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Pastoral Director: Nancy Woodcock
Sacramental Minister: Jan. 24 & 25: Fr. Larry King
Sacramental Minister: Jan. 31 & Feb. 1: Fr. Lou Anderson

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. 24, 2026 – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

SM – 4:00 p.m. – Firmin & Josephine Burns by Pat Burns; Terry Beck; Ella Beck by Lilly Beck

SUNDAY – Jan. 25, 2026 – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

SJB – 9:00 a.m. – Donna Patton by Jim & Laurel Michalek; Mike Jegla by Sharon Jegla; Barry Christensen, Senior by Kelly Peiffer

SUNDAY – Jan. 25, 2026 – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

SM – 11:00 a.m. – Pray for Peace Throughout the World

TUESDAY– Jan. 27, 2026 – SJB Noon Prayer & Rosary

FRIDAY– Jan. 30, 2026 – NO SM Noon Prayer

SATURDAY– Jan. 31, 2026 – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SM – 4:00 p.m. – Terry Beck & Ella Beck by Lilly Beck; Gail Kennedy by Allen & Janet Kelly

SUNDAY – Feb. 1, 2026 – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SJB– 9:00 a.m. – Barry Christensen, Senior by Kelly Peiffer; John & Louise Riley & Family by Helen Tait; Fr. Jim Bozung; Ashton Sanborn by Karol & Gene Sanborn & Sons; Rita Frayer by Philip & Linda Fletcher

SUNDAY Feb. 1, 2026 – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SM – 11:00 a.m. – For the Deceased Family Members of SM & SJB Parishes

Money Counters for Jan.: Donna Schafer/Cindy Howard

Jan. 31, 2026 – Sat. 4:00 p.m. SM

Lector: Jill Postema

Ushers: 23

Greeters: Holly & Craig Keiffer

OMHC: Cheryl Miller, Deb McCrackin, Margaret Lauer

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Musician: Mike & Choir

Feb. 1, 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: Connie

Feb. 1, 2026– Sun. 11:00 a.m. SM

Lector: Kim Brown

Ushers: Team 21

Greeters: Yvonne Snyder

OMHC: Sam Jensen, Linda Tasker, Kali Trevino

Altar Servers: Nieve Jensen, Elli Patin, Preston Reed

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.

Blessing of throats will take place after the Masses the weekend of Jan. 31/Feb.1.

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 8:23-9:3

In the First Reading, the prophet Isaiah declares that the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. God has restored their joy and ***smashed the rod of their taskmaster.***

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 10-13, 17

In the Second Reading, Paul urges the Christian Community at Corinth not to fall into factions but to be ***united in the same mind and in the same purpose.***

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, Nancy Fenn, Peg Clark, Darrel Ferris, Jeff Smith, John Ford, & Jack Jolls.

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 Jan./Feb./Mar: Miller: (989-981-6801); Bernadette Fletcher: (989-855-2371); Martha Schmitz: (989-640-1898)

St. Mary Chairpersons for Jan./Feb.: 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)

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| SM | Jan. 24 | Mass | 4:00 |
| SJB | Jan. 24 | Benefit for Libby & Jordan | 5:00 |
| SJB | Jan. 25 | Mass | 9:00 |
| SM | Jan. 25 | Mass Live-Streamed | 11:00 |
| SM | Jan. 25 | K-12 Religious Educ. | Noon-3:00 |
| SM | Jan. 31 | Mass | 4:00 |
| SJB | Feb. 1 | Mass | 9:00 |
| SM | Feb. 1 | Mass – Live Streamed | 11:00 |
| SM | Feb. 9 | Veteran's Memorial 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 |

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.**

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, February 2nd 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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Matthew's Gospel has Jesus walking by the Sea of Galilee and watching the fishermen. **As he called out to them,** they joined him and walked along as he called others to be his disciples. **As the disciples joined Jesus** there must have been an answer deep within their hearts that caused them to follow Jesus – **they felt the love that Jesus had for them. Have you ever been “caught”?** As I sat at the 4:00 Mass, I looked around and wondered, how come a lady who is almost 101 years old is at Mass every week? Has she been “caught” by Jesus’ love? Where are the others... Take time...



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.

Sincere thanks to all who assisted us and for all who were praying for us as Gary had a medical issue last Sunday. Thanks, Gary & Bernadette Fletcher

For the families and friends of Randy Riley and Gail Kennedy may they be at peace with God. Eternal rest grant unto us O Lord and may perpetual life shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

St. John the Baptist Parish

January 18, 2026

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| Adult Envelopes: (31) | \$1,356.30 |
| Sunday Loose: | 128.70 |
| Solemnity of Mary: (1) | 10.00 |
| Tithe: | <u>15.00</u> |
| Total: | \$1,510.00 |

St. Mary Parish

Jan. 17 & 18, 2026

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| Adult Envelopes: (34) | \$ 1,520.00 |
| Sunday Loose: | 101.22 |
| Solemnity of Mary:(1) | 50.00 |
| Military Services Appeal: | <u>10.00</u> |
| Total: | \$1,681.22 |

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.

The flowers you sent were a beautiful surprise! They look very nice on my table. Thank you very much.

Agnes 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). **YOUR efforts are appreciated!**

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.

Thanks to:

- All the elves who assist at the Carson City Area Food Pantry. **YOUR efforts are appreciated!**
- The elves who helped to take the Christmas decorations down. **So many helpers helped make the task easier!**

- The elves who take their time and serve as Catechists – **your efforts help to form young people in their Catholic Faith!**
- The elves who have taken down the outside nativity sets – **your time and efforts are appreciated**
- All who have given their time/ donated the food and beverages/ and/or given baskets, etc. to make the Benefit for Libbi & Jordan a success! **Another example of the parishes working together – THANKS!**

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: **Clayton Brown**

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 Feb. 15, March 22, Apr. 19 & May 17.

RSVP to: preynolds@grdiocese.org

COMING SOON – The 19th Annual Building a Legacy” Catholic Men’s Conference will be held on Saturday, March 14th at St. Robert Parish in Ada. Interested? Call the parish.



DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS

Office of the Bishop

January 24/25, 2026

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we approach Catholic Schools Week, January 25 – January 31, we have much to celebrate and much for which to be grateful. The Catholic schools in our diocese, from our elementary schools to post-secondary institutions such as Aquinas College and Harmel Academy of the Trades, are working hand-in-hand with the Church to fulfill our primary mission: evangelization.

Our Catholic schools are foundational for the Church of tomorrow. By providing a transformative education that nurtures the whole person – body, mind, and soul – we are actively ensuring the vitality and spiritual health of the Catholic Church in West Michigan.

Catholic schools bring young people into a daily encounter with our Lord, preparing them to seek and fulfill God's plan for their lives. Through prayer, adoration, and the celebration of the sacraments, students have multiple opportunities to listen for God's voice and discern how He is working in their life. This personal relationship with Jesus Christ is the key to living out our baptismal call to love God and neighbor and to become ambassadors for Christ.

You, the generous and dedicated members of our parishes, are integral in this endeavor. Thank you for the ways you support this educational ministry through your prayer, financial support, and faithful advocacy.

Please pray for and spread the word about Catholic schools within your community during this upcoming week and throughout the year.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak
Bishop of Grand Rapids

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL

Where: Maryknoll Cemetery

What: Build a Memorial for Veterans

Why: To honor all Veterans who have
served in all the Armed Forces

When: Hopefully, Memorial Day 2026

Cost: \$5,500.00 + ground preparation
and cement area around the area.

How Can You Help ?: Donations –
large & small are welcome – **checks**
payable to: St. Mary Parish.

Prayers for all veterans – living and
dead are a wonderful way to help also.

How can YOU help?