

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

**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 – Dec. 20, 2025 – 4<sup>TH</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**SM – 4:00 p.m. – Helen Osbon** by Carl Jacobs & Family;  
**Thomas Grettenberger** 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](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 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 Lehn, 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!