

Pastoral Director: Nancy Woodcock
Sacramental Minister: Jan. 10 & 11: Fr. Larry King
Sacramental Minister: Jan. 17 & 18: 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 Week-ends

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 – Jan. 10, 2026 – Baptism of the Lord

SM – 4:00 p.m. – Ken Keiffer by Don & Shirley Feurstein

SUNDAY – Jan. 11, 2026 – Baptism of the Lord

SJB – 9:00 a.m. – Bob Cashen by Max & Joanne Pinkney; Leo McMillan by Tom & Sally Strachan; Joe & Sandy Meyers by Darrel & Shannon Heckman; Jim Huhn by Family; Helen Stoddard by Tom & Kathy Ward; Richard & Bernice Miller by Family

SUNDAY – Jan. 11, 2026 – Baptism of the Lord

SM – 11:00 a.m. – Alice McCrackin by Eileen McKenna

TUESDAY– Jan. 13, 2026 – SJB Noon Prayer & Rosary

FRIDAY- Jan. 16, 2026 -SM Noon Prayer

SATURDAY- Jan. 17, 2026 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

SM – 4:00 p.m. – Fr. William Reitz (14th Anniv.) by Pat Burns

SUNDAY – January 18, 2026 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

SJB– 9:00 a.m. – Russell Fletcher by The O'Grady Family; Sue Couzzins by Jill Spaniolo; Eugene Schafer by Rita Geselman; Wendell & Vera Peiffer & Deceased Family Members by Kelly Peiffer

SUNDAY January 18, 2026 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

SM – 11:00 a.m. – Alice Keilholtz by Kristy Westbrook

Money Counters for Jan.: Donna Schafer/Cindy Howard

Jan. 17, 2026 – Sat. 4:00 p.m.SM

Lector: Frank Ladiski

Ushers: 21

Greeters: Holly & Craig Keiffer

OMHC: Janet Kelly, Annette Jones; Volunteer

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Musician: Mike & Choir

Jan. 18, 2026– Sun. 9:00 a.m. SJB

Lector: Perry McCrackin

Ushers: Team 14

Greeters: Susanne Gallagher

OMHC: Marvin & Diane Schafer; Darrel Heckman

Altar Servers: Volunteer

Musician: Brian & Group

Jan. 18, 2026– Sun. 11:00 a.m. SM

Lector: Gail Akin

Ushers: Team 24

Greeters: Sue & Marty Riker

OMHC: Eddie Trevino; Angie Kwiatkowski; Michelle Patin

Altar Servers: Lillian Reynolds; Evelyn 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, 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 42:1-4, 6-7

In the First Reading, Isaiah prophesies about the servant who will bring justice without breaking a *bruised reed*.

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

In the Second Reading, Peter proclaims Jesus as *the Lord of all*, recounting the story of His baptism & ministry.

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, Gail Kennedy, 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, Connie Sacks, Judy Schlegel, Bonnie Harter, Alicia Smith, Lynn Schneider, Gail Kennedy, Nancy Fenn, Peg Clark, Darrel Ferris, Jeff Smith, & Jack Jolls.

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

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

Cindy Howard (989) 763-9558; Susanne Gallagher (989) 292-5264; Penny Peiffer (517) 975-4209; Mary Huhn (517) 526-3809

St. Mary Chairpersons for Jan./Feb:

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

		COMING EVENTS	
SM	Jan. 10	Mass	4:00
SJB	Jan. 11	Mass	9:00
SJB	Jan. 11	Take Christmas Decorations Down after Mass	10:00
SM	Jan. 11	Mass – Live-Streamed	11:00
SM	Jan. 11	Take Christmas Decorations Down after Mass	Noon
SM	Jan. 11	K-12 Religious Educ.	Noon-3:00
SJB	Jan. 13	Over 50's Group	12:30
SJB	Jan. 24	Benefit for Libby & Jordan	5:00
SM	Jan. 25	K-12 Religious Educ.	Noon-3:00

Thanks to St. Mary and St. John the Baptist parishioners for the prayers and beautiful Christmas Poinsettia. They are greatly appreciated. Agnes Schneider

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

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 Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The prophet Isaiah stated that God's chosen one is called *to be a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness.* When the Spirit descended upon Christ at his baptism, these promises were fulfilled! We must be aware that the promises are not just for Jesus. We, through our baptism, are called to be signs of God's presence in the world. How do we go about being God's presence in the world? WE MUST live our lives called to share the Beatitudes, the 10 Commandments, the Corporal & Spiritual Works of Mercy, and the Gospel message that bring us closer to God. Take time...

Sincere thanks to all for the beautiful Christmas cards, delicious treats, generous remembrances, and kind words given by parishioners to me. I am working on thank you notes – slowly but surely...



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

*Available on Apple and Android Phones.

**St. John the Baptist Parish
January 1 & January 4, 2026**

Adult Envelopes: (33)	\$2,144.34
Sunday Loose:	44.55
Solemnity of Mary: (17)	513.20
Easter Flowers:	40.00
Tithe:	<u>30.91</u>
Total:	\$2,773.00

**St. Mary Parish
Dec. 31, 2025 & Jan. 1, 3, & 4, 2026**

Adult Envelopes: (39)	\$ 1,805.00
Sunday Loose:	282.00
Solemnity of Mary:(39)	460.00
Candle:	<u>24.00</u>
Total:	\$ 2,571.00

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

Remember: If the area schools are closed then all activities will be cancelled at both parishes. The parish office may also be closed. Please call ahead before leaving your home. The closures are for YOUR safety. Thank you for understanding!

Agnes Schneider will celebrate birthday # 97 on 1-4-26 Let's Shower her with Cards. **Her Address is:**
1507 Glastonbury Drive Room #26
St. Johns, MI 48879

ALL are welcome to attend the Benefit for Libby & Jordan on Saturday, January 24, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. There will be a delicious spaghetti dinner for a free will donation. **SILENT & LARGE auction items ARE NEEDED.** PLEASE bring them to the Parish Office during office hours. **YOUR generosity is appreciated!**

The Maryknoll Cemetery Veteran's Committee is working on installing 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. **If you are a veteran or have a relative** who served in the armed services, you may consider donating for the memorial. **We are hoping to have it completed by Memorial Day.** Checks can be made to St. Mary Parish.

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.
Seminararian of the week:
Payton T. Russman

Mid-Life Singles (mid-30's to 50's):
Are YOU looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register for a life-changing REFLECT Weekend Retreat at the St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt, MI (10 miles north of Lansing), on Jan. 30 – Feb., 1, 2026. Take a chance and get involved...you won't regret it! Cost is \$240.00 for meals and a single room. Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, email Reflect.michigan@gmail.com, or call (586) 770-1772 for details.

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter will be held on Jan. 30-Feb. 1st at the Country Inn & Suites – Grand Rapids. Call Amy & Joe Kopacz at 517-667-0433 for more info.

If you are considering the priesthood, the Diocese of Grand Rapids invites you to meet other young men (16+) to gather and discern God's will for your life. **Meetings take place from 12:30-1:30 at St. Luke University Parish on Jan. 18, Feb. 15, March 22, Apr. 19 & May 17. RSVP to:**
preynolds@grdiocese.org