

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. 6, 2025 – 2ND Sunday of Advent

SM – 4:00 p.m. – Helen Osbon by Carl Jacobs & Family; Jim Beck by Family; Ken Cusack by his Family

SUNDAY – Dec. 7, 2025 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

SJB – 9:00 a.m. – Doug Campbell by Fred & Kathleen Heard; Russell & Florence Fletcher & deceased Family Members by the Fletcher Family; Eugene Schafer by Michael Schafer; Donald & Helen Hogan & Donald, Jr. & Sandy Hogan by the Donald Hogan Family; Barry Christensen, Sr. by Doug & Nancy Cusack; Donna Schrauben Patton by Alice Churchill; and Rita Huhn by Bob Huhn & Family

SUNDAY – Nov. 30, 2025 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

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

TUESDAY– Dec. 9, 2025 - SJB Noon Prayer & Rosary

FRIDAY- Dec. 2, 2025 -SM Noon Prayer

SATURDAY- Dec. 13th, 2025 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

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

SUNDAY – Dec. 14, 2025 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

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

SUNDAY Dec. 14, 2025 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

SM – 11:00 a.m. – Ken Cusack by his Family
 Money Counters for Dec. Penny Huhn/Hank or Kathy Marshall

Dec. 13, 2025 – Sat. 4:00 p.m.SM

Lector: Gary Copp

Ushers: 23

Greeters: Laura & Mike Fitzgerald

OMHC: Cheryl Miller, Deb McCrackin, Margaret Lauer

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Musician: Connie

Dec. 14, 2025 – Sun. 9:00 a.m. SJB

Lector: Lisa Wandell

Ushers: Team 15

Greeters: Tom & Stephanie Dailey

OMHC: Susanne Gallagher, Bob Fahey, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Volunteer

Musician: Mike Kelley & Choir

Dec. 14, 2025– Sun. 11:00 a.m. SM

Lector: Gail Akin

Ushers: Team 21

Greeters: Jerry & Linda Tasker

OMHC: Eddie Trervino, Angie Kwiatkowski, Michelle Patin

Altar Servers: Claire Bahm & Ryne Bahm

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.

MONDAY – Dec. 8, 2025 – The Immaculate

Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

SJB- Noon- Ken Cusack by His Family

MONDAY – Dec. 8, 2025 -The Immaculate

Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

SM – 5:00 p.m. – Walter & Mary Jacobs & Deceased Family Members by Family; Gary Coon by Nancy Fenn

Dec. 8, 2025 – Mon. Noon – SJB

Lector: Nancy Cusack

Ushers: TBD

Greeter: TBD

OMHC: TBD

Altar Servers: TBD

Musicians: Mike & Choir

Dec. 8, 2025-Mon – 5:00 p.m.SM

Lector: Frank Ladiski

Ushers: TBD

Greeter: TBD

OMHC: Gary & Kathleen Copp, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Vol.

Musicians: Connie

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

Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025

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 2: 1-5

Isaiah's vision expands community to include many nations. Jerusalem becomes a beacon of light and teaching, including many nations who leave their homeland to learn how to walk in God's ways.

Second Reading: Romans 13: 11-14

In the second reading, Paul asserts that the time to move is now – waking to our responsibilities is not a one-time action. It is not a onetime action - it is a daily routine.

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, & 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. 6	Mass	4:00
SJB	Dec. 7	Mass	9:00
SM	Dec. 7	Live-Streamed - Mass	11:00
SM	Dec. 7	Religious Education	Noon-3:00
SJB	Dec. 8	Holy Day – Immaculate Conception	Noon
SM	Dec. 8	Holy Day – Immaculate Conception	5:00
SM	Dec. 13	Mass	4:00
SJB	Dec. 14	Mass	9:00
SM	Dec. 14	Mass-Live-Streamed	11:00
SM	Dec. 14	Fruit basket Making – all welcome to help & deliver	Noon
SM	Dec. 13	Mass	4:00
SJB	Dec. 14	Mass – Decorate the Church after Mass	9:00
SM	Dec. 14	Mass Live-streamed Decorate the Church after Mass	11:00
SJB	Dec. 30	Over 50's Group	12:30
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

The next meeting of the K. of C. will be held on Dec. 1, 2025

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.

NOTES FROM NANCY:

Today we celebrate the **Second Sunday of Advent!** The readings call us to awake into our responsibilities, not to only do it once. To put on Christ is to remember daily our baptismal calling and imitate Christ in every aspect of our lives. What can we do within our daily awakening to remind us to “put on Christ” and “walk in the light.” Take time to reflect each day of Advent ...



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.

December 8th all items for the **Grand Rapids Dominicans** will be due. Your generosity is appreciated.

Items for the school children need to be returned **WRAPPED** with the tag attached by **December 8th**. **Thanks!**

On December 13 & 14 there will be the collection for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**. For many years the sisters, brothers, & religious order priests worked for very little and now, in retirement, need health care, medication, & daily living expenses. Your donations will help!

**St. John the Baptist Parish
November 30, 2025**

Adult Envelopes: (12)	\$ 559.35
Sunday Loose:	39.60
Tithe:	6.05
Christmas Flowers: (2)	35.00
Candles: (1)	30.00
Total:	\$ 670.00

St. Mary Parish

Nov. 29 & 30, 2025

Adult Envelopes: (36)	\$ 1,595.00
Sunday Loose:	\$ 86.00
Total:	\$ 1,681.00

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.

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 & enjoy lunch & bingo. Please bring a dish to pass.

December 8th is the Feast of the Patroness of our Country, Mary Immaculate. **THIS IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.** Masses will be held at Noon at SJB Parish & at 5:00 p.m. at St. Mary Parish. **Please take time from your busy schedule to attend Mass!**

The Office may be closed if schools are closed. All activities will be cancelled!

In July of 2026 our country will celebrate its' 250th Anniversary of the founding of our country. 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.

A person made an apple pie for the Bake Sale. It was a delicious pie in a glass pie pan. The pie pan is on the shelf in the vestibule of SJB Church. Please take it home today!

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. Trees and ornaments need to be put up and windowsill decorations along with the manger scenes need to be constructed on Sunday, December 21st. **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 24th at the 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Mary Parish.** Review the letter with your students. During the December 7th class the students can hand in their slips (or at Mass in the collection), we will review the Program & students parts will be explained. Any Adults that want to help, please let me know.

HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS TO:

Priscilla Schafer	Dec. 9
Harry Sanborn	Dec. 7
Jack Dailey	Dec. 27
Margie Hyde	Dec. 25
Ed Heckman	Dec. 30
Joan Heckman	Dec. 17
Ginny Bohlen	Dec. 20

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. 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: Nicholas C. Whitmer



DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS

Office of the Bishop

December 6/7, 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

Women and men religious have ministered in parishes, schools, and organizations bringing the Gospel to life for decades. I am grateful for the impact these women and men religious have had on the faith of people here in West Michigan.

In their years of ministry, they often served for little to no pay without retirement benefits. Today, only 4 percent of communities reporting to the National Religious Retirement Office have the assets necessary to fund eldercare, and many rely on donor support to bridge the gap.

You can help by donating to the annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection next weekend, Dec. 13 - 14.

The 2024 collection was the 37th annual and raised more than \$28.1 million. The generosity of the Catholic laity remains strong through the (arch)diocesan national collection, which is evidenced here in the Diocese of Grand Rapids. You contributed \$257,586.63 during the in-pew collection last year. Your gift had a local impact, with several religious orders in Michigan receiving financial support made possible because of the Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

We have certainly been blessed by the ministry of many religious orders here in the Diocese of Grand Rapids. Now we have an opportunity to show our appreciation for their witness and ministry. The men and women religious are thankful for your support. You can make your gift through your parish's second collection next weekend or online at GRdiocese.org.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak
Bishop of Grand Rapids