

Pastoral Director: Nancy Woodcock
Sacramental Minister: Dec. 27 & 28 Fr. Len Sudlik
Sacramental Minister: Dec. 31 & Jan. 1 – Fr. Larry King
 Jan. 3 & 4 – 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
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. 27, 2025 – Holy Family

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

SUNDAY – Dec. 28, 2025 – 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 Satterleer & Diane Peiffer; Wendell & Vera Peiffer & Deceased Family Members; Margaret Fox by Lucy Schafer & Family

SUNDAY – Dec. 28, 2025 – Holy Family

SM – 11:00 a.m. – Alice Keilhotz by Kristy Westbrook; Ken & Mary Coe by Tom & Deb McCrackin & Family; Ken Cusack by his Family

TUESDAY – Dec. 30, 2025 – NO SJB Noon Prayer & Rosary

FRIDAY- Jan. 2, 2026 -NO SM Noon Prayer

SATURDAY- Jan. 3, 2026 – The Epiphany of the Lord

SM – 4:00 p.m. – Gary Coon by Eileen McKenna; Ken Cusack by Chuck & Connie Malek

SUNDAY – January 4, 2026 – The Epiphany of the Lord

SJB- 9:00 a.m. – Donna Patton by Jim & Laurel Michalek; Sue Couzzins by Doug & Nancy Cusack; Eugene Schafer by Chuck & Connie Malek; Russell Fletcher by Barb Jackson; Ken Cusack by Ed & Joan Heckman; Virgil Tait & Deceased Family Members by Helen Tait & Family; Prayers that Priscilla Schafer likes her new home by Joan McKenna

SUNDAY January 4, 2026 – The Epiphany of the Lord

SM – 11:00 a.m. – Hugh Kelly (75th Anniv.) by Family

Jan. 3, 2026 – Sat. 4:00 p.m. SM

Lector: Jill Postema

Ushers: 21

Greeters: Laura & Mike Fitzgerald

OMHC: Kathleen & Gary Copp; Frank Ladiski

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Musician: Mike & Choir

Jan. 4, 2026 – Sun. 9:00 a.m. SJB

Lector: Lisa Wandell

Ushers: Team 12

Greeters: Tom & Stephanie Dailey

OMHC: Shannon & Darrel Heckman, Nancy Curtis

Altar Servers: Volunteer

Musician: Connie

Jan. 4, 2026 – Sun. 11:00 a.m. SM

Lector: Tabitha Keiffer

Ushers: Team 23

Greeters: Eddie Trevino

OMHC: Marty Riker, Roberta Jensen, Dan Schneider

Altar Servers: Lillian Reynolds & Evelyn Reynolds

Musicians: Brian & Group

**Liturgical Schedules for Dec. 31 & Jan. 1
 are on page 4**

**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, 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: Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14

This reading recognizes the importance of respect & mutual care generations.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-17

In the second reading, we are taught forgiveness, instructing Christians to treat one another with "compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience" and above all LOVE!

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 Lehnens, 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

COMING EVENTS			
SM	Dec. 27	Mass	4:00
SJB	Dec. 28	Mass	9:00
SM	Dec. 28	Mass – Live -Streamed	11:00
SJB	Dec. 30	Over 50's Group	12:30
SM	Dec. 31	Mass	4:00
SJB	Jan. 1	Mass	9:00
SM	Jan. 1	Mass	11:00
SM	Jan. 3	Mass	4:00
SJB	Jan. 4	Mass	9:00
SM	Jan. 4	Mass - Live-Streamed	11:00
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 Mtg.	1:00
SM	Jan. 7	Red Cross Bloodmobile	Noon-5:45
SM	Jan. 10	Mass	4:00
SJB	Jan. 11	Mass	9:00
SM	Jan. 11	Mass – Live-Streamed	11:00
SM	Jan. 11	K-12 Religious Educ.	Noon-3:00
SJB	Jan. 24	Benefit for Libby & Jordan	5:00
SM	Jan. 25	K-12 Religious Educ.	Noon-3:00

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.

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 dated on or before December 31st.

NOTES FROM NANCY:

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph. In the Gospel, Joseph is instructed by an angel to flee to Egypt and care for Mary & Jesus. After Herod dies, Joseph is again, visited by an angel who warned him in a dream to go to the land of Israel. Fearing the new King, Joseph went to Nazareth. Jesus and his family were refugees. Their life, was focused on keeping Jesus safe. Take time this week to pray for migrant families who struggle to survive as the Holy Family did. Happy New Year to all!



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

*Available on Apple and Android Phones.

Thanks to:

- **The “elves” who decorated both churches for Christmas – what beautiful houses of prayer!!!**
- **The “elves” who delivered poinsettias – you brightened so many lives! Thanks!!!**

St. John the Baptist Parish
December 21, 2025

Adult Envelopes: (36)	\$1,351.35
Sunday Loose:	185.13
Tithe:	15.52
Religious Retirement Env. (2)	45.00
Total:	\$1,597.00

St. Mary Parish
Dec. 20 & 21, 2025

Adult Envelopes: (41)	\$ 1,905.00
Sunday Loose:	238.00
Religious Retirement: (2)	125.00
Total:	\$ 2,268.00

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.

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.

PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SEEKING GOD!

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 30th 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!

There will be a second collection on the weekend of January 10/11 for the Archdiocese for the Military Services. This collection is taken once every three years. There will be more information in next week's bulletin.

HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS TO:

Camilla Hogan January 1

Barb Jackson January 3

Agnes Schneider January 4

Bob Fahey January 10

Allen Kelly January 11

Jack Fahey January 15

Lucy Schafer January 20

Jack Proctor January 26

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

Agnes Schneider will celebrate birthday # 97 Let's Shower her with Cards.

Her Address is:

**1507 Glastonbury Drive Room #26
St. Johns, MI 48879**

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, SILENT auction & a LIVE auction. The Planning Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. at SJB Hall. All are welcome!

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:

Ben J. Fickinger

Liturgical & Mass Schedules for Dec. 31st & Jan.1 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Wed. Dec. 31, 2025 – St. Mary

4:00 p.m. – Ken Cusack by his Family

Lector: Frank Ladiski

Ushers & Greeters: Volunteers

OMHC: Cheryl Miller; Deb McCrackin;

Margaret Lauer

Musician: Connie

Thursday, January 1st – SJB

9:00 a.m. – People of God in Need of Prayer

Lector: Lisa Wandell

Ushers: Team 12

Greeters: Tom & Stephanie Dailey

OMHC: Shannon & Darrel Heckman; Nancy Curtis

Musicians: Mike & Choir

Thursday, January 1st – SM

11:00 a.m. – Living & Deceased

Parishioners of SM & SJB

Lector: Volunteer

Ushers; Greeters; & OMHC – Volunteers

Musicians: Brian & Group

Additional Donation for SM Flowers from Bernadette Lee in memory of:

Tammie McMeeken

Alice Keiholtz

Jim Lee

Eloise Taylor