

Pastoral Director: Nancy Woodcock
 Sacramental Minister: Aug. 22 & 23 Fr. Tom Boufford
 Aug. 29 & 30 Fr. Len Sudlik
 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 – Aug. 22, 2026 – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time SM – 4:00 p.m. – Gary Coon by Delores Keiffer; Jack Jolls by Jim & Sue Lowe

SUNDAY – Aug. 23, 2026 – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time SJB – 9:00 a.m. – Phil Stoddard by Anita Heppard; Tom Gallagher by Doug & Nancy Cusack; Gail & Jack Kennedy by Bud & Sharon Datema; Gale Beardslee by Barb Jackson; Shane Clark by Dave & Nancy Speckin

SUNDAY – Aug. 23, 2026 – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time SM – 11:00 a.m. – Bernie Trudell by Lezlie Hauck

TUESDAY– Aug. 25, 2026 – SJB Rosary for Peace & Noon Prayer

FRIDAY– Aug. 28, 2026 – SM Noon Prayer

SATURDAY– Aug. 29, 2026 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time SM – 4:00 p.m. – Rick Kelley by Mom & Dad; Gail Kennedy by Lezlie Hauck; John Simmon by Terry & Joann Donohue

SUNDAY – Aug. 30, 2026 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time SJB– 9:00 a.m. – Sue Couzzins by Helen Tait & Family; Vicki Dailey by Shannon & Darrel Heckman; Agnes Schneider by Anita Heppard; John & Catherine Burke by Joan McKenna; Max Pinkney by the Monica Howard Family

SUNDAY Aug. 30, 2026 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time SM – 11:00 a.m. – Ken Kelley by Cyril Donahue; Tiofilo Alcoser, Sr. & Cellia Alcoser 67th Wedding Anniv. (Aug. 27, 1959) by Julie & Tony Rodriguez & Family, Tio Alcoser, Jr., Loretta Alcoser, Nora & Mark Ryan & Family, Graciela & George Tijernia Family, Ten Grandchildren, 20 Great Grandchildren

Aug. 29, 2026 – Sat. 4:00 p.m. SM

Lector: Annette Jones
 Ushers: 22
 Greeters: Laura & Mike Fitzgerald
 OMHC: Kathleen & Gary Copp, Frank Ladiski
 Altar Servers: Volunteers
 Musicians: Mike & Choir

Aug. 30, 2026– Sun. 9:00 a.m. SJB

Lector: Lisa Wandell
 Ushers: 15
 Greeters: Martha Schmitz
 OMHC: Shannon & Darrel Heckman, Nancy Curtis
 Altar Servers: Volunteer
 Musicians: Connie

Aug. 30, 2026– Sun. 11:00 a.m. SM

Lector: Gail Akin
 Ushers: 24
 Greeters: Bill Tomlin & Ginny Bohen
 OMHC: Eddie Trevino, Angie Kwiatkowski, Michelle Patin
 Altar Servers: Volunteers
 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 September: Ginny Beardslee, Donna Schafer

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! 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: Isaiah 22:19-23

In the First Reading, Shebna is told by God that Eliakim will replace him and receive authority and honor.

Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36

In the second reading, Paul speaks of glorifying God for his wisdom.

PRAY FOR PEACE!

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, 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, Jim Schultz, Agnes McKenna, Jen Schafer, Fred Peiffer, Sue Findlay, Gary DeVito, Aiden Thurston, Judy Sheaffer, Sherry Hopkins, Douglas Werner, Larry Elliott, Ted Kingsley; Camilla Hogan, Mary Lou Tucker Andrews, Peg Clark, Petra Medrano, Helen Tait, Alberta Gage, Deb Coon, Jim Barker, Fr. Doug Osborn, Sam Riley, Hazel Gallagher, Edie Rudd, Fr. Jim Wyse, Brenda Demenov, Libby & Jordan Lehnen, Judy Schlegel, Bonnie Harter, Alicia Smith, Nancy Fenn, Darrel Ferris, John Ford, Alayne Howard, Lavern Jacobs, Phil Fletcher, Anita Heppard, Judy Schaeffer, Zack Burns, Jack Warner, Delores Schmitt, Stephanie Beedy Keiffer Mary Freund, Kaye Cope, and Robert Gamez.

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 Parish Chairpersons for Sept./Oct.

Donna Schafer (517-388-0960); Kathy Ward (989-292-0779); Jackie Heckman (517-388-0390)

St. Mary Chairpersons for Sept./Oct.

Pat Reeder (989-584-3278); Angie Kwiatkowski (989-584-3397)

Interested in playing Euchre? Please call the Parish Office to register – 989-584-6044.

PRAY FOR THE FLOOD VICTIMS!

		COMING EVENTS	
SM	8-22	Mass	4:00 p.m.
SJB	8-23	Mass	9:00 a.m.
SM	8-23	Mass – Live-Streamed	11:00 a.m.
SM	8-23	ST. MARY RAFFLE DRAWING in the Parish Hall	NOON
SM	8-29	Mass	4:00 p.m.
SJB	8-30	Mass	9:00 a.m.
SM	8-31	Live-Streamed Mass	11:00 a.m.
SM	9-2	Red Cross Bloodmobile	Noon-6:00
SM/SJB	9-13	K-12 Religious Education Begins	Noon-3:00
SM/SJB	9-27	K-12 Religious Education	Noon-3:00
SM	Oct. 17	St. Mary 50 th Craft Show	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Please keep the family and friends of Angela “Peg” Clark (Angie Kwiatkowski’s Mother), Max Pinkney (husband of Joanne Pinkney), Rosemary (Burns) Blashill, (daughter of the late Owen & Bernice Burns) & Carol Silakes (friend of Bev Pouget) in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen
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.

Our Knights of Columbus raised more than \$1,600.00 in our Spring Tootsie Roll Drive. Carson City/Crystal Schools & the Michigan Special Olympics each received more than \$819.00.

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 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time. Who do you say that I am? If we confess, like Peter, that Jesus is Messiah and Lord, there should be evidence of this in **OUR LIVES**. If Jesus is Lord of Sunday morning, he should be Lord of Saturday night. He should also be Lord of our speech and our actions. When we walk closely with Jesus as disciples, we will begin to look more like him. Take time to reflect on the Gospel...

Were you married in the back yard, in a barn, beside a flowing brook, or on a mountain top? It is time to return to church and bless (convalidate) your marriage. It is not difficult and does not demand a huge party with guests. It is a spiritual process that brings a couple together and allows them to share their faith with each other. Interested? Please call me at 989-584-6044 or 989-287-0089

If you are interested in Baptizing your child (children) in the Catholic Church and perhaps *feel that you have waited too long – no problem - please contact me and we can do a Baptism Class and set a date for YOUR child's (or children's) baptism. PLEASE reflect on it!*



If you have noticed counting done at each Mass – I have been asked by my Canonical Supervisor to count participants. If you remember, we had diocesan wide meetings. The results are online. Ending Masses that do not have at least 100 participants were part of the plan. That is why the count is taking place. **PLEASE plan to come to Church & be counted!!!**

St. John the Baptist Parish

Aug. 16, 2026

Adult Envelopes: (37)	\$2,321.55
Sunday Loose:	109.89
Tithe:	24.56
Candles:	<u>23.00</u>
Total:	\$2,479.00

St. Mary Parish

Aug. 15 & 16, 2026

Adult Envelopes: (50)	\$ 1,942.00
Sunday Loose:	<u>330.50</u>
Total:	\$ 2,272.50

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.

The Raffle Drawing on Sunday, August 23rd will be held in St. Mary Hall at Noon. Everyone is welcome to come over and enjoy a Little Debbie week-end while discovering who the lucky winners are! **PLEASE DO NOT** put your raffle tickets or raffle money in your church envelope on Aug. 22 or 23. Envelopes are counted on Monday so you would not be in the drawing. Thanks to:
The Elves of both parishes who maintain the lawn & care for all the outside flowers – How beautiful everything looks!

**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.

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.**

Mary Fahey Belens will be buried at St. John the Baptist Cemetery at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 27th. Friends, Family, & Parishioners are welcome to attend.

**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. **Amen**

Thanks to:

- The SJB Elves who prepared & served a delicious dinner – GREAT JOB!**

ALPHA FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Meet new people and explore the Christian Faith together. Alpha is for anyone who is curious. No judgement, no pressure. **Each session unpacks a big question of life, faith and purpose, and is designed to spark conversation.**

Who: Young Adults – ages 18-39

When: Thursdays, Sept. 10-Nov. 19

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Where: Cathedral Square Center
FREE to attend

Come along, see what you think...

Register at: <https://rebrand.ly/Alpha>

Walk-ins are also welcome!

An Annual Festival & Chicken Dinner will be held on Sunday, August 30th, from Noon-3:00 p.m. at the St. Michael Worship Site of St. Mark the Evangelist Parish, located at 17150 88th Ave., in Coopersville. There will be a BBQ Chicken Dinner with all the trimmings. The cost for adults is \$15.00, a senior citizen meal is \$12, children 6-12 years are \$10.00 and 5 years and younger are free. Take-out Dinners are available as well as an indoor and outdoor picnic area. The Festival includes a Country Store, raffles, grocery wheel, Kiddie Train, and many Children’s games. Everyone is welcome!

**IS GOD CALLING YOU TO CONSIDER THE
PERMANENT DIACONATE?**

Has the Vocations prayer moved you to question if God is calling you to become a deacon? Interested? Attend an Information Session on:
Monday, September 14th or Monday, Dec. 7th from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at Cathedral Square Center (360 Division Ave.S Grand Rapids, MI
For details: contact Jerry Roersma at: 616-288-0913 or jroersma@grdiocese.org