

**Pastoral Director:** Nancy Woodcock  
**Sacramental Minister:** Aug. 15, 16 & 17: Fr. Lou Anderson  
**Sacramental Minister:** Aug. 23 & 24 Fr. Larry King  
**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

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

**Monday—Thursday:** 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Friday:** 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 – Aug. 16, 2025 – 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**SM – 4:00 p.m. – Jill Kapustka Schaeffer** by Family; **Helen Kavanagh** by Allen & Janet Kelly; **Bob Richardson, Jr.** by Family; **Robert & Marie Ingraham** by Family

**SUNDAY – Aug. 17, 2025 – 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**SJB – 9:00 a.m. – Stanley Cusack** by Roy & Jeanne Berry; **Donna Schrauben Patton** by Dan & Julie Heckman & Jim Barker; **Fred Esch** by Nancy Sheaffer-Duff; **Ken Keiffer** by Doug & Nancy Cusack

**SUNDAY – Aug. 17, 2025 – 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**SM – 11:00 a.m. – Bob Woodcock** by Family

**TUESDAY– Aug. 19, 2025 - SJB Noon Prayer & Rosary**

**FRIDAY- Aug. 23, 2025-SM Noon Prayer**

**SATURDAY- Aug. 23, 2025 – 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**SM – 4:00 p.m. – Judy Fife** by Jerry & Connie Blount; **Linda Antes** by Chris Antes; **Charles Reed.** by Allen & Janet Kelly & Family

**SUNDAY – Aug. 24, 2025 – 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**SJB– 9:00 a.m. – Helen Kerwen** by Agnes Cusack; **Russell Fletcher & Deceased Family Member** by Bernadette Fletcher & Family; **Sue Couzzins** by Dan & Carol Schrauben; **Joan Bozung** by Jack & Janet Dailey

**SUNDAY Aug. 24, 2025 – 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**SM – 11:00 a.m. – Alice McCrackin** by Margie Hyde & Family

**Money Counters for August:** Cheryl Miller & Penny Huhn

**Aug. 23, 2025 – Sat. 4:00 p.m.SM**

Lector: Nancy Woodcock

Ushers: Team 22

Greeters: Laura & Mike Fitzgerald

OMHC: Janet Kelly, Annette Jones, Vol.

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Musician: Connie

**Aug. 24, 2025 – Sun. 9:00 a.m. SJB**

Lector: Perry McCrackin

Ushers: Team 12

Greeters: Volunteers

OMHC: Beth O'Grady, Ed Heckman, Vol.

Altar Servers: Volunteer

Musician: Mike & Choir

**Aug. 24, 2025– Sun. 11:00 a.m. SM**

Lector: Tabitha Keiffer

Ushers: Team 23

Greeters: Jerry & Linda Tasker

OMHC: Sam Jensen, Linda Tasker, Kali Trevino

Altar Servers: Kindyl Keiffer, Nieve Jensen, 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.**

**LIVE-STREAMING FROM ST. MARY can be found [www.YouTube.com](http://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. Needed:** Volunteers to learn how to do the Live-Stream at 11:00 a.m. Mass at SM. **Interested?** Please see Brian, the guitarist, or call the office. **Please call the Parish Office** if you are interested in having your baby or child baptized. Baptisms can be held during Mass.

**First Reading: 38:4-6, 8-10**

In the First Reading, Jeremiah is thrown into a muddy cistern and left to die because of his Prophecy. A court official pleads with the king for mercy and is saved from the cistern.

**Second Reading: Hebrews 12: 1-4**

The author of Hebrews **writes of Jesus who endured the cross...for the sake that lay before him.**

**2025 is the Jubilee Year of HOPE!**

**PRAY DAILY FOR PEACE!**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Gordon Gladden, Deb O'Neil, John Myers, Fr. Tony Vainavicz, Marley Ward, Jack Fahey, Tony Shepard, Bonnie Cross, Bill Gage, Phyllis Gage, Donna Schumacher, Linda Tasker (Bruce's wife), Jill Hodges, Daniel O'Connell, Sue Faver, Erin Cavanaugh, Tanner Schrauben, LaVern Wyer, Bob Pouget, Tom Gallagher, 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, Dean Schafer, Mason Burns, Carmen Richardson, John Shively, Rosemary (O'Connell) Davarn, Jim Schultz, Agnes McKenna, Jen Schafer, Fred Peiffer, Juanita Dockham, Phil Fletcher, Sue Findlay, Gary DeVito, Aiden Thurston, Judy Sheaffer, Deb Rockey, Shane Clark, Carol Silakes, Sherry Hopkins, Douglas Werner, Mike Peckins, Scott Kelly, Larry Elliott, Ted Kingsley, Camilla Hogan, Helen Stoddard, Barry Christensen, Senior, Troy Genson, Mary Lou Tucker Andrews, Brenda Sheaffer, Peg Clark, Gail Kennedy, Petra Medrano, Helen Tait, Alberta Gage, Deb Coon, Jim Barker, Ruth Maxon, Fr. Doug Osborn, Russell Waite, Sam Riley, Hazel Gallagher, Edie Rudd, Fr. Jim Wyse, Brenda Demenov & Judy Schlegel.

**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 July/August 2025:**

Lezlie Hauck (989) 640-8494; Penny Peiffer (517) 975-4209; Jamie Ward (989) 763-1959

**St. Mary Chairpersons for July/August 2025:**

Jill Postema (989) 763-7116; Deb McCrackin (989) 289-3182; Lynn Schneider (989) 584-3759; Annette Jones (989) 289-1347; Sam Jensen (517) 740-2937

**Please keep the family and friends of Ken Cusack (husband of Mary Jo Cusack) in your prayers. Eternal rest grant upon you O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon you. May you rest in peace.**

**On August 23<sup>rd</sup>, everyone is invited to stay after 4:00 Mass and witness the Exemplification of several candidates joining the Knights of Columbus. The public ceremony should last about 40 minutes in the church. The Knights of Columbus especially encourage men considering Knighthood to attend.**

		COMING EVENTS	
SM	Aug. 16	Mass	4:00
SJB	Aug. 17	Mass	9:00
SM	Aug. 17	Mass – Live-Streamed	11:00
SM	Aug. 19	Euchre	12:30
SJB	Aug. 26	Over 50's Group BINGO	12:30
SM/SJB	Sept. 7	"CELEBRATING SUNDAY"	NOON
SM	Sept. 8	Knights of Columbus Meeting	6:00 pm
SM	Oct. 1	Anointing of the Sick Mass w/Luncheon	11:00
SM	Oct. 1	Anointing of the Sick-Laurels	1:00

**Knights of Columbus Corner:**

**Interested in being a Knight or need 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**

**Prizes & baskets and other items are needed for prizes for the Bill Fife/Dan Fenn Annual Outing on Saturday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Gary Copp.**

**On Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> all K. of C. members are encouraged to attend in support of the Exemplification of several new candidates joining the Knights of Columbus after the 4:00 Mass on August 23 at St. Mary Church.**

**Carson City/Hubbardston K of C member 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.**

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## 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### NOTES FROM NANCY:

Today we celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. The readings this week consider the source harmony/disharmony or a push/pull feeling of relationship with leaders and how they react to people following God or not following God. Psalm 40 – “Lord, Come to my aid!” gives two sides of how we can experience God through his actions and reactions to our actions. Take time to reflect on the many times the Lord comes to OUR aid and hears OUR many cries with joy and a sense of caring for us. Take time to pray...



#### Parish App Feature-of-the-Week



Prayers

- List of Traditional Prayers
- Set Prayer Reminders
- Submit Prayer Requests to the parish

Learn more or download our parish app at [myparishapp.com](http://myparishapp.com)

\*Available on Apple and Android Phones.

Mark your calendar **NOW** for the **Fall Anointing of the Sick Mass** on **October 1<sup>st</sup>** at 11:00 a.m. followed by a delicious lunch at SM Hall. Invite your friends and relatives. There will also be an Anointing of the Sick at 1:00 p.m. at Laurels. There will also be home visits to Anoint those unable to get out of their homes to be anointed. Please call the office (989) 584-6044 if you are interested.

**August 17, 2025**

**Everyone is welcome to participate in Euchre at St. Mary.** The next time is August 19 at 12:30. **Bring a snack & come & play.** Students, men, and women of all ages – COME & Enjoy!

#### St. John the Baptist Parish

**August 10, 2025**

Adult Envelopes: (29)	\$1,439.46
Sunday Loose:	200.97
<b>Mission:</b>	<b>734.00</b>
Tithing:	<u>16.57</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>2,391.00</b>

#### St. Mary Parish

**August 10 & 11, 2025**

Adult Envelopes: (35)	\$ 1,778.00
Sunday Loose:	\$ 322.00
Assumption of Mary: (3)	28.00
<b>Missions:</b>	<b><u>2,390.00</u></b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 4,518.00</b>

**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.**

**Please remember to sign your phone up on the app - NOW!!!**

**Go to: [stmarystjohn.net](http://stmarystjohn.net)**

**Click: on the Online Giving Tab**

**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.

**PLEASE NOTE: The credit card fees for Online Giving have doubled to \$30.00/month/parish plus transaction fees**

## **20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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. Thanks!

**Coming September 7<sup>th</sup> after the 11:00 Mass – Celebrating Sunday!!! Come to church, bring your children and/or grandchildren to a picnic afterwards with games and prizes for all ages!**

**Edie Rudd has a new address. It is:  
Hathaway Hills Assisted Living  
Edie Rudd  
1515 Meijer Drive  
Apt. 25  
Greenville, MI 48838  
Cards & Visitors are welcome!**

**Priscilla Schafer is residing at:  
Green Acres Retirement Home  
2554 Commerce Lane  
Room 103  
Ionia, MI 48846**

## **OUR DIOCESE & 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. Amen

Seminarian of the Week:

**God's Kitchen in Grand Rapids is running extremely LOW ON GROUND BEEF. Can you help? It served 77,000 hot meals in 2024. Can you help? Contact Jeff Hoyh at 616-Division Ave. S, Grand Rapids, MI**

**Michigan Catholic Women's  
Conference**

**Saturday, October 11  
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Lansing Center**

**August 17, 2025**

**333 E. Michigan Ave. Lansing, MI  
WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE  
ENCOUNTER**

**Nurture YOUR Sacrament of Marriage at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience! Upcoming experiences are being held on Oct 3-5 at Augustine Center in Petosky AND Nov. 21-23 at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center in Detroit.**

**Apply today at [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) or contact Amy & Joe Kopacz at 517-667-0433 for more information.**

**Have you been struggling in your Marriage?**

**Are you feeling lost, alone, or disconnected from your spouse? Do frustration, anger, or constant arguments seem to overshadow your relationship? There is HOPE.**

**Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) offers 1 lifeline for marriages in distress. This program provides practical tools to help couples heal, rediscover love, and rebuild a stronger, more fulfilling relationship. Join us for the next weekend: Sept. 12-14. To learn more contact us:**

**p. 616-980-6029**

**email: [retrograndrapids@gmail.com](mailto:retrograndrapids@gmail.com)  
w. [retrouvaille.org](http://retrouvaille.org)**

### **Hope and Healing after Abortion**

**Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeeming hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer you a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where men & women can express, release and reconcile painful emotions to begin the process. The next retreat is Sep. 19-21. Call Sally Cranson at 616-340-1824**

**PRAY FOR CHILDREN RETURNING  
TO SCHOOL!**