

**Pastoral Director: Nancy Woodcock**

**Sacramental Minister: Feb. 7 & Feb. 8: Fr. Lou Anderson**  
**Sacramental Minister: Feb. 14 & 15: Fr. Darrel Kempf**

**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@smsjbp parish.com](mailto:secretary@smsjbp parish.com)

**Nancy's email:** [nwoodcock@smsjbp parish.com](mailto:nwoodcock@smsjbp parish.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. 7, 2026 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**SM – 4:00 p.m. – Gary Coon** by Deloris Keiffer

**SUNDAY – Feb. 8, 2026 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**SJB – 9:00 a.m. – Ken Cusack** by Ed & Joan Heckman; **Russell Fletcher** by the O'Grady Family; **Bob Cashen** by Nancy Curtis; **Sue Couzzins** by Sam & Julia Griffin; **Terry Fletcher** (10<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) by The Family

**SUNDAY – Feb. 8, 2026 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**SM – 11:00 a.m. –Alice McCrackin** by The Family

**TUESDAY – Feb. 10, 2026 – SJB Noon Prayer & Rosary**

**FRIDAY- Feb. 13, 2026 – SM Noon Prayer**

**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; **Alice McCrackin** by Francis & Barbara Hendrickson; **Leo McMillan** by Norman O. Schafer

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

**SM – 11:00 a.m. – Pray for Peace**

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

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

**Feb. 14, 2026 – Sat. 4:00 p.m. SM**

Lector: Frank Ladiski

Ushers: 22

Greeters: Holly & Craig Keiffer

OMHC: Cheryl Miller, Deb McCrackin, Margaret Lauer

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Musician: Mike & Choir

**Feb. 15, 2026– Sun. 9:00 a.m. SJB**

Lector: Shannon Heckman

Ushers: Team 12

Greeters: Marvin & Diane Schafer

OMHC: Marvin & Diane Schafer, Darrel Heckman

Altar Servers: Volunteer

Musician: Brian & Group

**Feb. 15, 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: Evelyn & Lillian 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.**

**LIVE-STREAMING FROM ST. MARY** can be found [www.YouTube.com](https://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. 7	Mass	4:00
SJB	Feb. 8	Mass	9:00
SM	Feb. 8	Mass Live-Streamed	11:00
SM	Feb. 8	K-12 Religious Educ.	Noon-3:00
SM	Feb. 9	Veteran's Memorial Mtg.	11:00
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. 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. 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.**

**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)**

**NOTES FROM NANCY:**

**Today we celebrate the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. How the disciples must have felt – left behind yet, now, the love for Jesus rebounds and becomes LIGHT for the world -to be rekindled and shared by all living the Gospel message. WE are the NEW Life ever present sharing Jesus' message with everyone. Take time to reflect... I had my knee replaced on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. At the time a bone was broken which has slowed my progress. Please keep me in your prayers!**



**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.

**With Heartfelt Gratitude:**

**Our family does not know what our path will look like moving forward. What our family does know is that we are beyond blessed with an AMAZING community, friends, & family surrounding us. We want to thank each one of you for the donations, hard work, prayers, & support you are giving us. The Benefit was truly a wonderful event. The funds raised will definitely support us moving forward on this journey. Thank you all! God Bless, The Lehnens Family**

**Religious Education will be held on February 8 and February 22<sup>nd</sup> for students in Grades K-12. Please plan to come and eat lunch with your student before classes begin at 12:30.**

**St. John the Baptist Parish**

**February 1, 2026**

Adult Envelopes: (33)	\$1,520.64
Sunday Loose:	60.39
Candles	172.00
Tithe:	15.97
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,769.00</b>

**St. Mary Parish**

**Jan. 31 & Feb. 1, 2026**

Adult Envelopes: (39)	\$ 2,195.00
Sunday Loose:	239.00
Candles	28.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 2,462.00</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 1<sup>st</sup>:**

\$1,000.00  
\$ 500.00  
\$ 50.00  
\$1,550.00

**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. Fr. Larry King will be the confessor. Take time to mark your calendar and plan to attend!

**I would like to thank the parishioners of St. Mary's & St. John the Baptist for all the wonderful gifts, cards, prayers & support during my time off.** It is greatly appreciated!! God Bless, Lynn Schneider.

**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!

**Please keep Jack Jolls & Connie McCrackin Sacks** in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord & may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

**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!**

## **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: **Alexander Urbanski**

**Irish Blast Mtg: Tuesday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> at SJB Hall at 11:00 a.m.**



## HUBBARDSTON AMERICAN LEGION POST 182

**LENTEN FISH FRY  
EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT  
4:00 pm-7:00 pm**

FEBRUARY 20, 2026

FEBRUARY 27, 2026

MARCH 6, 2026

MARCH 13, 2026

MARCH 20, 2026

MARCH 27, 2026

APRIL 3, 2026



### ALL YOU CAN EAT

FISH, SHRIMP, STEAK FRIES, BAKED POTATO,  
COLESLAW, ROLL, DESSERTS, COFFEE & TEA

\$18.00 PER PERSON- \$16.00 70 & OVER- \$10.00 KIDS 6-12  
KIDS 5 & UNDER EAT FREE-\$18.00 FOR ALL TAKE OUTS



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February 2026

St. John the Baptist Parish  
St. Mary Parish

## Thoughtful Moments

### St. Onesimus

Born in Phrygia and employed as a slave to Philemon of Colossae, Turkey. St. Onesimus met St. Paul while running from Philemon for robbing him. Something about St. Paul's preaching touched St. Onesimus and he converted immediately. St. Paul adopted him as a spiritual son, freeing Onesimus from slavery. After making amends, St. Onesimus became a companion and associate in St. Paul's mission to spread the Gospel — including delivering one of his epistles!



### Symbols in the Mass

Ever notice how many symbols are used in the Mass? Kneeling, shaking hands, the blessing of the water and wine, the elevation of the host. Each is an action in itself, but also has another, deeper meaning. They not only help us to experience Jesus' Last Supper but also represent the many ways God is present in our lives.

"Purification! You and I certainly do need purification. Atonement and, more than atonement, love."

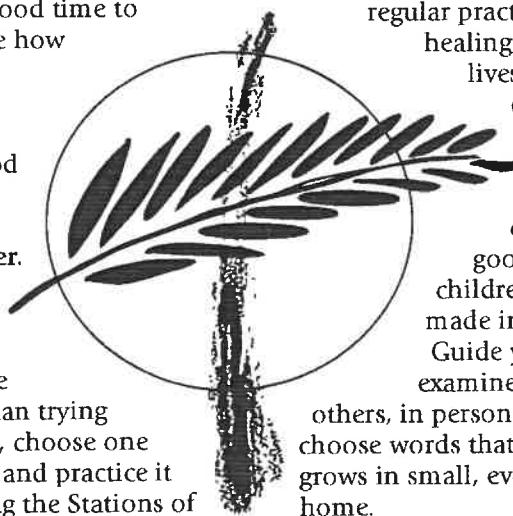
St. Josemaria Escrivá



Lent is a season of renewal that invites us to step back from distractions and return to the heart of our faith. It's a good time to help children see how prayer, the sacraments, charity, and service reveal God at work in our lives.

**Embrace prayer.** Lent is an ideal time to strengthen prayer within the family. Rather than trying to do everything, choose one shared devotion and practice it faithfully. Praying the Stations of the Cross, reading the Gospel of the day, or praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy together can anchor daily life in God, even when time is limited.

**Prioritize the sacraments.** The sacraments are living encounters with



Christ that restore and sustain us. Renewing our commitment to Sunday Mass and making Confession a regular practice brings clarity, healing, and grace to our lives. These habits quietly shape our hearts and choices.

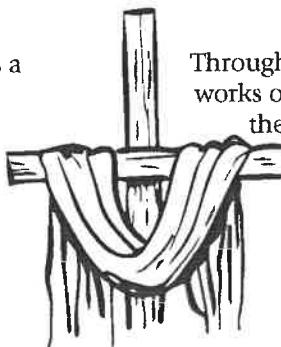
**Refresh charity.** Lent is a good time to remind children that everyone is made in God's image. Guide youngsters to examine how they speak to others, in person and online, and choose words that build up. Charity grows in small, everyday moments at home.

**Encourage service.** Holiness leads naturally to service. Children can learn this through simple acts: helping at home, being patient with siblings, or sharing their allowance. These small practices form generous hearts.

## Why Do Catholics Do That?

### Why do Catholics use violet or purple in churches during Lent?

Similar to Advent, Lent is a season of preparation and hopeful expectation. Rather than anticipating Christ's birth, the Church prepares for the celebration of His Resurrection, when the saving promises announced at Christmas reach their fulfillment.



Through prayer, fasting, penance, and works of charity, the faithful unite themselves to Christ's forty days in the desert. The use of violet or purple during Lent reflects this spirit of repentance, sober reflection, and interior preparation, while also recalling Christ's kingship and sacrificial love.