

Pastoral Director: Nancy Woodcock

Sacramental Minister: Jan. 13 & 14: 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. 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

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. 6, 2024 – The Epiphany of the Lord

SM – 4:00 p.m. – Ken Kapustka by Sharon Shafer

SUNDAY- Jan. 7, 2024 –The Epiphany of the Lord

SJB – 9:00 a.m. – Earl Heppard by Mr. & Mrs. Dave Weber; **Sondra Stoddard** by Agnes Cusack; **Darrell Dalton** by Doug & Nancy Cusack; **Doug Campbell** by Chris & Ann Garlitz; **Jim Ward** by Tim & Donna Schafer; **Terry Burns** by Lezlie Hauck; **Patricia & Herb Wood** by Neal & Colleen Hoffman; **John & Louise Riley & Deceased Family Members** by Helen Tait & Family

SUNDAY – Jan. 7, 2024 – The Epiphany of the Lord

SM – 11:00 a.m. – Duane Torok by Penny Michalak; **Deb**

Ritchie by Margie Hyde

SATURDAY – Jan. 13, 2024 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

SM – 4:00 p.m. – Fr. William Reitz (12th Anniv.) by Pat Burns & Family

SUNDAY – Jan. 14, 2024 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

SJB – 9:00 a.m. – Dan Ward by Bill & Carla Dailey; **John & Barb Sougstad** by Dan & Carol Schrauben; **Bill Schafer** by Brett & Katrina Moe & Family; **Steve Fletcher** by Mary Fletcher; **Doug Campbell** by Chris & Ann Garlitz

SUNDAY-Jan. 14, 2024 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

SM – 11:00 a.m. – Kathryn Tucker by Family; **Fr. Mel Fox** by St. Mary Parish

TUESDAY – NO NOON PRAYER until Lent

FRIDAY–NO NOON PRAYER until Len

Money Counters for January: Donna Schafer & Cindy Howard

Sacramental Minister: Jan. 20 & 21: Fr. Len Sudlik

SM – 4:00 P.M. Jan. 13, 2024 –2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lector: Jill Postema

Greeter: Holly & Craig Keiffer

Ushers: Team 22

Min.of Euch.. Lynn Schneider, Annette Jones, Volunteer

Altar Server: Volunteers

Musicians: Connie

SJB – 9:00 Jan. 14, 2024 –2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lector: Pam Thebo

Ushers: 14

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Musician: Mike & Choir

Min. of the

Euch: Beth O'Grady, Ed Heckman, Volunteer

SM – 11:00 Jan. 14, 2024 –2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lector: Gail Akin

Greeter: Dave & Michelle Patin

Ushers: Team 24

Min. of Euch. Linda Tasker, Volunteers

Altar Servers Ellie Patin Volunteer

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 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.

.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 January 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 January 2024: Margaret Lauer

(989) 330-4097; Cheryl Miller (989) 584-3778

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 7, 2024

COMING EVENTS			
SM	Jan. 6	Mass	4:00
SJB	Jan. 7	Mass – Volunteers needed to take down Christmas Decorations	9:00
SM	Jan. 7	Mass- Live-Streamed – Volunteers needed to take down Christmas Decorations	11:00
SM	Jan. 7	K-12 Religious Education	Noon -3:00
SM	Jan. 8	SM/SJB Ladies Group	6:00
SM	Jan. 8	Knights of Columbus Meeting	7:15
SM	Jan. 13	Mass	4:00
SJB	Jan. 14	Mass	9:00
SM	Jan. 14	Mass-Live-Streamed	11:00
SM	Jan. 14	Altar Server Training	Noon
SM	Jan. 14	K-12 Religious Education	Noon -3:00
SM	Jan. 15	Joint Pastoral Council Meeting	6:00
SM	Jan. 16	Euchre Group	12:30
SJB	Jan. 22	SJB Finance Council Meeting	10:30
SM	Jan. 23	SM Finance Council Meeting	4:00

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 7TH and SUNDAY, JANUARY 14TH 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 child. Everyone is welcome!

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.

St. John the Baptist Parish	
Dec. 30 & 31, 2023; Jan. 1, 2024	
Adult Envelopes: (30)	\$1,316.70
Loose:	118.80
Christmas envelopes: (1)	35.00
Solemnity of Mary: (4)	115.00
Christian Service Tithe:	14.00
TOTAL:	\$1,599.20

St. Mary Parish	
Dec. 30 & 31, 2023; Jan. 1, 2024	
Adult Envelopes: (25)	\$1,925.00
Sunday Loose:	97.00
Christmas envelopes: (1)	\$35.00
Solemnity of Mary: (8):	264.00
TOTAL:	\$ 2,321.00

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: Isaiah 60: 1-6

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah promises that Jerusalem will be a light for all nations.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6

In the Letter to the Ephesians, St. Paul explains the revelation that the Gentiles are members of the same body of Christ.

Please keep the family and friends of Stanley Cusack and Colleen Heiden (sister of Janet Dailey) in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

Students who would like to be Altar Servers in either parish are expected to attend a Training on Sunday, January 14th at Noon at St. Mary Parish – just before lunch and Religion Classes meet. 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.

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, January 8th at 7:15 p.m. at St. Mary Parish.

The Epiphany of the Lord

NOTES FROM NANCY:

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. Just as Jesus received gifts from the Kings from the East so we receive many gifts from Jesus.

One gift is the gift of gratitude.

Sometimes we forget about this gift as we are busy with life and all of the consequences and trials that life brings. As we begin a new year perhaps we should take time to list what we are grateful for each day. Somedays the list will flow like water from the faucet. Other days we may have to dig deep to list what we are grateful for in our day. **Yet, each day we should be able to come up with something to add to our list and thank God for the gifts.**

Keep a journal or small notebook with the date on it and write down what we are grateful for - this is an essential component as we need to go back and reflect as we move forward in the year. **Can you list the same items at times? Yes!** Dig deep and really think about the people or things that allow us to grow and realize that the gift of gratitude can change as our life changes.

Take time...



Thanks to:

- All of the "elves" who water the poinsettias to keep them beautiful in both parishes – your willingness to volunteer is appreciated!
- The "elves" in both parishes who put up the outside Manger Scenes – what beauty we share with all who drive by as we profess our Catholic Christian Faith.
- The SJB Parishioner who generously gave to Giving Tuesday. Your donation will be put towards the new furnaces in the Hall.

PRAY DAILY FOR VICTIMS OF WAR!

January 7, 2024

We appreciate the many gifts that the parishioners of St. Mary and St. John the Baptist Parishes provided for the Sisters at Christmas. They were certainly generous. Gratefully, Sr. Mary

HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS TO:

Camilla Hogan – January 1

Agnes Schneider – January 4

Bob Fahey – January 10

Allen (Punk) Kelly – January 11

Julie Smith – January 11

John Fahey – January 15

Jack Proctor – January 26

Eugene Schafer – January 29

The Carson City American Legion will serve an All You Can Eat Breakfast on Sunday, January 14th from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Cost is \$12 – Adults; \$10 – Senior Citizens 65 & over; \$10 – Children 6 & over; Children 5 and under are free. **All are welcome!**

The Hubbardston American Legion will serve an All You Can Eat Breakfast on Sunday, January 21st from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Cost is: \$12 – Adults; \$10 – Senior Citizens 65 & over; \$10 – Children 6 & over; Children 5 & under – Free. All are welcome!

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: David A. Shamblin

**The Carson City Area Historical Society
Presents:**

**Part Two
of
“ How it all Began”
The History of the Carson City Community**

Being presented by Historian: Tom Haradine

When: On January 9, 2024

Location: Carson City Public Library

Time: 5:45 p.m.

Please come and enjoy the evening.