

**Pastoral Director:** Nancy Woodcock

**Sacramental Minister:** Jan. 27 & 28: Fr. Dick Host

**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. Sgt. Candace L. Thomas, 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](mailto: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- Jan. 27, 2024 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**SM – 4:00 p.m. – Firmin & Josephine Burns & Family by**

**Pat Burns & Family**

**SUNDAY- Jan. 28, 2024 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**SJB – 9:00 a.m. – Mike Jegla (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.) by Dan Schueller;**

**Steve Fletcher by Chuck & Connie Malek; Patricia Schafer**

**by Tim & Donna Schafer; Terry Lipe by Doug & Nancy**

**Cusack; Stanley Cusack by Gene & Priscilla Schafer**

**SUNDAY – Jan. 28, 2024 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Alcoser, Senior (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) by Family**

**SATURDAY – Feb. 3, 2024 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**SM – 4:00 p.m. – William Hugh Kelly (73<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.) by Family**

**SUNDAY – Feb. 4, 2024 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**SJB – 9:00 a.m. – Earl Heppard by Chris & Tammi Cusack;**

**Doug Campbell by Helen Stoddard & Brenda Morofsky;**

**Ashton Sanborn & Living/Deceased Family Members of**

**the Sucheck/Sanborn Families by Gene & Karol Sanborn &**

**Sons; Terry Fletcher by Family; Fr. Jim Cusack by Chuck &**

**Connie Malek**

**SUNDAY-Feb. 4, 2024 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**SM – 11:00 a.m. – Sam DeVito by Larry DeVito**

**TUESDAY – NO NOON PRAYER until Lent**

**FRIDAY–NO NOON PRAYER until Lent**

**Money Counters for February:** Cheryl Miller & Dave Miller

**Sacramental Minister:** Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> Fr. Bob Keller, OP

Feb 4<sup>th</sup> Fr. Charlon Mason

**February 3, 2024 – Sat. 4:00 pm**

**Lector:** Jill Postema

**Ushers:** Team 23

**Greeters:** Volunteers

**Min.of Euch.** Lynn Schneider, Annette Jones, Vol

**Altar Servers:** Volunteers

**Musician:** Mike & Choir

**February 4, 2024 – Sun. 9:00 SJB**

**Lector:** Pam Thebo

**Ushers:** Team 14

**Greeters:** Tom & Stephanie Dailey

**Min. of Euch.** Marvin & Diane Schafer

**Altar Servers:** Volunteers

**Musician:** Connie

**Feb. 4, 2024 – Sun. 11:00 a.m. SM**

**Lector:** Gail Akin

**Ushers:** Team 24

**Greeters:** Dave & Michelle Patin

**Min. of Euch.:** Eddie Trevino, Angie Kwiatkowski

**Altar Servers:** Peyton Reynolds, Lillian Reynolds, Reynolds

**Musician:** 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 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 Helen Tait, Pete VanBeelen, Frank Rademacher & Fr. Larry King

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

**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

## The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

COMING EVENTS			
SM	Jan. 27	Mass	4:00
SJB	Jan. 28	Mass	9:00
SM	Jan. 28	Mass – Live-Streamed	11:00
SM	Feb. 4	Altar Server Training	Noon
SM	Feb. 4	K-12 Religious Education	Noon -3:00
SM	Feb. 5	Joint Pastoral Council	6:00
SM	Feb. 5	K. of C. Meeting	7:15
SM	Feb. 11	Altar Server Training	Noon
SM	Feb. 11	K-12 Religious Education	Noon =3:00
SM	Mar. 6	Red Cross Bloodmobile	Noon

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAYS, FEBRUARY 4 AND FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup> 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](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.**

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

**Fr. Larry King is suffering from blood clots. Let's Shower him with Cards at:**  
**1428 Beaver Creek Dr. NE**  
**Belmont, MI 49306**

**Helen Tait is in Rehab. Cards can be sent to:**  
**1103 Scott Rd. Apt. 116**  
**St. Johns, MI 48879**

**January 28, 2024**

St. John the Baptist Parish January 21, 2024	
Adult Envelopes: (44)	\$2,247.30
Loose:	131.67
Holy Day: (1)	5.00
Christian Service Tithe:	24.03
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$2,408.00</b>

St. Mary Parish January 20 & 21, 2024	
Adult Envelopes: (41)	\$2,085.00
Sunday Loose:	156.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$2,241.00</b>

**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: Deuteronomy 18: 15-20**

**In the First Reading, Moses says God will raise up a new prophet who will speak the words of God.**

### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35**

**Paul contrasts the divided loyalties of married people with those who are unmarried and have only one desire to please the Lord.**

### **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!**

## **PRAY FOR FAMILIES!**

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**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 will meet on Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 p.m. at St. Mary in the Classroom Area.****

**NOTES FROM NANCY:**

Today we celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. Jesus began to teach in the temple on the Sabbath. The people were astonished that He could "teach with authority and not as the scribes did." As He drew the "unclean spirit" from the man in the temple, the people knew and respected His authority. How do we reflect on this message? Take time... Ash Wednesday (February 14<sup>th</sup>) is the beginning of Lent. Are we thinking of what we can do to improve our lives or assist others? Are we always thinking of what we may have been taught - to "give up something?" Take time to decide...



Congratulations to Jared Jensen and Chelsea McCracken who were married on Saturday, January 13, 2024 at St. Mary Parish. May your lives be filled with God's love and many blessings!

On the week-end of February 3 & 4, packets of candles will be blessed and each household will receive a packet of two holy candles for home use during the year. **Throats will also be blessed at all Masses.** Please plan to attend and participate. **The candles are for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord which is on Friday.** At this feast we remember Mary & Joseph presenting Jesus at the temple where they meet Simeon and Anna, who recognize Jesus as the Christ.

Students who would like to be Altar Servers in either parish are expected to attend a training on Sunday, February 4 at 1:00 p.m. (after lunch and during class) and February 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Brian Plachta**, a well-known spiritual Director and Dominican Associate in the Grand Rapids area, **will provide a Lenten Men's Retreat on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9-1:00 at St. Mary Parish.** There is no cost. Lunch will be served. Bring a friend. **Please call the parish office (989-584-6044) to RSVP.**

**ONLINE DIRECTIONS ARE:**

**Go to:** [stmarystjohn.net](http://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: Thomas A. Curry**

**Is God CALLING YOU to discern a vocation to become a deacon?** The Office of Diaconate Formation invites men to an informational session. **Sessions will be held:**  
**March 11, 2024 at Christ the King Catholic Church (9596 Reed Rd. Howard City); or on May 6, 2024 at Cathedral Square.** Contact **Deacon Jerry Roersma, Director of Diaconate Formation at 616-288-0913;** [jroersma@GRdiocese.org](mailto:jroersma@GRdiocese.org)

**The Diocesan Men's Retreat will be held on March 9<sup>th</sup> - please call the parish office if you would like to attend.**

## **AUTHORITY TO TEACH**

**To know Christ is to know God.**

**Christ is the homily**

**that keeps explaining to us continually**

**that God is love,**

**that God is power,**

**that the Spirit of the Lord is upon Jesus Christ,**

**that he is the divine Word,**

**God's presence among us.**

**Jesus Christ and the gospel are not two separate things.**

**The gospel is not a biography of Christ;**

**for St. Paul, the gospel is the living power of God (cf. Rom1:16).**

**Reading the gospel is not like reading an ordinary book.**

**You have to fill yourself with faith**

**and stress the living Jesus Christ,**

**the revelation of the Father.**

**You must feel, though it be in silence,**

**without anyone's speaking,**

**with deep faith in your heart,**

**that Christ is God's homily preaching to you**

**while you try to fill yourself with the divine power**

**that has come in Christ Jesus. (St. Oscar Romero, The Violence of Love)**