989-621-3563

BeFriender Ministry

A ministry of Christian charity and compassion, the BeFriender Ministers meet with individuals who have experienced a loss and need someone to listen to their story. BeFrienders are non-judgmental, caring listeners, whose confidentiality is one of the key components of their ministry.

Contact: Irene Sedlak: 989-288-6396

CONVALESCENT CENTER **MINISTRY**

This wonderful ministry enables the Catholic residents of the Durand Convalescent Center to receive Holy Communion at a Scripture Service especially for them at the Center on a weekly basis.

In addition to setting up an altar, they escort each resident to the dining room where the service is held, have a little sharing with them after the service, and return them to the rooms when all is done.

In addition, they keep up to date with any new Catholic admissions, to ensure that they have the opportunity to attend and receive Holy Communion. If a resident is bed ridden and unable to attend, they ensure that Communion is brought to them in their room.

If a priest or deacon is unavailable for the Communion Service, lay ministers, delegated by the pastor conduct the Service.

Chair Person: Kathy Hutchinson 989-288-6457
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EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF **THE EUCHARIST**

This lay ministry is another example of the priesthood of all the baptized who participate, when there is an insufficient number of clergy for the distribution of Communion to the faithful. This group of men and women are chosen by the pastor to assist the clergy in the distribution of the Holy Eucharist during the celebration of all the weekend Masses.

Chairperson: Greg Middleton 989-288-2054
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HEALTH RESOURCE MINISTRY

Purpose: To promote health among members of this faith community.

This Ministry provides the following services:

- 1. Provide blood screenings after all masses one weekend a month, and make follow-up calls to individuals with elevated readings.**
- 2. Counsel individuals briefly about their health concerns.**
- 3. Maintain an automatic external defibrillator (AED) within the church building.**
- 4. Arrange for cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR/AED) training of interested persons.**
- 5. Coordinate bimonthly blood drives at St. Mary by the American Red Cross.**
- 6. Organize the Holiday Service of Hope and Healing, which is done during November, in conjunction with other ministries.**
- 7. Invite speakers to present information about various health related topics.**

Co-Leaders:

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Other Members:

Various health professions are represented, including, but not limited to, registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, pharmacists, a social worker, a physical therapy assistant, and a phlebotomist. All volunteers are welcome to join this ministry.

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal order of Catholic men, who meet both socially and seriously to promote and strengthen their faith, and that of others, through good works and assisting charitable causes to numerous to mention here.

They do many things to assist the pastor of the parish in his many worthwhile endeavors for the good of the parish.

Grand Knight: Ed Folsom 810-630-2075

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MINISTRY OF LECTOR

The Lay Ministry of Lector was instituted by the Church because all members of the Liturgical Celebration of the Eucharist participate in the offering to the Father at each Mass, with all members being represented but in different capacities and duties. The priest, deacon, lector, choir, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, altar servers, and gift bearers, along with the whole assembly contributing to the glory of God.

The lector proclaims the scripture readings, other than the Gospel, as the word of God speaking to his people. As such, the lector should speak the Word of God clearly. In order to do this properly, the reader should be familiar with the current scripture.

Since the duty of the Lector is an integral part of the Liturgy of the Word, they are chosen and trained carefully.

Coordinator: Wendy Overley 810-266-4788
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Liturgy Commission

The Liturgy Commission was created to bring a sense of season and celebration to our parish worship. Through visual elements, music and decoration our mission is to engage the believer and those seeking to believe in a meaningful and spiritual experience.

Chairperson: Doyle 989-288-2032
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MINISTRY OF CARE

The Ministry of Care is one of the great Beatitudes Christ gave in the Sermon on the Mount, “...when I was sick you visited me, whatever you did to the least of my brethren, you did unto me.”

The minister of care visit on a regular basis with persons who are ill or shut in, share prayer, and Eucharist. They not only bring Christ in person, but in their presence, they demonstrate his compassion and love.

Coordinator: Irene Sedlak 989-288-6396

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Sacred Music is an essential part of any liturgy of the Church since it joins all members of the assembly in joyfully singing their praise and adoration to God.

In addition to the weekend Masses, the music ministry also exercises their ministry at funerals, weddings and other special liturgies upon request.

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MINISTRY OF SACRISTAN

This ministry consists of individuals chosen by the pastor to assist the clergy with all the articles and sacred vessels necessary for the liturgies celebrated in the parish.

The sacristan ensures that the wine, water, linens and sufficient hosts are ready and in place before the beginning of the liturgy, they also ensure that the microphones are on and in working order.

They wash the sacred vessels and put them in their proper place after each liturgy.

They assist the clergy with whatever is needed for the liturgies of the parish.

Coordinator: Greg Middleton 989-288-2054
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PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council is an advisory group of people selected by the pastor to advise and assist him in administering the present and future needs of the parish for the good of all members of the parish.

The council meets on a monthly basis to address the pressing needs of the ever growing community of St. Mary's Parish.

Chairman: Rick Marsich 989-288-5600

PROTECT GOD'S CHILDREN

This ministry is responsible for training all adults in parish ministries with regard to child abuse in any of its forms. Mandatory classes are conducted of state laws and diocesan policies and procedures relating to all aspects of child abuse, especially of a sexual nature.

The facilitator of this ministry attends all updated training provided by the diocese, and is required to ensure that all adults involved with children are registered with the diocese and kept up to date.

The facilitator is also responsible to keep the pastor up to date on everyone involved and any changes to the program as they occur.

The facilitator also makes a presentation to the children in CCD and their parents on the Touching Safety Program.

Facilitator: Robin Doyle 989-288-6898
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MINISTRY **(CCD)**

Since the future of the Church is the children, the education in the faith is critical to the life of the faithful as well as the salvation of their souls.

Instructions on the Commandments, dogmas of the Church, the sacraments, Sacred Scripture, attendance at Mass, spirituality and the necessity for the practice of the faith are essential ingredients in the religious education program of the parish.

Qualified instructors and educational materials relevant to each grade level are provided to this end.

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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION **FOR ADULTS (RCIA)**

RCIA is for and about people's relationship with God; it is a sacramental process of conversion whereby the Catholic Church initiates those adults who wish to become Catholic into the Church. The RCIA process is also adapted for children age eight (8) and above who are in need of catechesis before also seeking admission into the family of Christ.

RCIA is a process done in four basic steps. Between each, the community celebrates the closure of one and moves the candidate into the next step. Throughout, the person looks at aspects of the Catholic religion and examines their own faith life. By way of prayer, the study of scripture, and the teachings of the Catholic Church, they choose to proceed. In the Lenten season they join in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in preparation for their initiation into the Catholic faith at the Easter Vigil. This is followed by a year of deepening their Christian experience with occasional gatherings and by fully participating in the life of the faith community.

Each year we gather a team of faith, prayer and sacramental sponsors who walk together with those who wish to join us. No one takes this journey alone. In the St. Mary RCIA program, we become a caring small community through sharing the events of our lives, creative presentation and joyful celebrations in preparation for joining and sharing our gifts with the larger church community. This also includes breaking bread, sharing cookies and drinking coffee together.

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ST MARY'S ROSARY GROUP

This ministry consists of a group of men and women who meet in the church every Tuesday from 1:30 to 2:30 to pray the Rosary. Since prayer is so powerful, these individuals pray for all in the parish who are ill, homebound, or in the convalescent center. They also pray for other special intentions. They serve a vital role in the life of the parish.

Chairperson: Margaret Zick 989-288-4455
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ST MARY'S SENIOR GROUP

The Seniors Group schedules four lunches each year with speakers who are knowledgeable about senior concerns.

The seniors set up and serve refreshments for all the special Lenten services.

The seniors also organize overnight bus trips to casinos for fun and enjoyment.

Providing activities and enjoyment for the seniors of the parish is a worthy ministry for any parish to support.

**Chairpersons: Bob & Ellie Tillson
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ST MARY'S 5% SOLUTION **COMMISSION**

The mission of this commission is to identify people in our community or in the world community who are in need of assistance, and do our best to help them meet those needs.

The commission is a charitable ministry at St. Mary's that promotes awareness of hardship suffering of people in our local community and in the world at large. Parishioners are encouraged to offer suggestions and ideas for worthy charitable organizations, special needs or projects that are in need of support.

5% of the collection on the last week of every month is designated to be given to a charitable cause. To facilitate this disbursement, the committee reviews all suggestions on a monthly basis in order to choose a recipient.

Chairman: Tom Adams 810-266-6910
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ST. VINCENT De PAUL SOCIETY

The St. Vincent de Paul Society was founded in France in the 19th century to provide for the materiel needs of the poor. The Society at St. Mary's Parish serves the areas of Durand, Vernon, Byron, Bancroft, Gaines, and Lennon.

Among the many services they provide to the needy in the area is financially aid with utility shut offs, evictions, rent, prescriptions, medical transportation, food, clothing, furniture, etc.

Many times they work with other agencies to help when a client's debt is beyond the Societies means.

They may also assist a client by referring them to other agencies to meet special needs.

The main source of income for St. Vincent comes from the monthly St. Vincent de Paul collection.

President: Joe Lezovich 989-288-9081

USHER MINISTRY

The men and women of this ministry are responsible for seating the faithful and, if you will, responsible for human traffic control during Mass. They facilitate the smooth flow of the faithful during the reception of Holy Communion.

The ushers also take up the collection and select the gift bearers for the Offertory procession.

Rick Marsich 989-288-5600

Working Hands Ministry

The ministry knits, crochets, and quilts shawls and laprobes while praying for the recipient. When we come together, we work on our pieces, bless them and the person they are meant for. We have given away over 200 shawls/laprobes in the last 2+ years, and we are having a giveaway open to the parish on Mother's Day weekend because we currently have an excess of shawls/laprobes on hand and we will not be meeting during the summer.

There are about 10 women who consistently come to the gatherings every 2 weeks in the RCIA room of the Ed building from 1-2:30 pm on Thursdays.

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