

Pastoral Director: Nancy Woodcock
 Sacramental Minister: April 25 & 26 Fr. Len Sudlik
 Sacramental Minister: May 2 & 3 Fr. Lou Anderson
 Confession: SM: Saturday – 3:00 - 3:30 p.m.
 SJB: Sunday – 8:00 - 8:45 a.m.

Please keep those who are serving our country in your prayers! Tech. Army Special Forces Blaine Woodman, Spencer Harwood, David Black, Sgt. Hunter Williams, & SSG Curtis Jason; SGT Spencer Malek; Isaac Fahey (Navy); Isaac Eves (Army); PFC Josh Billings

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday— 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Tuesday & Thursday – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 Wednesday – closed
 Friday: 9:00-3:00 p.m. or any day by appointment

If you have any questions, need to plan a funeral, prepare for Baptism or Marriage, or an Annulment, etc., please contact Nancy at:

Parish office: 989-584-6044 (with answering machine)

Nancy's home: (989-762-5320); Cell: (989-287-0089)

Church e-mail: secretary@smsjbparish.com

Nancy's email: nwoodcock@smsjbparish.com

Website: <http://stmarystjohn.net/>

Appointments are available evenings & weekends.

The parish office address is: 404 N. Division St., Carson City, MI 48811. Feel free to contact us.

FACEBOOK: St. Mary/St. John the Baptist Parishes

The deadline for bulletin information is noon on Monday.

T-Coil is available in both churches.

AED Units are in both Parish Halls & Churches.

SATURDAY – April 25, 2026 – 4th Sunday of Easter

SM – 4:00 p.m. – Jim Beck (7th Anniv.) by Lilly Beck; Jack Jolls by Allen & Janet Kelly; Ken Kelly by Randy & Julie Smith

SUNDAY – April 26, 2026 – 4th Sunday of Easter

SJB – 9:00 a.m. – Helen Stoddard by Chuck & Connie Malek; Sara Jean Fletcher (32nd Anniv.) by Gary & Bernadette Fletcher; Dave & Tonya & Family; Corrine & Family; Dawn & Gary & Family Vicki Dailey by Agnes Cusack; Ron Jackson by Barb Jackson; Rita Huhn by Bob Huhn & Family; Leo McMillan by Jack McMillan

SUNDAY – April 26, 2026 – 4th Sunday of Easter

SM – 11:00 a.m. - Jim Beck by Family

TUESDAY– April 28, 2026 – SJB Rosary & Noon Prayer

FRIDAY- May 1, 2026 – SM Noon Prayer

SATURDAY- May 2, 2026 – 5th Sunday of Easter

SM – 4:00 p.m. – Janet Burns (6th Anniv.) by Pat Burns; Connie (McCrackin) Sacks by Allen & Janet Kelly; Norma Fitzpatrick by Agnes Schneider & Family

SUNDAY – May 3, 2026 – 5th Sunday of Easter

SJB– 9:00 a.m. – Gene Schafer by Mary Satterlee & Diane Peiffer; Barry Christiansen, Sr. by: Kelly Peiffer; Matt & Ann Couzzins, Pat Couzzins, & Sue Couzzins by Family

SUNDAY May 3, 2026 – 5th Sunday of Easter

SM – 11:00 a.m. – John Simmon by Joan McKenna; Norma & Tommy Fitzpatrick by Jerry & Connie Blount

May 2, 2026 – Sat. 4:00 p.m. SM

Lector: Gary Copp
 Ushers: 22
 Greeters: Volunteer
 OMHC: Cheryl Miller, Deb McCrackin, Margaret Lauer
 Altar Servers: Volunteers
 Musicians: Mike & Choir

May 3, 2026– Sun. 9:00 a.m. SJB

Lector: Shannon Heckman
 Ushers: Team 12
 Greeters: Tom & Stephanie Dailey
 OMHC: Beth O'Grady, Ed Heckman, Vol.
 Altar Servers: Volunteer
 Musicians: Brian & Group

May 3, 2026– Sun. 11:00 a.m. SM

Lector: Kim Brown
 Ushers: Team 21
 Greeters: Yvonne Snyder
 OMHC: Marty Riker, Dan Schneider, Roberta Jensen
 Altar Servers: Nieve Jensen, Ellie Patin, Preston Reed (Shadow Server)
 Musicians: Brian & Group

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS!!!

They can be mailed to:

404 N. Division St.

Carson City, MI 48811

For either parish or use the Online information to give electronically.

Money Counters for May: Pat Campbell, Linda Tasker

Live – Streaming can be found at www.YouTube.com, click on the search icon and look for St Mary-St John the Baptist (do not use any punctuation); the video should be running just before 11:00 a.m. Mass will be available on the St. Mary/St. John the Baptist Facebook page within 30 minutes after the Mass. Volunteers NEEDED!

PRAY FOR WORLD PEACE!

Please call the Parish Office (989) 584-6044 if you are interested in having your baby or child baptized. Baptisms can be held during Mass.

First Reading: Acts 2: 14a, 36-41

In the First Reading, Peter encourages the crowd to save their souls through repentance, baptism, and reception of the holy spirit.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20b-25

In Peter's Letter, he points to Jesus' patience in suffering as an example for us.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Gordon Gladden, Deb O'Neil, John Myers, Fr. Tony Vainavicz, Marley Ward, Jack Fahey, Tony Shepard, Bill Gage, Phyllis Gage, Donna Schumacher, Linda Tasker (Bruce's wife), Daniel O'Connell, Sue Faver, Erin Cavanaugh, Tanner Schrauben, LaVern Wyer, Bob Pouget, Genevieve McGuire, Kyran Breimayer, Neil Speckin, Janice McKenna-Reynolds, Dennis Trudell, Sr., Sierra Rose Cordova, Leigh Ann Harwood, Jack Kapral, Sam Burns, Flora Horwath, Mike Riley, Judy Miller, Harry Sanborn, Michelle Van Arman, Mary Pouget, Denny Vander, Debbie Osborne, Ann Darland, Mason Burns, Carmen Richardson, John Shively, Rosemary (O'Connell) Davarn, Jim Schultz, Agnes McKenna, Jen Schafer, Fred Peiffer, Sue Findlay, Gary DeVito, Aiden Thurston, Judy Sheaffer, Deb Rockey, Shane Clark, Carol Silakes, Sherry Hopkins, Douglas Werner, Larry Elliott, Ted Kingsley; Camilla Hogan, Troy Genson, Mary Lou Tucker Andrews, Peg Clark, Petra Medrano, Helen Tait, Alberta Gage, Deb Coon, Jim Barker, Fr. Doug Osborn, Russell Waite, Sam Riley, Hazel Gallagher, Edie Rudd, Fr. Jim Wyse, Brenda Demenov, Libby & Jordan Lehnen, Judy Schlegel, Bonnie Harter, Alicia Smith, Nancy Fenn, Peg Clark, Darrel Ferris, John Ford, Alayne Howard, Sharon Schafer, Lavern Jacobs, Phil Fletcher, Anita Heppard, Lucas Wandell, & Stephanie Beedy Keiffer

If you are better – please call the Office and ask to have your name taken OFF the Prayer List. (989- 584-6044)

St. John the Baptist Chairpersons for May/June

Kathy McMillan (517- 290-8854); Barb Jackson (989-981-6610); Kelly Peiffer (989-763-8470)

St. Mary Chairpersons for May/June

Linda Tasker (989-235-3885); Elaine Earls (517-303-9503)

Changed YOUR e-mail address? PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE and give us YOUR NEW e-mail address!!!

COMING EVENTS			
SM	Apr 25	Mass	4:00 p.m.
SJB	Apr 26	Mass	9:00 a.m.
SM	Apr 26	Mass – Live-Streamed	11:00 a.m.
SM	Apr 26	Religious Education K-12	Noon-3:00
SM	Apr 26	Easter Egg Hunts Toddlers – Grade 12	2:30-3:00
SJB	Apr 27	SJB Finance Council	2:00
SM	Apr 28	Over 50's Group	12:30
SM/SJB	Apr. 30	Graduating Senior Scholarships due	By 4:00
SM	May 2	Mass	4:00
SJB	May 2	Mass	9:00
SM	May 3	First Holy Communion	11:00 a.m.
SM	May 4	K. of C. Meeting	6:00

APRIL & MAY BIRTHDAYS:

- Jerry Blount – April 1**
- Doreen Warder – April 9**
- Edie Rudd – April 23**
- Joanne Pinkney – May 3**
- Gary Copp – May 5**
- Helen Tait – May 8**
- Charlie Tabor – May 19**
- Bud Datema – May 23**
- Pat Burns – May 29**

May your special day be filled with God's JOY!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Interested in being a Knight or needing a ramp for your home? Contact Grand Knight Perry McCrackin at 989-506-8044. Want clear concise news from a Catholic perspective? Watch EWTN – 370 Direct TV; -Dish or Family Life Radio 99.7FM.

**Adoption-Loving Option -1-616-667-0677
Pregnant? 1-800-712-HELP**

Nationally, the Knights of Columbus have contributed over \$100 million to more than 125,000 men & women pursuing their vocations to the priesthood or religious life.

NOTES FROM NANCY:

Today we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Easter. Peter takes on the leadership that he was called to serve.

In John’s Gospel, we hear that the sheep will only come to the voice of the Shepherd – not to any other voice.

Jesus has been trying to lead the people to follow him and finally they are starting to understand. The Gospel

Acclamation says it all: “I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.”

Hopefully, we are willing to lead our family and friends towards the Lord.

How can we guide others towards Jesus? Take time to pray...



Sincere thanks to:

- The “elf” who made the beautiful First Communion Cards – **how lovely!**
- The “elves” who replaced the light bulb in the entry way at SJB – **thanks - we now have light!**
- The “elf” who cleaned the grounds of both parishes & cemeteries – **how nice everything looks!**
- The “elves” who filled the Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt – **you will make many children happy!**
- The “elves” who changed the battery on the surveillance cameras-**now the premises can be covered.**
- The “elf” who replaced outside light bulbs & replaced a plug – **thanks!**

Religious Education Class for the 2025-26 will be held on April 26th. Religious Education will be held as usual from Noon-2:30. At 2:30 the students, along with toddlers, pre-kindergarten & anyone else that wants to attend, will gather in the Hall. COME ONE, COME ALL & ENJOY THE EASTER EGG HUNT!

St. John the Baptist Parish April 19, 2080	
Adult Envelopes: (31)	\$1,306.80
Sunday Loose:	126.72
Flowers:	40.00
Tithe:	<u>14.48</u>
Total:	\$1,488.00
Online Giving: March (12)	622.25
Fees:	-54.48

St. Mary Parish April 18 & 19, 2026	
Adult Envelopes: (41)	\$ 1,500.00
Sunday Loose:	364.00
Total:	\$ 1,864.00
Online Giving: March (18)	1,796.00
Fees:	-69.16

Mass Intentions, Parish Envelope donations, donations to collections for Missions, etc. need separate checks as they are deposited into different accounts. Thank you for your willingness and cooperation.

ONLINE GIVING FROM THE WEB PAGE

Select: The Parish you wish to donate to. Each parish has its own Online Giving Page. Click on Sign in, Enter your e-mail (your e-mail will be your User ID). Click below on “Don’t have an account? Create One” Enter your Login Information and remember your password. Now you will be able to login & submit your information. You can set up recurring donations - weekly or monthly. You can also give one-time gifts as well.

GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS – the DEADLINE for returning applications is: APRIL 30th

COLLEGE STUDENTS: the DEADLINE for returning applications is: May 15th PLEASE meet the DEADLINES!!!

CSA 2026 ASSESSMENTS

St. Mary Parish	\$36,771.00
Week One:	3,750.00
Week Two:	2,000.00
Week Three:	3,500.00
Week Four:	250.00
Week Five:	1,150.00
Week Six:	3,900.00
Balance:	\$22,221.00

St. John the Baptist	\$23,932.00
Week One:	2,600.00
Week Two:	1,630.00
Week Three:	1,900.00
Week Four:	2,150.00
Week Five:	400.00
Week Six:	800.00
Balance:	\$14,452.00

Your generosity towards CSA ‘26 will allow us to demonstrate OUR viability for EACH parish. PLEASE give!

Our CSA donations are running behind – PLEASE take time to reflect on what YOU can give to help us meet the goals!

PLEASE NOTE: The credit card fees for Online Giving have doubled to \$30.00/month/parish plus transaction fees
Suggestions for Credit Card USERS
1. Give an extra \$1.00 to help with increase.
2. Give monthly instead of weekly to save on transaction fees.

Volunteers are the backbone of BOTH Parishes – funeral dinners, packing eggs, decorating the churches, the list goes on. THANKS!

OUR DIOCESE AND BEYOND: PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:

O God, hear our prayer and let our cry come unto You. Bless the Diocese of Grand Rapids with many vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. Give your sons and daughters the confidence to accept Your call, and the love to follow always in the footsteps of Your beloved Son with courage and dedication to your will. Seminarian of the week: **Seminarian of the week: Isaac A. Schneider**

Hubbardston Masonic Lodge’s Chicken Dinner will be held on Saturday, May 2nd from 4:00 - 6:00 pm. Take out is available. Cost is: \$15.00 – Adults; \$7.00 for ages 6-12; children 5 and under are free for eat-in meals. All take-outs are \$15.00. This is the last Chicken Dinner until Fall. Come & enjoy a DELICIOUS Meal!

Save the date for St. Joseph Pewamo Parish Picnic on Sunday, June 8th! There will be a Parade at 11:30 a.m. to kick off the event followed by games, great food, & more events!

Is God calling you to consider the Permanent Diaconate? Has the Vocation Prayer moved you to question if God is calling you to become a Deacon? **The Office of Diaconate Formation invites men with interest or questions about discernment to “Discerning the Diaconate” on Monday, May 4 or Monday, Sept. 14 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Cathedral Square. To learn more contact Deacon Jerry Roersma at 616-288-0913.**

*"It was not you who chose me but I who chose you."
(Jn 15:16-17)*

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Share your Input!



We are seeking your input on our Holy Hour for Vocations. In order to enable and encourage more people to join us in praying the Holy Hour for Vocations. Please share your opinion using the QR above. Responses must be received no later than Monday, April 27.

Extend the joy of Easter Sunday

The death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ transformed the world, and the effects continue to shape our lives today. Try these ideas to extend the joy of Easter in your home.

Joy: The Risen Christ is the source of our joy. Mark that joy in tangible ways: set the table with care, add flowers, and share a special dessert. Invite each family member to name a blessing from the day. These small celebrations remind us that the promise of eternal life is cause for rejoicing.

Mercy: After His Resurrection, Jesus forgave His



Apostles and entrusted them with the gift of forgiveness (John 20:22-23). Receive that mercy in the Sacrament of Confession, and show mercy by choosing patience, forgiveness, and understanding toward others.

Renewal: Encountering the Risen Christ deepens our faith (John 20:28). As a family, consider renewing your baptismal promises at home.

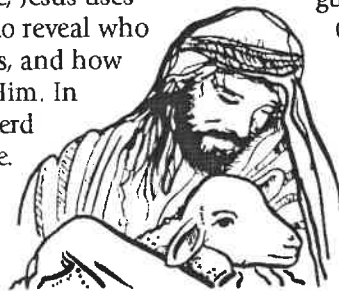
Carry forward a meaningful Lenten practice into the Easter season, such as daily prayer or intentional kindness. In doing so, the joy of Easter lasts beyond a day.

Scripture LESSON

John 10:1-10, The Good Shepherd leads us Home

In this Scripture passage, Jesus uses the image of a shepherd to reveal who He is, how He cares for us, and how He wants us to relate to Him. In Jesus' time, a good shepherd knew each sheep by name. He remained with the flock, even at night. He tended the wounded, searched for the lost, and even risked his life to protect them. This is how Jesus, the Good Shepherd, cares for us.

Following the Good Shepherd means hearing His voice and staying close to Him. We learn to recognize His voice in prayer and in the Scriptures. He

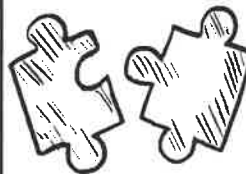


guides us through the Church's teachings. He nourishes and heals us in the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Confession. If we follow Him faithfully, He will lead us Home.

What can a parent do? Tell children that knowing and following Jesus is the best thing they can do to be truly happy. Help them become attuned to Jesus' voice in prayer, the Scriptures, and in the Sacraments. If we follow Him and Him alone, we will be truly safe.

Parent TALK

For more than a week, Tessa came home upset about the environment in her classroom.



From her description, the teacher seemed to struggle with maintaining order.

She said it was noisy and chaotic, and she was having trouble completing her schoolwork. When the concerns persisted, I decided to reach out.

As I began drafting an email expressing my frustration, I paused. I realized I didn't have the full picture and that a critical tone would not be helpful. The teacher probably had already gotten parent calls and emails, and didn't need another critic. Instead, I asked to meet.

The teacher responded promptly. During our meeting, she acknowledged the problems but also outlined the creative steps she was taking to address them. She offered practical ways I could reinforce those efforts at home.

That conversation shifted my perspective. Rather than approaching as a critic, I recognized the value of working in partnership.

Feasts & Celebrations

April 2 - Holy Thursday. Today, we celebrate Jesus' institution of the Holy Eucharist and the Priesthood to perpetuate it. Find time today to say "thank you" to Jesus, who remains really present to us in the Eucharist. Pray for priests.

April 5 - St. Vincent Ferrer (1419). Against his parents' wishes, St. Vincent Ferrer joined the Dominican Order. He preached through much of Europe. He was called the Angel of Judgment because his sermons aimed to prepare his listeners for judgment.

April 23 - St. George (c. 303). Although many legends surround St. George, we know he was a soldier under Emperor Diocletian during the Christian persecutions, and that he died a martyr in Palestine. He is a patron of England, Portugal, Germany, Spain, and Italy.

April 25 - St. Mark the Evangelist (First Century). St. Mark wrote the second Gospel based on St. Peter's perspective and accompanied Saints Paul and Barnabas on their missionary journey in Cyprus. He is credited with founding the Church of Alexandria, Egypt.



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