

Pastoral Director: Nancy Woodcock
 Sacramental Minister: Aug. 29 & 30 Fr. Len Sudlik
 Sept. 5 & 6 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. 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; Louis & Monica Thelen & Robert Hamilton by Family

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 Kelly 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

TUESDAY– Sept. 1, 2026 – SJB Rosary for Peace & Noon Prayer

FRIDAY– Sept. 4, 2026 – SM Noon Prayer

SATURDAY– Sept. 5, 2026 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

SM – 4:00 p.m. – Mary Bliss by Pauline Gallagher; Ken Cusack by Sherry Cusack; Gary Coon by Eileen McKenna

SUNDAY – Sept. 6, 2026 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

SJB– 9:00 a.m. – Eugene Schafer by Sharon & Eric Pung; Leo McMillan by Eileen McKenna; Mike Jegla by Sharon Jegla; Brad Burns by Barb Jackson; Deb Rockey by A Friend

SUNDAY Sept. 6, 2026 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

SM – 11:00 a.m. – Norma Fitzpatrick by Alice Churchill; Max Pinkney by Jack McCrackin

Sept. 5, 2026 – Sat. 4:00 p.m. SM

Lector: Frank Ladiski

Ushers: 23

Greeters: Holly & Craig Keiffer

OMHC: Janet Kelly, Annette Jones, Lori Richardson

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Musicians: Connie

Sept. 6, 2026– Sun. 9:00 a.m. SJB

Lector: Shannon Heckman

Ushers: 14

Greeters: Susanne Gallagher

OMHC: Susanne Gallagher, Bob Fahey, Vol.

Altar Servers: Volunteer

Musicians: Mike & Choir

Sept. 6, 2026– Sun. 11:00 a.m. SM

Lector: Tabitha Keiffer

Ushers: 23

Greeters: Volunteers

OMHC: Marty Riker, Dan Schneider, Roberta Jensen

Altar Servers: Julia Jo & Evelyn Reynolds

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: Jeremiah 20: 7-9

In the First Reading, Jeremiah bemoans his prophetic call for the suffering his unpopular message has brought him, yet he says that remaining silent is unbearable for him.

Second Reading: Romans 12: 1-2

In the second reading, Paul urges the Romans to be transformed and to live in a way that is pleasing to God.

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, Petra Medrano, Alberta Gage, Deb Coon, Jim Barker, Fr. Doug Osborn, Sam Riley, Hazel Gallagher, Edie Rudd, Fr. Jim Wyse, Brenda Demenov, Libby & Jordan Lehn, Judy Schlegel, Bonnie Harter, Alicia Smith, 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, 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	8-29	Mass	4:00 p.m.
SJB	8-30	Mass	9:00 a.m.
SM	8-30	Live-Streamed Mass	11:00 a.m.
SM	9-1	Joint Pastoral Council	6:00 p.m.
SM	9-2	Red Cross Bloodmobile	Noon-6:00
SM/SJB	9-7	Labor Day – Parish Office Closed	ALL Day
SM	9/10	Catechist Planning Mtg.	5:00 p.m.
SM	9-14	Knights of Columbus	6:00 p.m.
SM	9-14	Zumba begins	6:00 p.m.
SM	9-20	K-12 Religious Education begins; Short Parent Mtg.	Noon-3:00 12:30-1:00
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 Helen Tait in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

As of Friday, August 28th, the Parish Office will no longer be able to send or receive faxes. Please use the following emails:

For billing –

payables@smsjbparish.com;

for Masses, rentals, etc. –

secretary@smsjbparish.com;

for the Pastoral Director –

nwoodcock@smsjbparish.com

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.

The Knights of Columbus will meet on Monday, Sept. 14 at 6:00 p.m. due to Labor Day being on Sept. 7th.

**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 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Jesus reminds us that if we wish to follow him on the path of discipleship, we will have to pick up and carry our OWN cross. Just as Jesus was willing to give his all to fulfill the Father's will, we must be willing to give our all to fulfill His will in our lives. It is not easy & at times we feel horrific pain. It is only through such sacrifices that we will experience the fullness of joy and life. Take time to reflect & pray...

Were you married in the back yard, in a barn, beside a flowing brook, or on a mountain top? Perhaps it is time to return to church and bless (convalidate) your marriage. It is not difficult. 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. 23, 2026	
Adult Envelopes: (31)	\$1,277.10
Sunday Loose:	143.80
Tithe:	14.35
Total:	\$1,435.25

St. Mary Parish Aug. 22 & 23, 2026	
Adult Envelopes: (33)	\$ 1,470.00
Sunday Loose:	584.00
Total:	\$ 2,054.00

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.

St. Mary Raffle Report:
423 tickets sold @ \$25.00 ea. \$10,575.00
Prize Winners:
First Prize: \$800.00 – Kathy F. Stavely
Second Prize: \$400.00 – Adam Houghton
Third Prize: \$200.00 - Jenna (Schneider) Schimler

Prizes: - \$1,400.00
Raffle License: - 50.00
Raffle Printing: - 84.00
PROFIT: \$9,041.00

CONGRATULATIONS!!!
THANKS to all who purchased tickets for the St. Mary Raffle – the PROFIT will be deposited in the Savings Account.
PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SUFFERING FROM WAR...

Religious Education for students in Grades K-12 begins on Sunday, Sept. 20th at St. Mary Parish. Students in grades 7 & 8 will study for Confirmation which will be held in the Spring of 2027.

Parents/students/Parishioners are welcome to have A pizza lunch & delicious cake with punch from Noon – 12:30 p.m. A SHORT Parent Meeting will be held from 12:30-1:00 (or sooner). All are welcome!

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.**

PLEASE remember to hand in the Registration Form for K-12 Religious Education. Hopefully, you received one in the mail. If not, please call the Parish Office and one will be mailed to you.

Interested in dancing or exercise? St. Mary Parish will sponsor Zumba on MONDAYS beginning Sept. 14 at 6:00 p.m. Nora Ryan is the Instructor. Cost is \$5.00/class ALL are welcome!

**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

The Diocese of Grand Rapids warmly welcomes you to join Bishop David Walkowiak on Sept. 20th at 2:30 in the Cathedral of St. Andrew for a celebration of the World Day of Migrants. A celebration will follow.

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!

**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? 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



Jubilee Year of St. Francis
Feast Day Mass
with Bishop Walkowiak

Cathedral of Saint Andrew | October 4
3 p.m. Mass | Reception to follow

We wish to extend our appreciation during this difficult time in our lives. We want to thank each of you for your prayers, cards and other expressions of sympathy. Special thanks are extended to Father Len, Nancy Woodcock and everyone else who assisted with the funeral mass.

We would also like to thank everyone who helped with the wonderful luncheon and provided various dishes.

God bless you all. Your kindness will always be remembered.

Joanne Pinkney and family