

Pastoral Director: Nancy Woodcock  
 Sacramental Minister: Nov. 29 & 30 Fr. Len Sudlik  
 Sacramental Minister: Dec. 6, 7 & 8 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— 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday – closed Week-ends

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://stmmarystjohn.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 – Dec. 13, 2025 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**SM – 4:00 p.m. – Jim Beck** by Family; **Linda Antes** by Chris Antes; **Ken Cusack** by Randy & Julie Smith

**SUNDAY – Dec. 14, 2025 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**SJB – 9:00 a.m. – Leo McMillan** by Marjorie Hyde; **Russell Fletcher** by Doug & Nancy Cusack; **Sue Couzzins** by Sam & Julia Griffin; **William Freeman** by Joan McKenna; **Fred Esch** by Brett & Katrina Moe & Family; **Eugene Schafer** by Rita Geselman; **Darrell Dalton** by Doug & Nancy Cusack; **Jim Huhn** by Family

**SUNDAY – Dec. 14, 2025 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**SM – 11:00 a.m. – Alice Keilhotz** by Kristy Dombkowski

**TUESDAY– Dec. 16, 2025 - SJB Noon Prayer & Rosary**

**FRIDAY- Dec. 19, 2025 -SM Noon Prayer**

**SATURDAY- Dec. 20, 2025 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**SM – 4:00 p.m. – Ken Keiffer** by Neil & Colleen Hoffman; **Louis & Florence Burns** by Family; **Thomas Grettenberger** by Margaret Lauer; **Helen Osbon** by Carl Jacobs & Family; **For Healing** by Anonymous

**SUNDAY – Dec. 21, 2025 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**SJB– 9:00 a.m. – Russell Fletcher** by Gene & Karol Sanborn; **Eugene Schafer** by Fred & Kathleen Hearld; **Joan Bozung** by Joan McKenna; **Jackie Hogan** by Michael & Susan Hogan & Family; **Helen Stoddard** by Jack & Janet Dailey; **Robert McMillan** by Family; **Doug Campbell** by Pat Campbell & Family;

**SUNDAY Dec. 21, 2025 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**SM – 11:00 a.m. – Alice McCrackin** by Patricia & Jerry Girten

**Dec. 20, 2025 – Sat. 4:00 p.m.SM**

Lector: Annette Jones

Ushers: 23

Greeters: Volunteers

OMHC: Kathleen & Gary Copp; Frank Ladiski

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Musician: Connie

**Dec. 21, 2025 – Sun. 9:00 a.m. SJB**

Lector: Perry McCrackin

Ushers: Team 12

Greeters: Suzanne Gallagher

OMHC: Marvin & Diane Schafer; Darrel Heckman

Altar Servers: Volunteer

Musician: Connie

**Dec. 21, 2025– Sun. 11:00 a.m. SM**

Lector: Kim Brown

Ushers: Team 23

Greeters: Sue & Marty Riker

OMHC: Marty Riker, Roberta Jensen, Dan Schneider

Altar Servers: Lillian Reynolds & 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 Dec. Penny Huhn/Hank or Kathy Marshall**

**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: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10**

Isaiah's vision showed a path home for those who had abandoned hope of return.

**Second Reading: James 5: 7-10**

In the second reading, James extolls the people to be patient. Make your heart firm because the coming of the Lord is near.

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

**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, Phil Fletcher, Sue Findlay, Gary DeVito, Aiden Thurston, Judy Sheaffer, Deb Rockey, Shane Clark, Carol Silakes, Sherry Hopkins, Douglas Werner, Larry Elliott, Ted Kingsley, Camilla Hogan, Troy Genson, Mary Lou Tucker Andrews, Peg Clark, Gail Kennedy, Petra Medrano, Helen Tait, Alberta Gage, Deb Coon, Jim Barker, Fr. Doug Osborn, Russell Waite, Sam Riley, Hazel Gallagher, Edie Rudd, Fr. Jim Wyse, Brenda Demenov, Paul McKinley, Libby & Jordan Lehnen, Connie Sacks, Judy Schlegel, Bonnie Harter, Alicia Smith, Lynn Schneider, Gail Kennedy, Nancy Fenn, Peg Clark, & Darrel Ferris.

**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 Nov./Dec. 2025:**

**Cindy Howard (989) 763-9558; Susanne Gallagher (989) 292-5264; Penny Peiffer (517) 975-4209; Mary Huhn (517) 526-3809**

**St. Mary Chairpersons for Nov./Dec. 2025:**

**Nora Ryan (989) 763-2232; Ronda Schneider (989) 763-1432**

**THANKS TO:**

- **ALL who purchased items for the Grand Rapids Dominicans Christmas & items for the Carson City/Crystal students. What an amazing show of generosity!!!**
- **To the “elves” who sorted the items for the school students & boxed the donations for the Dominicans -THANKS!**

		COMING EVENTS	
SM	Dec. 13	Mass	4:00
SJB	Dec. 14	Mass	9:00
SM	Dec. 14	Live-Streamed - Mass	11:00
SM	Dec. 14	Everyone from BOTH parishes is welcome to make & deliver Fruit baskets	Noon
SM	Dec. 20	Mass	4:00
SJB	Dec. 21	Mass – ALL are welcome to decorate the church after Mass	9:00
SM	Dec. 21	Mass-Live-Streamed - All are welcome to decorate the church after Mass	11:00
SM	Dec. 24	Christmas Eve – Children's Mass	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
SJB	Dec. 30	Over 50's Group	12:30
SM	Jan. 5	SM Cemetery Meeting	11:00
SM	Jan. 5	Knights of Columbus Mtg	6:00
SJB	Jan. 24	Benefit for Libby & Jordan	5:00

**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.

**To Order KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS SIGNS (\$15.00 each) please call Gary Copp at 989-330-6962**

**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.**

**Any donations (for tax purposes in addition to your weekly envelope) to either parish must be received on or before December 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**NOTES FROM NANCY:**

**Today we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent! The pink candle in the Advent wreath symbolizes “REJOICE.” The second reading from James calls us to be patient and uses the analogy of a farmer who waits for the seeds to grow patiently and for the rain in both spring and fall in order to achieve the yield needed for survival. We, as followers of Jesus, must be patient also. In today’s Gospel, John sends a message to Jesus from jail asking if He is the Messiah – the anointed one? Jesus’ response to John the Baptist is that Jesus is demonstrating to all that He IS the anointed one. What can we do to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Lord? How can we demonstrate patience with our children, parents, friends, relatives, co-workers, etc. 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.

**PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SUFFERING!**

**St. John the Baptist Parish  
December 7, 2025**

Adult Envelopes: (43)	\$2,143.35
Sunday Loose:	146.52
Tithe:	23.13
Christmas Flowers Env. (27)	612.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,925.00</b>

<b>Online Giving: (6)</b>	<b>521.00</b>
<b>Fees:</b>	<b>- 41.57</b>

**St. Mary Parish  
Dec. 6 & 7, 2025**

Adult Envelopes: (50)	\$ 2,432.00
Sunday Loose:	\$ 235.00
Holy Day: (3)	45.00
Christmas: (1)	150.00
Christmas Flowers: (22)	463.00
Candles:	53.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 3,382.00</b>

<b>Online Giving: (20)</b>	<b>2,311.00</b>
<b>Fees:</b>	<b>- 77.58</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.**

**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.

**SM/SJB Parish Office Winter Hours:**  
**Monday – 9:00 - 4:00 pm.**  
**Tuesday and Thursday – 9:00 – 1:00 p.m.**  
**Wednesday – Closed**  
**Friday – 9:00 – 3:00 p.m.**  
**Appointments? Call 989-584-6044**

**The Over 50's Group will meet on December 30<sup>th</sup> at St. John The Baptist Parish Hall at 12:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome! Come and enjoy lunch and bingo. Please bring something to share for lunch!**

**Volunteers are needed to deliver Christmas Poinsettias on either Monday, Dec.22<sup>nd</sup> or Tuesday, Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>. I will know the exact day & time when the distributor let's me know. Please consider being a part of this joyful Christian Service.**

**In July of 2026 our country will celebrate its' 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of our country. I am sure that we know or have had information taught in school. Do you know HOW the Catholic Church made a difference in our country? Take time to look for information regarding the various individuals who served the church AND made a difference in the United States of America.**

**Volunteers are needed to help decorate the churches after the 9:00 a.m. Mass at SJB and after the 11:00 a.m. Mass at SM on Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. Trees and ornaments need to be put up, windowsill decorations along with the manger scenes need to be constructed on Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. WE NEED YOU!!!**

**Attention Parents:** Please READ the letter you received in the mail recently regarding the Christmas Eve Program which will be held on December 24<sup>th</sup> at the 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Mary Parish. If you still wish your child to participate, please call the Office. Those who are participating will be notified of practice time and date. Thanks!

**HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS TO:**

<b>Priscilla Schafer</b>	<b>Dec. 9</b>
<b>Harry Sanborn</b>	<b>Dec.7</b>
<b>Jack Dailey</b>	<b>Dec. 27</b>
<b>Margie Hyde</b>	<b>Dec. 25</b>
<b>Ed Heckman</b>	<b>Dec. 30</b>
<b>Joan Heckman</b>	<b>Dec. 17</b>
<b>Ginny Bohen</b>	<b>Dec. 20</b>

**May your "special day" be filled with God's love and JOY!**

**Plan to attend the Benefit for Libby & Jordan on Saturday, January 24, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. There will be a delicious spaghetti dinner for a free will donation, item auctions & a live auction. The Planning Committee will meet the first week of January and there will be more information at that time.**

**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. Seminarian of the week: Dawson S. Morrissey**