

Pastoral Director: Nancy Woodcock
 Sacramental Minister: Aug. 23 & 24: Fr. Larry King
 Sacramental Minister: Aug. 30 & 31 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

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. 23, 2025– 21st 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 – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
SJB – 9:00 a.m. – Helen Kerwen by Agnes Cusack; **Russell Fletcher & Deceased Family Members** by Bernadette Fletcher & Family; **Sue Couzzins** by Dan & Carol Schrauben; **Joan Bozung** by Jack & Janet Dailey; **Virgil Tait** by Helen Tait & Family

SUNDAY – Aug. 24, 2025 – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
SM – 11:00 a.m. – Alice McCrackin by Margie Hyde & Family

TUESDAY– Aug. 26, 2025 - SJB Noon Prayer & Rosary

FRIDAY- Aug. 29, 2025-SM Noon Prayer

SATURDAY- Aug. 30, 2025 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
SM – 4:00 p.m. – Helen Osbon by Sharon Schafer; **Gary Coon** by Family; **Lottie Connor** by Randy & Julie Smith & Family; **Linda Antes** by Chris Antes

SUNDAY – Aug. 31, 2025 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
SJB– 9:00 a.m. – Bob Cashen by Doug & Nancy Cusack; **Fred Esch** by Pat Burns & Family; **Pete Vanbeelen** by Chuck & Connie Malek

SUNDAY Aug. 31, 2025 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
SM – 11:00 a.m. – Alice Keilholtz by Kristy Dombkowski

Money Counters for August: Cheryl Miller & Penny Huhn

Aug. 30, 2025 – Sat. 4:00 p.m.SM

Lector: Gary Copp
 Ushers: Team 23
 Greeters: Craig & Holly Keiffer
 OMHC: Janet Kelly, Annette Jones, Vol.
 Altar Servers: Volunteers
 Musician: Mike & Choir

Aug. 31, 2025 – Sun. 9:00 a.m. SJB

Lector: Nancy Cusack
 Ushers: Team 14
 Greeters: Marvin & Diane Schafer
 OMHC: Darrel & Shannon Heckman, Nancy Curtis
 Altar Servers: Volunteer
 Musician: Brian & Group

Aug. 31, 2025– Sun. 11:00 a.m. SM

Lector: Kim Brown
 Ushers: Team 21
 Greeters: Sue & Marty Riker
 OMHC: Eddie Trevino, Angie Kwiatkowski, Michelle Patin
 Altar Servers: Nieve Jensen, Ellie Patin
 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, 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: Isaiah 66:18-21

Isaiah prophesies a time when the Lord will gather nations of every language to see his glory! ***Some of the people of these nations he will take as priests & Levites.***

Second Reading: Hebrews 12: 5-7; 11-13

The author of the letter to the Hebrews **encourages them NOT to be discouraged** by the discipline of the Lord.

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

Little Debbie Weekend will be on Labor Day Weekend (August 30 & 31) to honor ALL who labor and receive a fair wage! Come and attend Mass and receive a FREE Little Debbie! Come One, Come All!

PRAY FOR FAMILIES!

		COMING EVENTS	
SM	Aug.23	Mass	4:00
SJB	Aug. 24	Mass	9:00
SM	Aug. 24	Mass-Live-Streamed	11:00
SM	Aug. 25	Craft Show Meeting	4:30
SJB	Aug. 26	Over 50's Group BINGO	12:30
SM	Sept. 2	Euchre at St. Mary	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. 6th. Please contact Gary Copp. On Aug. 23rd 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. On August 23rd everyone is invited to stay after the 4:00 Mass & witness the Exemplification of several new candidates joining the K of C. The public ceremony should last about 40 minutes. We especially encourage men considering Knighthood to attend.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

NOTES FROM NANCY

Today we celebrate the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time. In the Gospel, Jesus is asked, will only a few people be saved? His response is: Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough. **It is OUR WITNESS that encourages others to hear and respond to God's call. Are we strong enough to stand up for OUR FAITH? Can we live out our baptismal promises? Can we encourages others to return to Mass & get involved in parish activites? Take time to reflect...**



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

*Available on Apple and Android Phones.

Mark your calendar NOW for the Fall Anointing of the Sick Mass on October 1st 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 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 24, 2025

Everyone is welcome to participant in Euchre at St. Mary. The next time is September 2nd at 12:30. Bring a snack & come & play. Students, men, and women of all ages – COME & Enjoy!

St. John the Baptist Parish

August 17, 2025

Adult Envelopes: (33)	\$1,847.34
Sunday Loose:	126.72
Assumption of Mary: (15)	385.00
Assumption of Mary: Loose	113.00
Mission: Butare: (2)	80.00
Tithing:	19.94
Total:	2,572.00

St. Mary Parish

August 17 & 18, 2025

Adult Envelopes: (35)	\$ 1,812.00
Sunday Loose:	\$ 313.57
Holy Day Env:	700.00
Holy Day Loose:	109.25
Missions-Butare:	50.00
Butare Mission Loose:	510.00
Total:	\$ 3,494.82.

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.

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

PRAY FOR YOUNG FAMILIES!

21st 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 7th 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 residing at:
Green Acres Retirement Home
2554 Commerce Lane
Room 103
Ionia, MI 48846**

St. Mary Parish in Carson City will hold their 49th Annual Craft Show on Saturday, October 18, 2025 from 9:00-3:00. ALL are welcome to help with planning. There will be a Planning Meeting on Sept. Aug. 25 at 4:30. Booths are available inside and out. For more info, please contact Lynn Schneider at 989-584-6044

Please remember to sign up YOUR phone on the app – NOW!!! Go to: Stmarystjohn.net

Welcome Adalyn Grace Snyder, daughter of Colton and Elizabeth Snyder, who was baptized on Saturday, August 16, 2025, by Fr. Lou Anderson, at St. Mary Parish. May Adalyn Grace be nourished in her Catholic Faith by her family & our Faith Communities.

August 24, 2025

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: Luke Norton

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

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 or contact Amy & Joe Kopacz at 517-667-0433 for more information.

St. Mary Parish in Westphalia is sponsoring a 5kRun/Walk/and Kid's Run during their Parish Family Fest Please contact Darren & Becky Kramer at (517)626-2098 for Registration Information.