

Pastoral Director: Nancy Woodcock
Sacramental Minister: Feb. 10 & 11 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—Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Friday: 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: smsjchurch@cmsinter.net

Nancy's email: nwoodcock@cmsinter.net

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.**

Weekly Programs & Bulletin: 1-616-200-6070

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 located in both Parish Halls & Churches.

Pictorial Directories are available for \$10.00 each.

Keepsake Ornaments are available throughout the year at the Parish Office - \$10.00 each!

SATURDAY- Feb. 10, 2024 – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SM – 4:00 p.m. – John & Louise Riley & Family by Pat Burns & Family; Linda Antes by Chris Antes

SUNDAY- Feb. 11, 2024 – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SJB – 9:00 a.m. – Mike Jegla by Barb Jackson; Amy Westphal Peters by Chuck & Connie Malek; Doug Campbell by Chris & Ann Garlitz; Stanley Cusack by Carleen Schmid; Colleen Heiden by Pat Campbell & Sharon Schafer; Bea Karber by Max & Joanne Pinkney

SUNDAY – Feb. 11, 2024 – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SM – 11:00 a.m. – Kathryn Tucker by Family

WEDNESDAY – Feb. 14, 2024 – ASH WEDNESDAY

SM – NOON – DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

Lector: Kim Brown

Min. of Euch. F. Ladiski; L. Schneider; M. Lauer; J. Kelly

SJB – 6:00 P.M. MASS w/ Distribution of Ashes

Lector: Perry McCrackin People of SM/SJB Parishes

Min. of Euch.: M. Schafer; D. Schafer; Volunteer

Musician: Mike Kelley

FRIDAY – Feb. 16, 2024

SM – Noon Prayer w/ Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY – Feb. 17, 2024 – 1st Sunday of Lent

SM – 4:00 p.m. – Valerie Bedewitz by Dan & Lynn Schneider & Family

SUNDAY – Feb. 18, 2024 – 1st Sunday of Lent

SJB – 9:00 a.m. – Doug Campbell by Delane Silvernail; Eugene McKenna by Joan McKenna; Jack Fox by Brett & Katrina Moe & Family; Colleen Heiden by Arlene Thelen; Stanley Cusack by Lezlie Hauck; Steve Fletcher by Delores Schmitt

SUNDAY-Feb. 18, 2024 – 1st Sunday of Lent

SM – 11:00 a.m. – Duane Torok by Penny Michalek

February 17, 2024 – Sat. 4:00 pm

Lector: Gary Copp

Ushers: 21

Greeters: Holly & Craig Keiffer

Min. of Euch. Lori Richardson, Margaret Lauer, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Musician: Mike & Cantor

February 18, 2024 – Sun. 9:00 SJB

Lector: Shannon Heckman

Ushers: Team 12

Greeters: Connie Malek

Min. of Euch. Beth O'Grady, Ed Heckman, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Musician: Brian & Group

Feb. 18, 2024 – Sun. 11:00 a.m. SM

Lector: Sharon Schafer

Ushers: Team 21

Greeters: Eddie Trevino

Min. of Euch.: Lori Richardson, Linda Tasker, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Liam & Nieve Jensen

Musician: 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 February: Cheryl Miller & Dave Miller

Sacramental Minister: Feb. 17th Fr. Bob Keller, OP

Feb. 18th Fr. Larry King

PRAY DAILY FOR PEACE!

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Gordon Gladden, Deb O'Neil, John Myers, Fr. Tony Vainavicz, Joan Bozung, Marley Ward, Jack Fahey, Tony Shepard, Bonnie Cross, Sandy Meyers, Bill Gage, Jacob Vance, Phyllis Gage, Donna Schumacher, Linda Tasker (Bruce's wife), Jill Hodges, Daniel O'Connell, Sue Faver, Erin Cavanaugh, Tanner Schrauben, LaVern Jacobs, Donna Patton, Teri Chesebro, Anakin Moody, Kaci Wyer, Alice McCrackin, Kevin Knapp, Bob Pouget, Tom Gallagher, Genevieve McGuire, Kyran Breimayer, Neil Speckin, Janice McKenna-Reynolds, Dennis Trudell, Sr., Sierra Rose Cordova, Leigh Ann Harwood, Jack Kapral, Wiggins, Sam Burns, Flora Horwath, Mike Riley, Judy Miller, Harry Sanborn, Michelle Van Arman, Velma Tabor, Lottie Conner & Family Members; Mary Pouget, Gary Coon, Denny Vander, Debbie Osborne, Ann Darland, Dean Schafer, Mason Burns, Sr. Julie Mae Groulx, Carmen Richardson, John Shively, Rosemary (O'Connell) Davarn, Jim Schultz, Taylor Smith, Agnes McKenna, Jen Schafer, Melanie Starr, Peg Walters, Fred Peiffer, Juanita Dockham, Phil Fletcher, Sue Findlay, Leo McMillan; Geraldine Snow; Joanne Schafer Watson, Blaine Michael Melton, Chris Bozung, Cathy Hodges, Beverly Pouget, Kathy Fockler, Rick Davarn, Gary DeVito, Aiden Thurston, Dan Woodcock, Judy Sheaffer, Deb Rockey, Shane Clark, Carol Silakes, Alice Keilholtz, Sherry Hopkins, Douglas Werner, Pete VanBeelen, Frank Rademacher, Fr. Larry King; & Deb Musselman.

..If you are better & would like to have your name taken OFF the Prayer List – please call the Office – 989-584-6044

PRAY FOR THE VICTIMS OF WAR!

The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. John the Baptist Chairpersons for February 2024:

Sharon Schafer (989-637-4294); Nan Miller (989-981-6801); Bernadette Fletcher (989) 855-2371; Vicki Dailey (989 981-6881)

St. Mary Chairpersons for February 2024: Margaret Lauer (989) 330-4097; Cheryl Miller (989) 584-3778

COMING EVENTS

SM	Feb. 10	Mass – Grab & Go Week-end	4:00
SJB	Feb. 11	Mass	9:00
SM	Feb. 11	Mass – Live-Streamed	11:00
SM	Feb. 11	Altar Server Training	Noon
SM	Feb. 11	K-12 Religious Education	Noon =3:00
SM	Feb. 14	Ash Wednesday Distribution of Ashes	Noon
SJB	Feb. 14	Mass w/Distribution of Ashes	6:00
SM	Feb. 16	Stations of the Cross w/Noon Prayer	11:30
SJB	Feb. 20	Stations of the Cross w/ Noon Prayer	11:30
SM	Mar. 2	Men's Mini-Retreat w/Brian Plachta	10:00 -1:00
SM	Mar. 3	K-12 Religious Educ.	Noon
SM	Mar. 6	Red Cross Bloodmobile	Noon
SM	Mar. 10	K-12 Religious Educ.	Noon -3:00
SM	April 21	Women's Mini-Retreat w/Sr. Diane Zervas, OP	Noon -2:30

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH FROM NOON-3:00 PM. AT ST. MARY HALL. ALL STUDENTS ARE WELCOME to participate!! If you have NOT registered your students yet, PLEASE bring your students to class at Noon and register them. Lunch is served in the Parish Hall before classes begin. Come and have lunch with your students.

Bishop Walkowiak invites all who are able, to return to Mass. He also knows that some of you cannot attend Mass in person because of health reasons or other excusing factors. "If you find yourself in this situation, the dispensation from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass has been extended until further notice." **This dispensation is granted to ensure anyone who needs to stay home can do so in good conscience. 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. **LIVE-STREAMING FROM ST. MARY can be found at:**

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. **Please call the Parish Office** if you are interested in having your baby or child baptized. Baptisms can be held during Mass

February 11, 2024

St. John the Baptist Parish

February 4, 2024

Adult Envelopes: (35)	\$2,456.00
Loose:	124.00
Candles:	95.00
Christian Service Tithe:	24.00
TOTAL:	\$2,699.00

St. Mary Parish

February 3 & 4, 2024

Adult Envelopes: (39)	\$2,450.00
Sunday Loose:	272.00
TOTAL:	\$2,722.00

Please remember to write a separate check for Mass Intentions, Parish Envelope donations, donations to collections for Missions, etc. as they all go into different accounts. Thank you for your willingness and cooperation.

First Reading: Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46

The First Reading regulates procedures for dealing with people with skin disease. They are denounced as unclean and must live alone.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10: 31-11:1

Paul calls the Corinthians to give glory to God in everything that they do.

REMEMBER:

If the roads are bad or weather wind chills are low, the Parish Office may be closed. Please call ahead before coming to the Office. If the schools are closed then all activities are cancelled. It is dangerous to put people out in extremely cold weather. Thank you for understanding!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER

Interested in being a Knight or need 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. **The Knights of Columbus are inviting ALL men, 18 years and older, from both parishes to the Annual Men's Conference, March 9th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.** A hot breakfast and lunch are provided with Mass & Confession opportunities. **Please contact Perry McCrackin (989-584-506-8044 or Gary Copp (989-330-6962) for carpooling and registration at NO COST - NO LATER than February 23rd.**

NOTES FROM NANCY:

Today we celebrate the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Lent will be with us in a few days. Have each of us picked up our Saginaw Black Books and Word Among Us yet so that we can spend "6 minutes a day" in prayer? Are we resolving to do good deeds or "give up" something this Lent? Now is the time to reflect...



Students who would like to be Altar Servers in either parish are expected to attend a training on Sunday, February 11th at Noon (before lunch & class). This Training will be one of several offered. If your student is interested, please call the parish office to register him/her. We are in need of Servers at all Masses. Students must be in grades 3-12 to volunteer. Interested??? Please call 989-584-6044.

Please keep the family and friends of Fr. Jim Bozung (born & raised in Hubbardston) and Janeen Bush (sister of Diane Fedewa) in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

Brian Plachta, a well-known spiritual Director and Dominican Associate in the Grand Rapids area, will provide a Lenten Men's Mini-Retreat on Saturday, March 2nd from 10-1:00 at St. Mary Parish. The topic will be: "Listening to God Knows What." There is no cost. Lunch will be served at 12:30. Bring a friend. Please call the parish office (989-584-6044) to RSVP.

Thank you very much for the beautiful bouquet of flowers sent to me on my 92nd birthday.
Gene Schafer

Welcome Hayden James Schneider, son of Jeremy & Kirstin (Maniez) Schneider, and Kennedy Ann Maniez (daughter of Hunter & Jennifer Maniez) who were baptized on Sunday, February 3, 2024 at St. Mary Parish. Welcome Miles Russell Tirmenstein, son of Cassidy (Cunningham) & Andrew Tirmenstein, who was baptized on Sunday, February 3, 2024 at SJB Parish. Congratulations! May you be nourished by your families and Faith Communities.

ONLINE DIRECTIONS ARE:

Go to: stmarystjohn.net
Click: on the Online Giving Tab
Select: the Parish you wish to donate to. Each parish has their 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 giving information. You can set up recurring donations - weekly or monthly. You can also give one time gifts as well.

OUR DIOCESE & BEYOND...

Prayer for Vocations: God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that you inspire young people whom you call to priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will. **Send workers into Your great harvest** so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and your people are strengthened by the sacraments. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Seminarian of the Week: Patrick Truskowski

Bishop Walkowiak invites you to join him for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress this summer (July 17-21). The diocese has travel packages available - it includes: a 5-day pass to the Congress; 4 nights accommodation, transportation to and from Grand Rapids & daily to the Congress via deluxe motorcoach. Price depends on room occupancy. Register: <https://bit.ly/DOGRNECreservation>

Discerning Priesthood - Mundelein Seminary
Any man discerning the priesthood is invited to visit Mundelein Campus for a retreat to discern God's call to the priesthood. It includes: prayer, discussion, fraternity, and recreation. Attendees are responsible for their own transportation costs, but the rest of the week-end is free w/private rooms & meals included. Register: usml.edu/epw

The Carson City American Legion will host a Breakfast on Sunday, February 11th from 8:00-11:00 a.m. All are welcome!



DIocese OF GRAND RAPIDS

Office of the Bishop

Lent 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we participate in the National Eucharistic Revival, we are called to intentionally reflect on how the Eucharist—the Bread of Life—compels us to share bread *for* life with all members of our human family. Through the Eucharist, Jesus calls us into relationship with Him to serve our brothers and sisters most in need.

One longstanding program that can assist us in serving the members of our human family who face the challenges associated with hunger and poverty is the Catholic Relief Services' (CRS) Rice Bowl. This faith-in-action program helps us to more fully live out the Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Your contribution to this important program makes a lasting impact. In addition to providing immediate physical nutrition to curb hunger, CRS Rice Bowl programs provide education about sustainable farming practices to ensure that people in more than 120 countries continue to thrive.

In addition to helping our brothers and sisters around the world, 25% of donations to CRS Rice Bowl each year stay in West Michigan to support hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. Your donations supported pantries including the Bread of Life Food Pantry and Grandmother's Cupboard Baby Pantry at St. Ann - St. Ignatius Parish in Baldwin, the Caritas Food Pantry through St. Mary Parish in Custer, which serves several counties, and the Mary's Heart Food Pantry run at St. Mary's of the Immaculate Conception in Muskegon. Thank you for your generosity in supporting these local efforts!

Please join me in giving alms to the CRS Rice Bowl program this year. Your support can change lives. To learn more, visit crsricebowl.org.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak
Bishop of Grand Rapids

Men's Spirituality Retreat

Listening for God Knows What...

Does God Really Speak to Me? If So How?

Do you ever wonder:

- Does God have a voice?
- If so, what does it sound like?
- Does he speak to me?
- How?
- What tools can I put into my spiritual toolbox to hear God's voice and experience more inner peace, balance, wholeness, and strength in my daily life?

Join us for some great food, good fun, and lively conversation about Men's Spirituality and discover some answers to your questions. It's a great way to jumpstart your Lent!

Date:	Saturday March 2, 2024
Time:	10:00 am – 1:00 pm
Cost:	Freewill donation includes workshop and lunch
Retreat Leader:	Brian Plachta, JD, MPC, author, counselor, & spiritual mentor
Location:	St. Mary's Parish 404 N. Division St. Carson City, MI 48811
RSVP:	Call the Parish Office at 989-584-6044 by March 1, 2024

Brian J. Plachta is an author, spiritual director, and workshop leader. A Dominican Associate for thirty years, Brian holds a master's degree in Pastoral Counseling. He's a frequent teacher on a broad variety of practical spirituality topics at workshops, retreats, conference centers, and colleges.

Brian's passion is helping men and women experience the direct Presence of God in their daily lives. His newest book, *Finding Flow—Spiritual Practices to Reclaim Inner Peace, Balance, and Wholeness* was recently published by Paulist Press. Brian is also a lawyer, husband, and father of four.

Learn more about Brian and sign up for his free weekly email reflections at:
<https://brianplachta.com>

Family Lent Calendar 2024

 = a day of fasting and abstinence from meat
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February						
"Lent is the liturgical season of forty days which begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with the celebration of the Paschal Mystery (Easter Triduum). Lent is the primary penitential season in the Church's liturgical year, reflecting the forty days Jesus spent in the desert fasting and praying" (Catechism of the Catholic Church).						
18 "Bury the Alleluiah." Write the word, "alleluia," on a piece of paper. Put it in a bag and bury it in the ground until Easter.	19 Resolve to only use kind words today.	20 Pick a person or situation in the news and pray for them at dinner.	21 Put out an empty "Donations" box. Fill it with unused clothes or toys in good condition throughout Lent.	22 <i>St. Peter's Chair</i> Offer extra prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father.	23 Attend a Stations of the Cross service or pray through the Stations together at home. Find them here: www.usccb.org .	24 Set out a "Lenten good deed jar" and add a jelly bean every time someone does a good deed. Enjoy at Easter.
25 After Mass, stay and light a candle for someone who passed away recently.	26 At dinner, have everyone name one thing for which they're grateful.	27 Check out Catholic Relief Services and see if you can help support any of their projects at https://www.crs.org .	28 Practice patience -- a much-needed form of almsgiving.	29 Enjoy pretzels -- a traditional Lenten snack, because they were originally shaped into crossed 'prayer' arms.	1 March Attend daily Mass together or make time later today to visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.	2 Pray a Family Rosary together in honor of Mary's Immaculate Heart.
3 After Mass, go over the homily with children. Discuss practical ways to "clean the temple" of your hearts.	4 Stop by the parish office and ask if there are any upcoming events you can volunteer to help with.	5 Encourage children to give up a favorite toy or game -- just for today, just for God.	6 Tonight, have everyone think of someone they don't get along with and share three good things about them.	7 Pray the Chapel of Divine Mercy together for souls in need. See details here: www.thedivinemercy.org .	8 Attend a parish fish fry together.	9 Show Jesus you're trustworthy and work on a project you've been putting off.
10 <i>Laetare Sunday</i> Go out for a small treat to celebrate the midpoint of Lent.	11 Encourage everyone to refresh any Lenten commitments.	12 Look for signs of God's love and presence today. Have everyone share two of them at dinner.	13 Prepare souls for Easter! Do an examination of conscience, using the Ten Commandments or Eight Beatitudes as a guide.	14 Encourage everyone to do an extra chore and offer it for the souls in Purgatory.	15 <i>Family Night</i> Take the phone off the hook and turn off the TV. Play board games and spend time together.	16 Go to Confession as a family and experience God's mercy.
17 Offer special prayers for catechists and anyone else who teaches the Faith.	18 Go for a walk together and look for signs of Spring.	19 <i>St. Joseph's Day</i> Today is a solemnity! See if your parish has a "St. Joseph's Table" or enjoy pastries at home to celebrate.	20 Holy Week and Easter are busy times for parishes. Offer prayers for the priests and parish staff.	21 Bring your donations box to its destination.	22 Have a screen fast (from recreational use) from noon to 3, honoring the time Jesus hung on the Cross.	23 The King is coming! Tidy up the house to prepare for the holiest week of the year.
24 <i>Palm Sunday</i> Display palm branches -- signs of victory -- around the images of Jesus in your home to mark the start of Holy Week.	25 At dinner, offer extra prayers for everyone coming into the Church at Easter.	26 Go on a water fast today. Drink only water and pray for those for whom accessible drinking water is difficult.	27 Get up 15 minutes early to pray as a family.	28 <i>Holy Thursday</i> Attend a Holy Thursday liturgy or read John 13:1-11. What would you say if Jesus offered to wash your feet?	29 <i>Good Friday</i> Pray the Stations of the Cross together, recalling Jesus' greatest act of love for us.	30 <i>Holy Saturday</i> Light a candle and renew your baptismal vows together as a family.