

**Pastoral Director:** Nancy Woodcock  
**Sacramental Minister:** Dec. 20 & 21 Fr. Larry King  
**Sacramental Minister:** Dec. 24 & 25; Dec. 27 & 28 – Fr. Len  
**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](mailto:secretary@smsjbparish.com)

**Nancy's email:** [nwoodcock@smsjbparish.com](mailto: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 – Dec. 20, 2025 – 4<sup>TH</sup> Sunday of Advent**

SM – 4:00 p.m. – Helen Osbon by Carl Jacobs & Family; Thomas Grettnerberger by Margaret Lauer; Ken Keiffer by Neil & Colleen Hoffman; Louie & Florence Burns & Family by Joel & Mary Lou Black; 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; Jackie Hogan by Michael & Susan Hogan; Jason Bozung by Joan McKenna; 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 Ken Cusack

**TUESDAY – Dec. 23, 2025 – NO SJB Noon Prayer & Rosary**

**FRIDAY – Dec. 26, 2025 – NO SM Noon Prayer**

**SATURDAY – Dec. 27, 2025 – The Holy Family**

SM – 4:00 p.m. – Louis & Monica Thelen by their children; Ken Coe by Jim & Sue Lowe; Terry Beck, Jim Beck; Carl & Ella Beck by Family; Johnny Schafer by Sharon & Family

**SUNDAY – Dec. 28, 2025 – The Holy Family**

SJB – 9:00 a.m. – Doug Campbell by Dan & Sue Findlay; Bob Cashen by Barb Jackson; Marie Fernholz by Ed Heckman; Eugene Schafer by Mary Satterlee & Diane Peiffer; Wendell & Vera Peiffer & Deceased Family Members by Kelly Peiffer

**SUNDAY Dec. 28, 2025 – The Holy Family**

SM – 11:00 a.m. – Alice McCrackin by Patricia & Jerry Girten; Ken Cusack by his Family; Ken & Mary Coe by Tom & Deb McCrackin & Family

**Dec. 27, 2025 – Sat. 4:00 p.m. SM**

Lector: Gary Copp

Ushers: 22

Greeters: Volunteers

OMHC: Janet Kelly; Lori Richardson; Annette Jones

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Musician: Connie

**Dec. 27, 2025 – Sun. 9:00 a.m. SJB**

Lector: Shannon Heckman

Ushers: Team 14

Greeters: Marvin & Diane Schafer

OMHC: Susanne Gallagher, Bob Fahey; Volunteer

Altar Servers: Volunteer

Musician: Connie

**Dec. 27, 2025 – Sun. 11:00 a.m. SM**

Lector: Kim Brown

Ushers: Team 21

Greeters: Bill Tomlin & Ginny Bohen

OMHC: Sam Jensen; Linda Tasker; Kali Trevino

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.

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULES FOR CHRISTMAS ARE ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> PAGE!**

**Money Counters for Dec. Penny Huhn/Hank or Kathy Marshall**

**LIVE-STREAMING FROM ST. MARY can be found [www.YouTube.com](https://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 7: 10-14**

Isaiah gives the people of Israel a sign that the virgin will bear a son, Emmanuel.

**Second Reading: Romans 1: 1-7**

In the second reading, Paul tells them that all of the beloved of God are called to be holy.

**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**

**The students** who are in the Christmas Eve Play will have practice on **TUESDAY, December 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 6:00 p.m. at St. Mary Church. We need students for various roles. Parents are welcome to stay for practice. It should take about an hour. Thanks to all who are willing to participate.

| COMING EVENTS |         |  |            |
|---------------|---------|--|------------|
| 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. 23 | Christmas Play Practice – ALL students welcome                         | 6:00       |
| 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. 6  | Benefit Planning Mtg   | 10:30      |
| SM            | Jan. 6  | Food Pantry Meeting  | 1:00       |
| SM            | Jan. 7  | Red Cross Bloodmobile  | 11:45-5:45 |
| SJB           | Jan. 24 | Benefit for Libby & Jordan   | 5:00       |

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER**

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 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent!** We hear of the trust that Joseph demonstrated listening to the angel who told him to take Mary & the Christ Child to his home. **The birth of Jesus was a symbol of the hope and trust that Mary had in God.**  
**We remember that Emmanuel (God-is-with-us) had come to change the world. We will remember the birth when we celebrate Christmas! Take time to reflect on the hope, trust, and love that has been given to each of us...**

**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.

**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!!!**

**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**

**St. John the Baptist Parish**  
**December 14, 2025**

|                              |                   |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Adult Envelopes: (32)        | \$2,108.70        |
| Sunday Loose:                | 75.24             |
| Tithe:                       | 22.06             |
| Immaculate Conception (10)   | 215.00            |
| Immaculate Conception Loose: | 33.00             |
| Christmas Flowers Env.       | 120.00            |
| Religious Retirement: (10)   | 365.00            |
| Religious Retirement Loose:  | 141.00            |
| <b>Total:</b>                | <b>\$3,080.00</b> |

**St. Mary Parish**  
**December 13 & 14, 2025**

|                             |                    |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Adult Envelopes: (31)       | \$ 2,245.00        |
| Loose:                      | \$ 203.00          |
| Immaculate Conception: (18) | 395.00             |
| Immaculate Conception Loose | 75.00              |
| Christmas Flowers: (4)      | 175.00             |
| Religious Retirement (11)   | 450.00             |
| Rel. Retirement Loose       | 402.30             |
| <b>Total:</b>               | <b>\$ 3,945.30</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.

**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 Monday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>. They will be ready for pick-up around Noon at St. Mary Hall. Please consider being a part of this joyful Christian Service**

**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.**

**PRAY DAILY FOR ALL WHO HAVE DIED IN THE VARIOUS MURDERS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. PRAY ALSO FOR THEIR FAMILIES & FRIENDS!**

### **Mass Intentions:**

**Wednesday – Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve  
SM – 4:00 p.m. Terry Beck, Jim Beck, & Carl & Ella Beck by Family; Ken Cusack by his Family**

**Wednesday – Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve  
SJB – 6:00 p.m. Stan Cusack by Connie & Chuck Malek; Terry Fletcher by Family; Eugene Schafer by Kelly Peiffer; Roger & Patty Shively by Brett & Katrina Moe & Family; Randy Churchill; & Ray & Vivian Schrauben by Alice Churchill & Family**

**Thursday – December 25 – Christmas Day  
SJB – 9:00 a.m. Sue Couzzins by Tom & Kathy Ward; Barry Christensen, Sr. by Doug & Nancy Cusack; John & Louise Riley & deceased Family Members by Helen Tait & Family**

**Thursday – December 25 – Christmas Day  
SM – 11:00 a.m. For the people of SM & SJB Parishes**

### **Liturgical Schedules**

**Wednesday – Dec. 24 – SM 4:00 p.m.**

**Lector: Tabitha Keiffer**

**Musician: Brian & Group**

**Volunteers are needed for Ushers, Greeters; Altar Servers; & OMHC**

**Wednesday – Dec. 24 – SJB 6:00 p.m.**

**Lector: Perry McCrackin**

**Mike & Choir**

**Volunteers are needed for Ushers, Greeters, Altar Servers; & OMHC**

**Thursday – Dec. 25 – SJB 9:00 a.m.**

**Lector: Nancy Cusack**

**Connie**

**Volunteers are needed for Ushers, Greeters, Altar Servers & OHMC**

**Thursday – Dec. 25 – SM 11:00 a.m.**

**Musician: Connie**

**Volunteers are needed for Ushers, Greeters, Altar Servers, & OMHC**

**There will be sign-up sheets in the vestibule if you are able to volunteer. Thanks!**