

Pastoral Director: Nancy Woodcock

Sacramental Minister: Dec. 23 SM 4:00 p.m.: &

Dec. 24 SJB 9:00 a.m.: Fr. Lou Anderson

Sacramental Minister: Dec. 24 SM 4:00 p.m.: Dec. 24 SJB 6:00 p.m.; Dec. 25 9:00 a.m. SJB & 11:00 a.m. SM – 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. Sgt. Candace L. Thomas, 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: smsjchurch@cmsinter.net

Nancy's email: nwoodcock@cmsinter.net

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.**

Weekly Programs & Bulletin: 1-616-200-6070

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 located in both Parish Halls & Churches.

Pictorial Directories are available for \$10.00 each.

Keepsake Ornaments are available throughout the year at the Parish Office - \$10.00 each!

SATURDAY- Dec. 23, 2023 – 4th Sunday of Advent

SM – 4:00 p.m. – People of St. Mary/St. John the Baptist

SUNDAY- Dec. 24, 2023 – 4th Sunday of Advent

SJB – 9:00 a.m. – Sandy Stoddard by Jan Bozung; **Bud McKenna** by Bill & Carla Dailey; **Bill Freeman (45th Anniv.)** by Brett & Katrina Moe & Family;

SUNDAY – Dec. 24, 2023 – The Nativity of the Lord Christmas Vigil

SM – 4:00 p.m. – Jim Beck, Carl & Ella Beck; Terry Beck By Lilly Beck & Family; **Dan Fenn & Anthony Cornacchione** by Nancy Fenn & Family; **Carolyn Viera** by Mary Kapustka

SUNDAY – Dec. 24, 2023 – The Nativity of the Lord Christmas Vigil

SJB – 6:00 p.m. – Earl Heppard by Bob Fahey; **Joe & Ruth Riley** by Dan & Carol Schrauben; **Mike Riley; Sam Riley; Doug Campbell** by Family; **Virgil Tait** by Helen Tait & Family; **Terry Fletcher** by Family; **Ray & Vivian Schrauben** by Alice Churchill

MONDAY – Dec. 25, 2023 – The Nativity of the Lord Christmas

SJB – 9:00 a.m. – Richard & Bernie Miller by Dave & Nan Miller; **Joe & Marie Schafer; Jim & Evangeline Fox & Deceased Family Members** by Gene & Priscilla Schafer

MONDAY –Dec. 25, 2023 – The Nativity of the Lord Christmas

SM – 11:00 a.m. Bob Clark by the Clark & Kwiatkowski Families

SM – 4:00 P.M. Dec. 30, 2023 – Feast of the Holy Family

Lector: Annette Jones

Greeter: Volunteers

Ushers: Team 22

Min.of Euch.: Lori Richardson, Margaret Lauer, Volunteer

Altar Server: Volunteers

Musicians: Connie

SJB – 9:00 Dec. 31, 2023 – Feast of the Holy Family

Lector: Volunteer

Greeter: Volunteer

Ushers: Volunteer

Altar Volunteer

Servers: Volunteer

Musician: Mike & Choir

See Schedules on other pages for 9:00 a.m. Mass Liturgical Schedule

SM – 4:00 Dec. 31 2023 - Feast of the Holy Family

Lector: Sharon Schafer

Greeter: Gail Kennedy

Ushers: Team 23

Min. of Euch.: Kathleen Copp, Gary Copp & Frank Ladiski

Altar Servers Volunteers

Musicians: Connie

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.

TUESDAY – NO NOON PRAYER until Lent

FRIDAY–Dec. 29, 2023 NO NOON PRAYER

SATURDAY- Dec. 30, 2023 – Feast of the Holy Family

SM – 4:00 p.m. People of St. Mary/St. John the Baptist

SUNDAY- Dec. 31, 2023 – Fest of the Holy Family

SJB – 9:00 a.m. – Joan Christides by Lezlie Hauck; **Dan Ward** by Bill & Carla Dailey

SUNDAY- Dec. 31, 2023 – Feast of the Holy Family

SM – 4:00 p.m. –Mary Jane Esch by Fred Esch; **Fr. Mike McKenna** by Frank & Connie Ladiski; **Kathryn Tucker (1st Anniv.)** by Family; **Johnny Schafer** by Sharon Schafer

MONDAY – Jan. 1 2024 – Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

SJB – 9:00 a.m. – Terry Burns By Barb Jackson; **Patricia & Herb Wood** by Neal & Colleen Hoffman; **Doug Campbell** by Mike & Mary Cashen; **John & Louise Riley & Deceased Members of the Family** by Helen Tait & Family

Money Counters for January: Donna Schafer & Cindy Howard
Sacramental Minister: Dec. 30, 31 & Jan 1: Fr. Larry King

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

In the first reading, David ruminates on building a house for the Lord. However, the Lord reminds David how he has favored him and states that it is God who will build a house for David.

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27

In the second reading, Paul gives glory to Christ, acknowledging the prophets and wisdom through the ages that have all participated in this revelation.

PRAY DAILY FOR PEACE!

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Gordon Gladden, Deb O'Neil, John Myers, Fr. Tony Vainavicz, Joan Bozung, Marley Ward, Jack Fahey, Tony Shepard, Bonnie Cross, Sandy Meyers, Bill Gage, Jacob Vance, Phyllis Gage, Donna Schumacher, Linda Tasker (Bruce's wife), Jill Hodges, Daniel O'Connell, Sue Faver, Erin Cavanaugh, Tanner Schrauben, LaVern Jacobs, Donna Patton, Teri Chesebro, Anakin Moody, Kaci Wyer, Alice McCrackin, Kevin Knapp, Bob Pouget, Tom Gallagher, Genevieve McGuire, Kyran Breimayer, Neil Speckin, Janice McKenna-Reynolds, Dennis Trudell, Sr., Sierra Rose Cordova, Leigh Ann Harwood, Jack Kapral, Wiggins, Sam Burns, Flora Horwath, Mike Riley, Judy Miller, Harry Sanborn, Michelle Van Arman, Velma Tabor, Lottie Conner & Family Members; Mary Pouget, Gary Coon, Denny Vander, Debbie Osborne, Ann Darland, Dean Schafer, Mason Burns, Sr. Julie Mae Groulx, Carmen Richardson, John Shively, Rosemary (O'Connell) Davarn, Jim Schultz, Taylor Smith, Agnes McKenna, Jen Schafer, Melanie Starr, Peg Walters, Fred Peiffer, Juanita Dockham, Phil Fletcher, Sue Findlay, Leo McMillan; Geraldine Snow; Joanne Schafer Watson, Blaine Michael Melton, Chris Bozung, Cathy Hodges, Beverly Pouget, Kathy Fockler, Rick Davarn, Gary DeVito, Aiden Thurston, Dan Woodcock, Judy Sheaffer, Deb Rockey, Shane Clark, Carol Silakes, Alice Keilholtz & Sherry Hopkins.

If you are better & would like to have your name taken OFF the Prayer List – please call the Office – 989-584-6044

St. John the Baptist Chairpersons for December 2023:
Cindy Howard (989-763-9558); Susanne Gallagher (989-292-5264); Penny Peiffer (517-975-4209); Mary Huhn (517-526-3809)

COMING EVENTS				
SM	Dec. 23	4 th Sunday of Advent	4:00	
SJB	Dec. 24	4 th Sunday of Advent	9:00	
SM	Dec. 24	NO 4 th Sunday of Advent Mass	11:00	
SM	Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Mass – Live Streamed	4:00	
SJB	Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Mass	6:00	
SJB	Dec. 25	Christmas Day Mass	9:00	
SM	Dec. 25	Christmas Day Mass	11:00	
SM	Dec. 30	Mass	4:00	
SJB	Dec. 31	Mass	9:00	
SM	Dec. 31	NO Mass	11:00	
SM	Dec. 31	Mass	4:00	
SJB	Jan. 1	Mass	9:00	
SM	Jan. 1	NO Mass	11:00	

Here's Nancy's address for those wishing to send her a card.

**Nancy Woodcock
P.O. Box 24
McBrides, MI 48852**

Bishop Walkowiak invites all who are able, to return to Mass. He also knows that some of you cannot attend Mass in person because of health reasons or other excusing factors. "If you find yourself in this situation, the dispensation from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass has been extended until further notice." **This dispensation is granted to ensure anyone who needs to stay home can do so in good conscience.**

INTERESTED in CPR Training? Please call the Office – 989-584-6044

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.

LIVE-STREAMING FROM ST. MARY 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.**

Please call the Parish Office if you are interested in having your baby or child baptized. Baptisms can be held during Mass.

St. John the Baptist Parish	
Dec. 17, 2023	
Adult Envelopes: (32)	\$1,352.00
Loose:	190.00
Campaign for Human Dev.	400.00
Rel. Retirement:.	20.00
Christmas Flowers:	45.00
Christian Service Tithe:	13.00
TOTAL:	\$2,020.00
St. Mary Parish	
Dec. 16 & 17, 2023	
Adult Envelopes: (46)	\$2,910.00
Christmas Flowers:	55.00
Christmas:	10.00
Holy Day: Dec. 8	10.00
Religious Retirement:	20.00
Loose:	306.70
TOTAL:	\$ 3,311.70

Please remember to write a separate check for Mass Intentions, Parish Envelope donations, donations to collections for Missions, etc. as they all go into different accounts. Thank you for your willingness and cooperation.

The 4:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve and on New Year's Eve will be Live-Streamed at St. Mary Parish. Please follow the Live Streamed directions on the page above.

The Carson City Area Food Pantry is closed on December 26th and January 2nd. It will re-open on January 9th.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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 **Thank you** to all who purchased KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS signs and to all who are displaying them to reflect their Christian heritage! **Merry Christmas to all!**

NOTES FROM NANCY:

Today we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent. The readings today demonstrate the goodness of the Lord who is the source of all blessings for each of us. We will soon celebrate the feast of the Incarnation and Nativity - as we wait with joyful hope!

Take time to reflect...

Merry Christmas to all as we celebrate with our family and friends!



Ann Fahey is seeking a person to sit with Jack one afternoon a week so she can run errands & get groceries. Jack uses a walker, usually takes a nap, and will have his medications & lunch before she leaves. If you can fit this act of Christian Service in your schedule, please call Ann at 989-388-7069.

Thanks to:

- The elves who donated the wreaths for the Veterans' Memorial at St. John the Baptist Cemetery – what a wonderful way to honor our veterans at Christmas!
- Harvey's for donating the seasonal roping which is hanging on the outside rails at St. Mary Parish – how great it looks!
- The elves who hung the roping – your time is appreciated!
- The elves who packed and delivered the Fruit Baskets to members of both parishes – your time and effort made many people happy last Sunday!
- The elves who decorated both churches for Christmas – your willingness to help is wonderful!

Thanks to all who donated on Giving Tuesday. St. Mary Parish had a \$500.00 donation earmarked furnaces. THANKS!

Liturgical Schedule for Monday, Jan. 1st

Solemnity of Mary

SJB 9:00 a.m. Mass – Jan 1st

Lector: Lisa Wandell

Ministers of the Eucharist: Beth O'Grady & Ed Heckman, Volunteer

Ushers: Team 15

Greeters: Martha Schmitz

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Musicians: Brian & Group

ONLINE DIRECTIONS ARE:

Go to: stmarystjohn.net

Click: on the Online Giving Tab

Select: the Parish you wish to donate to. Each parish has their 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 giving information. You can set up recurring donations - weekly or monthly. You can also give one time gifts as well.

OUR DIOCESE & BEYOND...

Prayer for Vocations: God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that you inspire young people whom you call to priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will. **Send workers into Your great harvest** so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and your people are strengthened by the sacraments. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Seminarian of the Week: Jonathan P. Jensen

Midnight Mass & Prelude of Carols

The Prelude of Carols followed by Midnight Mass will be broadcast live from the Cathedral of St. Andrew on FOX 17 and on the diocesan website (grdiocese.org) and Facebook page (Diocese of Grand Rapids) The concert begins at 11:00 p.m. followed by Mass. On Christmas morning, there will be a replay of Mass on Fox 17 at 7:00 a.m.

Registration is now open for the
CHERISH MARRIAGE EVENT

Join Catholic couples from across the diocese for an inspirational evening to strengthen YOUR marriage. The Annual CHERISH MARRIAGE Event always sells out so get your tickets today! It will be held on Friday, Feb. 2, 2024 from 6-11:00 p.m. at the Watermark Country Club. The Keynote Speakers are Mark and Katie Hartfiel. Mark is vice-president of Paradisus Dei and Katie is a national speaker and author of Women in Love. Register at: CherishMarriage.net

IN MEMORY OF:

Robert Clark
Angela Clark
By Stan & Angela Kwiatkowski

Bob & Rosie McMillan
Bev Schafer
Don Bennett
Phil Fox
Doug Campbell
By Max & Joanne Pinkney

Robert & Zona Burns
Therese Walker
Don & Terry Speckin
By Dave & Nancy Speckin

Fred & Lee Scieszka
Joel Scieszka
Bud & Joanne Howard
By Mark & Lisa Howard

Ron Jackson
By Barb Jackson

Ashton Sanborn
By Mom, Dad & Brothers

Linda Heckman and the Deceased
Members of the Darrel & Shannon
Heckman Family
By Darrel & Shannon Heckman

Linda Kay Heckman
By Ed Heckman

Doug Campbell
Bob & Rosie McMillan
Clayton & Phyllis Campbell &
Jr. Campbell
Betty Buchanan
By Pat Campbell

Leonard Riley
Bob & Rosie McMillan
Mike & Dan Ward
Buck & Joe Ward
By Frank & Kathy McMillan

Deb Ritchie
Carl Hauch
Rita Hauck
By Lezlie Hauck

Johnny Schafer
Tom & Lucille Schafer
By Sharon Schafer

Ken Schafer
Arnold Fox
Margaret Fox
Charles Fox
George Fox
Barb Fox
By Lucy Schafer

James Dunn
Jennifer Thebo
By Pam Thebo

Roger & Patty Shively
John & Catherine Burke
John & Martha McGrath
Clinton CJ Johnston
John & Viola Stoffs
By Brett & Katrina Moe & Family

Cletis Coble
Mayble Coble
Allen Coble
By Martha Schmitz

IN MEMORY OF:

Celia Kelly
Stan Kelly
Marie Ingraham
Owen Mumaw
Marion Mumaw
By Allen & Janet Kelly

Jim O'Brien
Al & Dorothy Cashen
By Mike & Mary Cashen

George Demenov
Geraldine Demenov
Larry Keiffer
Barney Dailey
Tom & Stephanie Dailey

Jack & Eileen Stoudt
By Richard & Jackie VanDyne

TioFilo Alcoser Sr.
All Alcoser Family
Tijernia Family
Rodriguez Family
Ryan Family
By Celia Alcoser

Dan Fenn
Kathryn Tucker
By Diane Duflo

Ruth & Edward Woodcock
Suzanne Rosenburg
Joey Rosenburg
Christina Woodcock
Bob Woodcock
By Nancy Woodcock

Tammy McMeeken
James Lee
By Bernadette Lee

Jim & Evangeline Fox & Deceased
Family Members
Joseph & Marie Schafer & Deceased
Family Members
By Gene & Priscilla Schafer

Jim Dailey
Duane Fahey
By Vicki Dailey

In Memory of the Deceased Members of
The Chuck & Connie Malek Family
Kitty Burns
by Chuck & Connie Malek

Clare & Stella Harden
By Dennis Harden

Isabell Robles
By Mary Jo & Ken Cusack

Dan Fenn
Tony Cornacchione
Kathryn Tucker
By Nancy Fenn

Don Schafer
By Micheal Schafer

Earl Heppard
by Anita Heppard