

Pastoral Director: Nancy Woodcock  
 Sacramental Minister: Feb. 14 & 15: Fr. Darrel Kempf  
 Sacramental Minister: Feb. 18 (Wed. 6:00 )Fr. Larry King  
 Sacramental Minister: Feb. 21 & 22 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

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 – Feb. 14, 2026 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**SM – 4:00 p.m. – Ella Beck by Lilly Beck; Linda Antes by Chris Antes**

**SUNDAY – Feb. 15, 2026 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**SJB – 9:00 a.m. – Helen Stoddard by Brett & Katrina Moe & Family; Leo McMillan by Norman O. Schafer**

**SUNDAY – Feb. 15, 2026 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**SM – 11:00 a.m. - Alice McCrackin by Francis & Barbara Hendrickson**

**TUESDAY– Feb. 17, 2026 – SJB Noon Prayer & Rosary**

**WEDNESDAY–Feb. 18, 2026–Ash Wednesday**

**SJB-6:00p.m.- Leonard Riley & Randy Riley by Helen Tait**

**FRIDAY- Feb. 20, 2026 – SM Noon Mass**

**SATURDAY- Feb. 21, 2026 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**SM – 4:00 p.m. – John & Louise Riley & Family by Pat Burns; Gail Kennedy by Allen & Janet Kelly**

**SUNDAY – Feb. 22, 2026 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**SJB– 9:00 a.m. – Ken Cusack by Janice Williams; Jim Cusack by Chuck & Connie Malek; Donna Patton by Jim & Laurel Michalek; Charlie Burns by Brett & Katrina Moe & Family**

**SUNDAY Feb. 22, 2026 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**SM – 11:00 a.m. – Alice Keilhotz by Kristy Dombkowski; Emily Patin (10<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) by Dave & Michelle Patin & Family**

**Money Counters for Feb.: Cheryl Miller & Yvonne Snyder**

**Feb. 21, 2026 – Sat. 4:00 p.m.SM**

Lector: Gary Copp

Ushers: 23

Greeters: Vol.

OMHC: Janet Kelly, Annette Jones, Vol.

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Musician: Connie

**Feb. 22, 2026– Sun. 9:00 a.m. SJB**

Lector: Lisa Wandell

Ushers: Team 15

Greeters: Martha Schmitz

OMHC: Shannon & Darrel Heckman, Nancy Curtis

Altar Servers: Volunteer

Musician: Mike & Choir

**Feb. 22, 2026– Sun. 11:00 a.m. SM**

Lector: Kim Brown

Ushers: Team 21

Greeters: Jerry & Linda Tasker

OMHC: Sam Jensen, Linda Tasker, Kali Trevino

Altar Servers: Nieve Jensen, Kindyl Keiffer (Shadow Server)

Musicians: Connie

**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.**

**PRAY FOR ALL WITH CANCER!!!**

**Liturgy Schedule for Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> - Ash Wednesday**

**Feb.18, 2026-Wed. Noon SM Ash & Communion**

Lector: Frank Ladiski

OMHC: Janet Kelly, Annette Jones, Volunteer

Musicians: Connie

**Feb. 18, 2026-Wed 6:00 SJB Mass /w Ashes**

Lector: Perry McCrackin

OMHC: Beth O'Grady, Ed Heckman, Vol.

Musicians: Brian & Group

**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 58:7-10**

**In the First Reading**, Isaiah lists for us what Jesus shares as the Corporal & Spiritual Works of Mercy.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5**

**In the Second Reading**, Paul shares with the Corinthians that he is sharing the mystery of God through Spirit and truth – to be shared by all.

**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, 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, Judy Schlegel, Bonnie Harter, Alicia Smith, Nancy Fenn, Peg Clark, Darrel Ferris, Jeff Smith, John Ford; Lavern Jacobs

**If you are better – please call the Office and ask to have your name taken OFF the Prayer List.**  
**(989-584-6044)**

**PRAY FOR PEACE**

**St. John the Baptist Chairpersons for Feb./Nan Miller:** (989-981-6801); Bernadette Fletcher: (989-855-2371); Martha Schmitz: (989-640-1898)

**St. Mary Chairpersons for Feb:**

**Cheryl Miller (989-584-3778); Margaret Lauer (989-330-4097)**

		COMING EVENTS	
SM	Feb. 14	Mass	4:00
SJB	Feb. 15	Mass	9:00
SM	Feb. 15	Mass – Live Streamed	11:00
	Feb. 18	Distribution of Ashes at Laurels	10:00
SM	Feb. 18	Distribution of Ashes/Prayer Service	Noon
SJB	Feb. 18	Mass w/ Ashes	6:00
SM	Feb. 19	Adoration for Vocations	6:00 – 7:00
SM	Feb. 21	Mass	4:00
SJB	Feb. 22	Mass	9:00
SM	Feb. 22	Mass w/Live Streamed	11:00
SM	Feb. 22	K-12 Religious Educ.	Noon – 3:00
SJB	Feb. 24	Over 50's Group	12:30
SM	Mar. 2	Knights of Columbus Mtg.	6:00
SM	Mar. 4	Red Cross Bloodmobile	11:45-5:45
SJB	Mar. 7	IRISH Blast 2	5:00-10:00
SM	Mar. 9	Veteran's Cemetery Mtg.	11:00
SM	Mar. 9	Joint Pastoral Council	6:00
SJB	Mar. 10	SJB Finance Council	10:00
SM	Mar. 10	SM Finance Council	4:00
SM	Mar. 19	"The Light is On for YOU"	5:00-7:00
SM	Mar. 21	Brian Plachta presents: Return to the Heart: Inner Peace as a Lenten Practice	9:00-Noon

**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**

**The K. of C. will meet on Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. All Knights are welcome!**

**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 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. As we approach Lent, our minds and hearts need to prepare for the journey. The Gospel today gives a strong message. We are urged to follow what Jesus gives us – through our thoughts and deeds. Scripture is meant to lead us to conversion. How will we change ourselves during Lent 2026? That is the question we need to ask ourselves. We can use the Scriptures - daily & weekly; the Saginaw Books for Lent; participate in the Stations of the Cross - either in Church or privately at home; sitting quietly in church reflecting, or attending weekly Mass on Tuesdays (beginning February 20<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary at noon or on Tuesdays at noon beginning February 24<sup>th</sup> at St. John the Baptist). There will not be weekly Mass on March 5-March 10. Lots of choices... Take time to reflect...



### 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.

**Religious Education will be held on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, March 1<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> for students in Grades K-12 from Noon-3:00. Please plan to come and eat lunch with your student before classes begin at 12:30.**

**PRAY FOR CHILDREN IN NEED**

### St. John the Baptist Parish February 8, 2026

Adult Envelopes: (33)	\$1,450.35
Sunday Loose:	92.07
Tithe:	<u>15.58</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,558.00</b>

### St. Mary Parish Feb. 7 & 8, 2026

Adult Envelopes: (41)	\$ 1,719.35
Sunday Loose:	<u>198.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 1,917.00</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.**

### ONLINE GIVING FROM THE WEB PAGE

**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**  
**Wednesday – Closed**  
**Friday – 9:00 – 3:00 p.m.**  
**Appointments? Call 989-584-6044**

**The Maryknoll Cemetery Veteran's Committee** is working on a monument to veterans of all branches of the Military Service. **The monument will cost \$5,500.00.** There will be other costs involved – cement and a base for the monument. **Please consider** donating for the memorial. **We are hoping to have it completed by Memorial Day.** Checks can be made to St. Mary Parish.

**Donations to the Maryknoll Veteran's Monument as of February 9<sup>th</sup>:**

\$1,000.00
\$ 500.00
\$ 50.00
\$ 200.00
\$ 50.00
\$ 100.00
\$ 25.00
\$ 20.00
<u>\$ 250.00</u>
\$2,195.00

**Sincere thanks** for your generosity!  
Perhaps Veterans or families of Veterans would like to make a donation...

**"The Light is On for You" will be held on Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at St. Mary Parish.** What is it, you may wonder? **It is an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent.**

**COMING SOON – The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Building a Legacy" Catholic Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at St. Robert Parish in Ada. Interested? Early Bird Registration ends Feb. 27. Register on line [www.BuildingALegacy.org](http://www.BuildingALegacy.org)**

**Needed:** If you are free on **Tuesday mornings from 10:00-Noon** perhaps you might like to assist the Carson Area Food Pantry. **People who are strong** (able to carry boxes up the basement stairs) **are needed.** **If interested,** please come at 9:30 (the first day). You will need to take the Virtus Training (on a computer). All are welcome!

**Remember: If the area schools are CLOSED then all activities will be cancelled at both parishes.** **The parish office** may also be closed. Any closings will be put on the Parish App. **Please call ahead before leaving your home.** **The closures are for YOUR safety!**

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU**  
**A BIG thank you to the Families & area Communities for the benefit for Libbi & Jordan.** It was a wonderful evening. There was an awesome outpouring of generosity. All the food was donated & prepared as a delicious meal. Our cooks are the best. All the paper products & beverages were donated. **There were almost 150 items donated for the silent & live auctions & the 50/50 was amazing.** The Country music donated for the night was great! We want to thank everyone so very much. Working together is always good fun. **SJB & SM Benefit Committee**

## **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: **Aiden P. McGavin**



# DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS

*Office of the Bishop*

February 2026

Dear friends in Christ,

As we prepare to enter the holy season of Lent, we are called in a special way to remember and reach out to our brothers and sisters who are poor and most in need. The Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl is one way to put our faith into action throughout the 40 days of Lent.

I invite you to pick up a CRS Rice Bowl from your parish and make it a part of your prayer, fasting and almsgiving this year. Your participation in the Rice Bowl program is a simple gesture that makes a real difference in the lives of those who suffer from hunger and poverty.

Twenty-five percent of Rice Bowl proceeds remain in our diocese to address hunger and poverty in our own communities. Your generosity helps support parish food pantries, God's Kitchen programming and other charitable efforts within West Michigan. In today's economy, these pantries are a critical lifeline for our brothers and sisters.



On behalf of all those who benefit from CRS Rice Bowl, thank you for your past generosity and for your continued support. Through your sacrifices and participation, this program continues to have an impact. You can read more about the work of CRS and the Rice Bowl Lenten program by visiting the CRS website at [csrtricebowl.org](http://csrtricebowl.org).

Sincerely yours in Christ,

















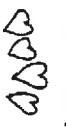
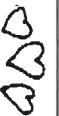




Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak  
Bishop of Grand Rapids



# Family Lent Calendar 2026

 = a day of fasting and abstinence from meat  
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St. John the Baptist Parish  
 St. Mary Parish

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).						
22 Stay after church and pray for a holy Lent. 	23  Display an image of Jesus to keep focused on Him.	24 Practice patience — patiently!	25 Have everyone pick a person or situation in the news to pray for at dinner.	26 Commit to charitable speech: if it's not kind, don't say it. 	27  <b>Family Movie Night</b> Order a cheese pizza and spend time together.	28  Have everyone do a chore they've been putting off.
1 March Stop to pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory after Mass.	2  Pick a Beatitude to work on together this month (Matthew 5:3-11).	3 Set up a good deed jar. For every good deed performed, add a jellybean. Enjoy on Easter. 	4  Send a card to someone who needs cheering up.	5 Pray one decade of the Rosary together each evening for the rest of Lent.	6 First Friday  Make a brief chapel visit together to console Jesus' Sacred Heart.	7 First Saturdays are dedicated to the Blessed Mother. In Mary's honor, pray a family Rosary.
8  After Mass, light a candle for the Pope's intentions.	9 Encourage everyone to refrain from bickering today. 	10 Before bed, gather before a Crucifix and pray an Our Father, a Hail Mary, and a Glory Be.	11  Enjoy pretzels — 'twisted bread that recalled monks' arms folded in prayer.	12 Fill a jar with loose change, then donate it to the poor box at church.	13  Check how everyone's Lent is progressing. Refresh commitments as needed.	14  Play a Chaplet of Divine Mercy for the dying. Find it here: <a href="http://www.usccb.org">www.usccb.org</a>
15 Laetare Sunday The priest wears rose to mark the midpoint of Lent. Celebrate with a small treat.	16  Fill a box with gently used items you no longer need and donate it to charity.	17 St. Patrick's Day Pray for Catholic school teachers, catechists, and missionaries — all who teach the Faith.	18 Help everyone examine their consciences with the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17).	19 St. Joseph's Day Say a special prayer for fathers everywhere. Remember to pray for priests!	20 Family Fun Night  Turn off the phones and take out the boardgames. Winner picks dessert!	21 Attend Confession together and celebrate God's mercy. 
22 After Mass, go over the homily in terms children can understand.	23 Write prayer intentions on slips of paper and place them in a bowl to pray for nightly.	24  Encourage children to look for a sign of God's love for them. Share at dinner.	25 The Annunciation We celebrate Mary's faithful "Yes" to God. Pray the Hail, Holy Queen together.	26  Put together an Easter basket and bring it to a lonely neighbor.	27  Fast from recreational screen use from 12-3, the final hours Jesus hung on the Cross.	28  Have everyone write a letter to Jesus, thanking Him for His sacrifice.
29 Palm Sunday Place palms around the crosses in your home, symbolizing Christ's victory.	30 Offer extra prayers tonight for everyone becoming Catholic this year.	31 Talk about what Lenten practices you want to continue after Easter.	1 April Ask forgiveness of those you may have hurt. Forgive those who have hurt you.	2 Holy Thursday Make a chapel visit together, fulfilling Jesus' request for our company (Matthew 26:40).	3 Good Friday  Pray the Stations of the Cross together and meditate on each one.	4 Holy Saturday Renew your baptismal vows as a family to be faithful to God.





**COME ONE, COME ALL !!!**

**IRISH BLAST II**

**WHEN: SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2026**

**WHERE: ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST HALL—  
HUBBARDSTON**

**WHY: TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE PARISH**

**TIME: DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 P.M.**

**COST: FREEWILL DONATION TO ATTEND**

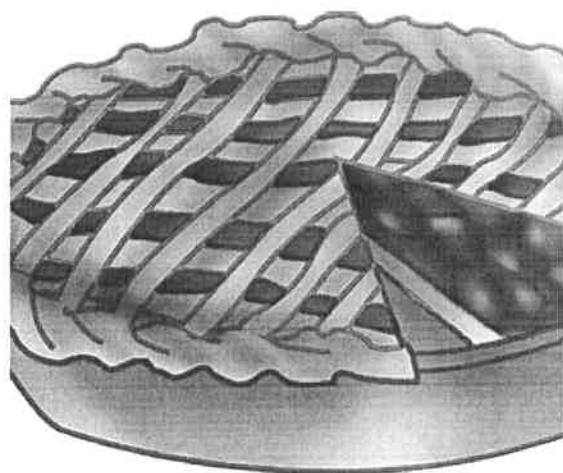
**WHAT: DANCE—MUSIC BY BRAD KILCHERMANN &  
THE MUDDY RIVER BAND**

**50/50 DRAWINGS**

**ALCOHOL SERVED—MUST BE 18 TO ATTEND**

**WHO: YOU AND ALL YOUR FRIENDS**

The Pewamo Knights of Columbus are once again hosting an annual Pie Sale to raise money for our



Catholic school, community, and council.

The sale will take place over the weekend of March 21 and 22. **Orders will need to be in by Sunday March 8.**

We will be offering Apple, Blueberry, and Cherry pies at a cost of \$12 each; 3 or more pies will be \$10 each.

Please contact the pie sale committee members: Andrew Frechen 989-383-0070 or Aaron Frechen 989-383-0099.