

Pastoral Director: Nancy Woodcock

Sacramental Minister: Jan. 3 & 4: Fr. Len Sudlik

Sacramental Minister: Jan. 10 & 11: Fr. Larry King

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. 3, 2026 – Epiphany of the Lord

SM – 4:00 p.m. – Gary Coon by Eileen McKenna; Ken Cusack by Chuck & Connie Malek

SUNDAY – Jan. 4, 2026 – Epiphany of the Lord

SJB – 9:00 a.m. – Donna Patton by Jim & Laurel Michalek; Sue Couzzins by Doug & Nancy Cusack; Eugene Schafer by Chuck & Connie Malek; Russell Fletcher by Barb Jackson; That Priscilla Schafer Will Like Her New Home by Joan McKenna; For Healing by Anonymous; Ken Cusack by Ed & Joan Heckman; Virgil Tait & Deceased Family Members by Helen Tait & Family

SUNDAY – Jan. 4, 2026 – Epiphany of the Lord

SM – 11:00 a.m. – Wm. Hugh Kelly (74th Anniv.) by Family

TUESDAY – Jan. 6, 2026 – SJB Noon Prayer & Rosary

FRIDAY – Jan. 9, 2026 – SM Noon Prayer

SATURDAY – Jan. 10, 2026 – The Baptism of the Lord

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

SUNDAY – January 11, 2026 – The 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 January 11, 2026 – The Baptism of the Lord

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

Money Counters for Jan.: Donna

Schafer/Cindy Howard

Jan. 10, 2026 – Sat. 4:00 p.m. SM

Lector: Annette Jones

Ushers: 22

Greeters: Volunteers

OMHC: Kathleen & Gary Copp; Frank Ladiski

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Musician: Connie

Jan. 11, 2026 – Sun. 9:00 a.m. SJB

Lector: Shannon Heckman

Ushers: Team 15

Greeters: Susanne Gallagher

OMHC: Beth O'Grady, Ed Heckman, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Volunteer

Musician: Mike & Choir

Jan. 11, 2026 – Sun. 11:00 a.m. SM

Lector: Gail Akin

Ushers: Team 24

Greeters: Dave & Michelle Patin

OMHC: Sam Jensen, Linda Tasker, Kali Trevino

Altar Servers: Claire Bahm, Ryne Bahm

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 60:1-6

In the First Reading Isaiah speaks of the divine glory of Jerusalem. People will **come bearing gold and frankincense.**

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

In the second reading, Paul writes that the Gentiles are **coheirs and copartners** in the Body of Christ.

2025 is the Jubilee Year of HOPE!

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. 3	Mass	4:00
SJB	Jan. 4	Mass	9:00
SM	Jan. 4	Mass - Live-Streamed	11:00
SM	Jan. 5	SM Cemetery Meeting	11:00
SM	Jan. 5	Knights of Columbus Mtg	6:00
SJB	Jan. 6	Benefit Planning Mtg.	10:30
SM	Jan. 6	Food Pantry Mtg.	1:00
SM	Jan. 7	Red Cross Bloodmobile	Noon-5:45
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

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**

**Knights of Columbus Meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 5, 2026
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 Solemnity - Epiphany of the Lord. The Magi undertook an arduous journey to see Jesus. At times, attending Mass can seem like a struggle, especially in the winter. Yet the God who set the stars in the sky desires an intimate relationship with each of us. As the year begins it is a good time to renew our commitment to grow closer to God. A star revealed Jesus' birth to the Kings; let us ask God to reveal Himself to us today!

**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.

Thanks to:

- **The “elves” who delivered fruitbaskets;**
- **All who donated money for the Christmas Flowers that adorn the beautiful altars of SM & SJB;**
- **The “elves” who distributed lovely poinsettias to the residents of Laurels;**
- **The “elves” who donated an amazing variety of items to the GR Dominicans Christmas – 3 of the Sisters were in Church last week and were VERY grateful for all of the FANTASTIC items.**

**St. John the Baptist Parish
Dec. 24, 25, 28, 2025**

Adult Envelopes: (22)	\$ 697.95
Sunday Loose:	74.25
Christmas Envelopes (44)	2,054.25
Christmas loose	487.19
Tithe:	33.47
Candles	31.00
Total:	\$3,378.11

**St. Mary Parish
Dec. 24, 25, 27, 28, 2025**

Adult Envelopes: (32)	\$ 1,035.00
Sunday Loose:	290.00
Christmas Envelopes:(39)	1,900.00
Christmas Loose	876.00
Total:	\$ 4,101.00

**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

There will be a second collection on the weekend of January 10/11 for the Archdiocese for the Military Services. This collection is taken once every three years. There will be more information in next week's bulletin.

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

Plan 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 auction & a LIVE auction. The Planning Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. at SJB Hall. All are welcome!

Thanks to:

- **Drs. Tim & Terry Donohue who donated the use of their lift, in the Fall, to assist the person who soft scrubbed the SJB Church siding;**
- **Dave Gage who washed and replaced the light bulb in the fixture above the outside steps at SJB Parish – w/no charge but a “Merry Christmas” to the people of SJB 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.

Seminarian of the week:

Noah T. Abram

Mid-Life Singles (mid-30's to 50's): Are YOU looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? If you are never-married, divorced, or widowed people in mid-life (mid-30s-50s), feel alone out of place (even in church!), and wondering what this phase of life means for you – that is where the REFLECT Catholic Retreat may be for you! The Weekend Retreat offers mid-life singles a chance to experience healing, a sense of belonging, and a renewed relationship with the Lord through planned talks, a Reconciliation Service, Mass, and a chance at fellowship.

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.

PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SERVING OUR COUNTRY!