

Pastoral Director: Nancy Woodcock
Sacramental Minister: June 28 & 29: Fr. Len Sudlik
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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—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: secretary@smsjbparrish.com

Nancy's email: nwoodcock@smsjbparrish.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 – June 28, 2025– Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles

SM – 4:00 p.m. – Johnny Schafer by Sharon & Family

SUNDAY – June 29, 2025 – Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles

SJB – 9:00 a.m. – Terry Gallagher by Barb Jackson; Fred Esch by Helen Tait; Mike Hummel by Mike & Mary Cashen; Sue Couzzins by Chuck & Connie Malek

SUNDAY – June 29, 2025 – Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles

SM – 11:00 a.m. – Alice McCrackin by Margie Hyde & Family; Emily Patin by Kwiatkowski Family

TUESDAY– July 1, 2025 - SJB Noon Prayer & Rosary

FRIDAY- July 4, 2025-SM NO NOON PRAYER - HOLIDAY

SATURDAY- July 5, 2025 – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SM – 4:00 p.m. – Rick Sparks & Debbie Ritchie by Sharon Schafer; Leon Lauer by Margaret Lauer; Charles Reed by Allen & Janet Kelly & Family

SUNDAY – July 6, 2025 – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SJB– 9:00 a.m. – Leo McMillan by Tom & Stephanie Dailey; Bob Cashen by Katie Cashen & Family; Russell Fletcher by Nancy Curtis; Rosie Manning by Agnes Cusack

SUNDAY July 6, 2025 – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SM – 11:00 a.m. – Suzanne Rosenberg by Family

Money Counters for July: Pat Burns & Jackie Van Dyne

July 5, 2025 – Sat. 4:00 p.m.SM

Lector: Jill Postema

Ushers: Team 23

Greeters: Holly & Craig Keiffer

EMHC: Cheryl Miller, Deb McCrackin, Vol.

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Musician: Mike & Choir

July 6, 2025 – Sun. 9:00 a.m. SJB

Lector: Nancy Cusack

Ushers: Team 12

Greeters: Marvin & Diane Schafer

EMHC: Darrel & Shannon Heckman, Nancy Curtis

Altar Servers: Volunteer

Musician: Brian & Group

July 6, 2025– Sun. 11:00 a.m. SM

Lector: Tabitha Keiffer

Ushers: Team 21

Greeters: Kali Trevino

EMHC: Eddie Trevino, Angie Kwiatkowski, Michelle Patin

Altar Servers: Claire & 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: Acts 12: 1-11

In the first reading, Peter is arrested, but prayer is made on his behalf and he is rescued by the *angel of the Lord*.

Second Reading: Matthew 16: 13-19

In the second reading, Paul tells Timothy that he is being *poured out like a libation* and that he has *finished the race*.

2025 is the Jubilee Year of HOPE!

PRAY DAILY FOR PEACE!

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, Juanita Dockham, Phil Fletcher, Sue Findlay, Rick Davarn, Gary DeVito, Aiden Thurston, Judy Sheaffer, Deb Rockey, Shane Clark, Carol Silakes, Sherry Hopkins, Douglas Werner, Pete VanBeelen, Mike Peckins, Scott Kelly, Larry Elliott, Ted Kingsley; Camilla Hogan, Helen Stoddard, Barry Christensen, Senior, Troy Genson, Mary Lou Tucker Andrews, Mike Van Heck, Brenda Sheaffer, Peg Clark, Gail Kennedy, Petra Medrano, Helen Tait, Alberta Gage, Deb Coon, Jim Barker, Dalton & Ruth Maxon, Sherri Gamez, Fr. Doug Osborn, Russell Waite, Sam Riley, Hazel Gallagher, Joe Peiffer, John Kohagen, Edie Rudd, Fr. Jim Wyse, & Judy Schlegel.

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 July/August 2025:

Lezlie Hauck (989) 640-8494; Penny Peiffer (517) 975-4209; Jamie Ward (989) 763-1959

St. Mary Chairpersons for July/August 2025:

Jill Postema (989) 763-7116; Deb McCrackin (989) 289-3182; Lynn Schneider (989) 584-3759; Annette Jones (989) 289-1347; Sam Jensen (517) 740-2937

**To the parishioners of St. Mary Parish:
Thank you so much for the amazing Mass,
delicious meal and all your hard work
preparing the meal. It was so appreciated!
Debbie Coon**

Please keep the family and friends of Wesly David-Gordon Dockham, grandson of Juanita (Janie) Dockham, in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon Him, may he rest in peace. Amen

		COMING EVENTS	
SM	June 28	Mass	4:00
SJB	June 29	Mass	9:00
SM	June 29	Mass Live-Streamed	11:00
SM	July 1	Euchre	12:30
SM	July 2	Red Cross Bloodmobile	11:45-6:00
SM	July 4	No Noon Prayer – Holiday	Noon
SM/SJB	July 4	Office Closed – 4 th of July	All Day
SM	July 5	Mass	4:00
SJB	July 6	Mass	9:00
SM	July 6	Mass – Live Streamed	11:00
SM	July 7	Knights of Columbus Mtg.	6:00
SM/SJB	Sept. 7	“CELEBRATING SUNDAY”	NOON

Both Parishes NEED volunteers to attend “Preparing Parishes for An Apostolic Age”

which will be held on Wednesday, July 23rd from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Cathedral Square Center in Grand Rapids. Please see the bulletin flyer for details. **If you are willing to attend**, please call the parish office at 989-584-6044 by June 30th. **There are limited seats available. WE need to fill some of the seats!!!**

Coming September 7th after the 11:00 Mass – Celebrating Sunday!!! Come to church, bring your children and grandchildren to a picnic afterwards with games and prizes!!

Knights of Columbus Corner:

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.

Adoption-Loving Option -1-616-667-0677 Pregnant? 1-800-712-HELP

The Knights of Columbus will meet on Monday, July 7th at 6:00 p.m. All Knights are welcome to participate.

Carson City/Hubbardston K of C member 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 of Saints Peter & Paul. As examples of faith, Peter & Paul have their strengths and weaknesses. Yet Jesus selected them and sent them. At different times Jesus stood by them and gave them power to continue sharing the mission with others.

WE are encouraged to share the message of Jesus as evangelizers to our friends and family. Can we do it? **Take time to pray...**

Each of us needs to pray for the people throughout the world who believe in destruction rather than diplomacy.



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.

Everyone is welcome to participant in Euchre at St. Mary. The next game is July 1st AT 12:30. **Bring a snack & come & play.** Students, men, and women of all ages – COME & Enjoy!

Welcome Easton Allen LaVictor, son of (Abigail & Nathan LaVictor) who was baptized on Sunday, June 22, 2025 at St. Mary Parish. May your heart be filled with God's many blessings as you journey nourished by your family and faith communities. **Congratulations!!!**

CSA REPORTS

SM	GOAL:
\$33,743.00	\$33,743.00
14th Report: (1)	<u>100.00</u>
<u>Amount Over Goal:</u>	\$ 1,567.00

SJB	GOAL:
\$24,689.00	\$24,689.00
14th Report: (4)	660.00
<u>Amount over GOAL:</u>	\$ 271.00

THANKS to all who helped us reach our **GOALS!!!** Donations are still welcome!

St. John the Baptist Parish

June 22, 2025

Adult Envelopes: (31)	\$1,067.22
Sunday Loose:	\$ 253.44
Christian Service Tithe:	<u>13.34</u>
Total:	\$ 1,334.00

St. Mary Parish

June 21 & 22, 2025

Adult Envelopes: (39)	\$ 1,853.00
Sunday Loose:	\$ <u>542.00</u>
Total:	\$ 2,395.00

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.**

Please remember to sign your phone up on the app - NOW!!!

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 information.**

You can set up recurring donations -weekly or monthly. You can also give one-time gifts as well.

Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles

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. **Thanks!**

As of July 1, 2025, the Family Rental Fee for Both Parish Hall rentals are increased to \$250.00 due to increased utility costs.

Presently \$100.00 is for insurance and \$50.00 is for clean-up and utilities. **The insurance cost will be increased to \$150.00 soon. Hopefully,** you will understand why the increase is necessary. Get your rentals booked before July 1st at the present fee!!!

Beginning today and throughout July 27th we will be collecting items for the Grand Rapid Dominicans "Christmas in July Project". Donations of puzzles, puzzle books, word searches, sudoku books, lotions, body wash, warm socks, slippers, candy (especially chocolates), **and anything else you might think that they could use. Please bring it to either church and put it in the marked tub.**

We will be collecting shoes, socks, and backpacks for the students of Carson City/Crystal Schools. Tags will be on the Tree. Please take a tag, purchase the item, and return the items WITH the tag attached. **Please do not gift wrap or add other items to your tag. It is difficult for students to understand why one child gets more than another in a family. YOUR generosity is greatly appreciated. Items need to be returned (with the tag) on or before August 3rd.**

Gene & Priscilla Schafer have moved to: Green Acres Retirement Home 2554 Commerce Lane Room 204 Ionia, MI 48846 They would enjoy a card or visit!

PRAY DAILY FOR VICTIMS OF WAR!

June 29, 2025

The Bulletin has a black & white cover because Liguori Press is no longer selling their color printed bulletins. Instead, the company is selling black and white copies which we can print off an e-mail that they send each week. **Many people have commented that the cover has so much helpful information, so we decided to get the black and white copies. Any questions, please call the office (989-584-6044).**

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. Amen
Seminarian of the Week: Clayton Brown

God's Kitchen is in desperate need of ground beef to continue serving members of the greater Grand Rapids Community. Their numbers have risen 15% over the last few months. God's Kitchen served more than 77,000 hot meals in 2024 to those in need in West Michigan. The numbers continue to increase. With food costs rising significantly, God's Kitchen needs help restocking their protein supplies. Please help feed the hungry in West MI by donating anytime, Monday-Friday from 9:00 – 3:00 at 303 Division Ave. S or call Jeff at 616-454-4110 or jhoyh@ccwestmi.org

The Michigan Catholic Women's Conference will be held on October 11th from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at Lansing Center (333 E. Michigan Ave. Lansing). **To register:** mcwc.ticketspice.com/2025-mcwc or call the Parish Office @ 989-584-6044
Early Bird pricing through July 27.

Please read Bishop Walkowiak's letter and follow the line at the end of the letter to discover the results of YOUR parishes through the "Rooted in Christ" information. Both parishes are in the East Deanery.



DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS

Office of the Bishop

June 29, 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

Throughout history, the Church has continually responded to societal changes with apostolic faith and steadfast hope. On the ancient Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul, we honor these formidable Apostles and their martyrdom. Unique in their own way and filled with the Holy Spirit, through many trials and tribulations, these Apostles enabled a fledgling church to take root and grow. As a Church, we are inspired by their courageous witness in steadfastly proclaiming the Gospel to the world. This same mission of evangelization is entrusted to us, yet we know how challenging it can be.

More than a year ago, I invited you to join me in a diocesan-wide initiative to pray for an increase in vocations, especially by praying the diocesan prayer for vocations at every Mass. In 2024, we had one priestly ordination. In 2025, seven pastors were either granted senior priest status or reassigned outside the Diocese of Grand Rapids, and there were no priestly ordinations. Given this reality, the Presbyteral Council and priests of the diocese urged me to take a hard look at the well-being of our priests and parish communities. Where do we see vibrant parish communities characterized by active participation, steady attendance, and financial health?

I am grateful to our pastors who have generously taken on the responsibility of shepherding two or three parish communities, but this is not a sustainable long-term model of parish administration. We must make the administrative burdens and sacramental responsibilities more manageable, which requires reducing the footprint of our physical structures within the diocese.

To guide us through this necessary transition, the diocese engaged the services of Meitler, a Catholic consulting group that has led pastoral planning processes in dioceses across the country. They have helped us formulate a data-driven pastoral plan that will provide crucial direction for the years ahead. The first step involved collecting relevant, self-reported data from every parish in the diocese. This data gave us an eight-year overview of parish vitality. Meitler then analyzed these figures alongside community demographic data – such as population trends and religious affiliation – to reveal how each parish and its surrounding community are evolving.

In addition to collecting and analyzing data, the consultants visited every parish and

interviewed pastors to provide important context. Each parish designated two diocesan liaisons who could engage parishioners and collaborate with Meitler to integrate local perspectives. These individuals led local meetings and contributed feedback at deanery-wide gatherings, ensuring broad participation from the lay faithful. I am deeply grateful to the diocesan liaisons and parish leadership for their insight and commitment to this process.

I also wish to extend my gratitude to our priests, who have worked together to review each draft of the plan and offer feedback on its potential impact on their parish and the diocese as a whole.

The report is the culmination of a year of dedicated effort and reflects the gravity of the moment we face. I recognize that change is difficult and takes an emotional toll, especially when that change occurs in places and communities where key moments in our life of faith occurred. Yet, we risk stagnation and even decay if we do not make adjustments. Each parish is a communion of persons extending beyond the confines of a building. Sometimes, in order for that communion of persons to be healthy and continue to grow, the administrative and physical structures of that community must transform.

It is providential that this process has taken place during the Jubilee Year of Hope. As Pope Francis reminded us in the bull of indiction introducing the Jubilee Year: "In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring. Even so, uncertainty about the future may at times give rise to conflicting feelings, ranging from confident trust to apprehensiveness, from serenity to anxiety, from firm conviction to hesitation and doubt" (*Spes non Confundit*, 1).

The first Christians experienced a similar range of feelings as they set out to grow the early Church. Saint Paul encourages the Colossians, "So, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk in him, rooted in him and built upon him and established in the faith as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving" (Col 2:6-7).

Let us take the words of Saint Paul to heart and remain rooted in Christ, overflowing with gratitude for all He has given us. Be assured of my prayers for you and your parish community as this plan is implemented.

The full report can be found on the diocesan website: GRdiocese.org/rooted-in-christ/

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak
Bishop of Grand Rapids