

Pastoral Director: Nancy Woodcock
Sacramental Minister: March 9 & 10 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—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- Mar. 9, 2024 – 4th Sunday of Lent

SM – 4:00 p.m. – Dave Meinke by Dan & Lynn Schneider & Family

SUNDAY- Mar. 10, 2024 – 4th Sunday of Lent

SJB – 9:00 a.m. – Terry Burns by Joe & Penny Peiffer;

Darrell Dalton by Doug & Nancy Cusack; Stanley Cusack by

Jeff Malek; Clayton & Phyllis; & Junior Campbell by Pat

Campbell & Family

SUNDAY – Mar. 10, 2024 – 4th Sunday of Lent

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

TUESDAY– Mar. 12, 2024 – 11:30 a.m.

SJB–Stations of the Cross w/ Mass

People of St. John the Baptist/St. Mary Parishes

FRIDAY – Mar. 15, 2024 – 11:30 a.m.

SM – Stations of the Cross w/Mass

Alice McCrackin by Sherry McCrackin

SATURDAY – Mar. 16, 2024 – 5th Sunday of Lent

SM – 4:00 p.m. – Jack & Eileen Stoudt; Jan Rogers by Family; The Living & Deceased Family Members of the McKenna & Donahue Families by Family

SUNDAY – Mar. 17, 2024 – 5th Sunday of Lent

SJB – 9:00 a.m. – Joan Burns Christides by Barb Jackson;

Doug Campbell by Chris & Ann Garlitz; Steve Fletcher by

Delores Schmitt; Stanley Cusack by Doug & Nancy Cusack;

Tom & Julia Cunningham & Living & Deceased Family

Members by Family; Cliff & Vera O'Grady; Francis O'Grady

by Family; Manuel & Pauline Cusack & Living & Deceased

Family Members by Russ & Carolyn Cunningham; Ray & Sue

Donahue; Denny Donahue & Nancy Rabideau by Russ &

Carolyn Cunningham; Bud McKenna by Russ & Carolyn

Cunningham

SUNDAY- Mar. 17, 2024 – 5th Sunday of Lent

SM – 11:00 a.m. – Kathryn Tucker by Family

March 16, 2024 – Sat. 4:00 p.m.SM

Lector: Gary Copp

Ushers: Team 22

Greeters: Volunteers

Min.of Euch. Lori Richardson, Margaret Lauer, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Musician: Mike & Choir

March 17, 2024 – Sun. 9:00 a.m. SJB

Lector: Shannon Heckman

Ushers: Team 14

Greeters: Carol Smith

Min. of Euch. Beth O'Grady, Ed Heckman, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Musician: Brian & Group

March 17, 2024 – Sun. 11:00 a.m. SM

Lector: Gail Akin

Ushers: Team 24

Greeters: Eddie Trevino

Min. of Euch.: Linda Tasker, Volunteers

Altar Servers: Liam & Nieve Jensen

Musician: 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.

**Money Counters for March: Patty Campbell & Penny Huhn
 Sacramental Minister: March 16 & 17 Fr. Len Sudlik**

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, 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, Pete VanBeelen, Frank Rademacher, Fr. Larry King; Bridget Woodcock, Deb Musselman, Helen Tait, Dannette Burch, & Scott Kelly.

If you are better & would like to have your name taken OFF the Prayer List – please call the Office – 989-584-6044

The Second Collection today is for Catholic Relief Services – please give generously once a year!

St. John the Baptist Chairpersons for February 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 February 2024: Margaret Lauer (989) 330-4097; Cheryl Miller (989) 584-3778

COMING EVENTS				
SM	Mar. 9	Mass		4:00
SJB	Mar. 10	Mass		9:00
SM	Mar. 10	Mass – Live-Streamed		11:00
SM	Mar. 10	K-12 Religious Education Classes	Noon-	3:00
SJB	Mar. 12	Stations of the Cross w/MASS		11:30
SM	Mar. 14	The Light is ON for YOU!	4:00-	7:00
SM	Mar. 15	Stations of the Cross w/ MASS		11:30
SM	Mar. 16	Mass		4:00
SJB	Mar. 17	Mass		9:00
SM	Mar. 17	Mass – Live-Streamed		11:00
SJB	Mar. 19	Stations of the Cross w/Mass		11:30
SM	Mar. 22	Stations of the Cross w/Mass		11:30
SM	Mar. 28	Mass of the Lord's Supper – Holy Thursday	7:00 p.m.	
SM	Mar. 29	Good Friday Services	Noon	
SM	Mar. 30	NO 4:00 p.m. Mass		
SM	Mar. 30	Easter Vigil	9:00 p.m.	
SJB	Mar. 31	Easter Sunday Mass	9:00 a.m.	
SM	Mar. 31	Easter Sunday Mass	11:00 a.m.	
SM	April 1	K. of C. Meeting	7:15	
SM	April 7	K-12 Religious Educ.	Noon-3:00	
SM	April 14	K-12 Religious Educ.	Noon-3:00	
SM	April 14	Easter Egg Hunt – Toddlers – 12 th Grade	2:45	
SM	April 21	Women's Mini-Retreat w/Sr. Diane Zervas, OP	Noon-2:30	

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAYS, MARCH 10, APRIL 7 & 14 FROM NOON-3:00 PM. AT ST. MARY HALL. ALL STUDENTS ARE WELCOME to participate! Lunch is served in the Parish Hall before classes begin. Come and have lunch with your students.

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 March 3, 2024	
Adult Envelopes: (47)	\$2,613.60
Loose:	94.50
Catholic Relief Services:	50.00
Christian Service Tithe:	27.35
TOTAL:	\$2,785.45

St. Mary Parish March 2 & 3, 2024	
Adult Envelopes: (52)	\$2,121.51
Easter Flowers:	60.00
Sunday Loose:	210.00
TOTAL:	\$2,391.51

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: 2 Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23

The first reading chronicles the fall of Jerusalem because of the people's unfaithfulness, and the fulfillment of the prophecies through Cyrus, King of Persia.

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

In his Letter to the Ephesians, Paul speaks of the richness of God's mercy and *the immeasurable riches of his grace.*

REMEMBER:

If the roads are bad or weather wind chills are low, the Parish Office may be closed.

Please call ahead before coming to the Office. **If the schools are closed, then all activities are cancelled.** It is dangerous to put people out in extremely cold weather.

Thank you for understanding!

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.

NOTES FROM NANCY:

Today we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Lent. Time is flying as another Lent moves us towards Holy Week. If we have not opened our Black Books it is time.

We read in the Gospel - "...that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light because their works were evil. ...whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that His works may be clearly seen as done in God."

Where do we stand as the People of God?

Are we living in the darkness of sin or are we people of the light who need the forgiveness received in the Sacrament of Reconciliation to continue our relationship with God? **Jesus' life is our example.**

Take time to reflect - how long has it been since we received the healing forgiveness of Reconciliation? Take time...



THANKS TO:

- **The men who attended the Retreat last Saturday** – may you be enriched by the experience! Thanks for Freewill Offering of \$45.00 for lunch!
- **The “elves” who set up for the Retreat, set-up and cleaned up lunch & helped in many ways** – your time was greatly appreciated!
- **The volunteers who have led the Stations of the Cross** – your willingness to serve helps make the parishes viable!

“The Light Is ON for you: An Evening of Reconciliation.”

will be held on Thursday, March 14th from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

At St. Mary Parish – Carson City

Fr. Larry King will be the Confessor.

Let's Shower Agnes McKenna w/cards on her 99th birthday on March 19th – Please

send cards to:

Box 22

Carson City, MI 48811

CSA 2024 begins now!

What can you give?

SM Assessment: \$32,701.00

SM – Week One: \$7,500.00

Balance: \$25,201.00

SJB Assessment: \$22,797.00

SJB – Week One: \$ 1,325.00

Balance: \$21,472.00

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: Charles W. Leidel

The work of the Synod continues. In October 2024, the Church will gather in Rome again to continue the journey and momentum of the First Session of the Synod on Synodality. **Our diocese will offer listening sessions to engage the faithful ahead of the Oct. 24th Synod.**

The sessions will be held on:

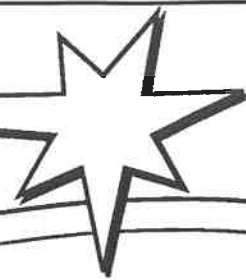
Tues. Mar. 12 – St. Patrick-St. Anthony Grand Haven 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Wed. Mar. 20 - Catholic Newman Center Big Rapids 6:00-7:30 pm.

To register: call DJ Florian 616-551-4748

PRAY FOR THE ORPHANS OF WAR!

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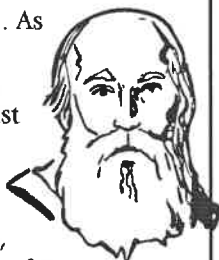
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Thoughtful Moments

Pope St. Zachary

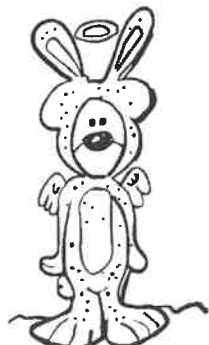
St. Zachary was a deacon before he became pope in 741. As pope, St. Zachary skillfully negotiated peace for Italy against the usually violent Lombard clan and befriended the Frankish king Pepin, the Short, the father of King Charlemagne. He was a patron of restoring churches and saving priceless treasures from Byzantium from being destroyed. Also known for his charity, St. Zachary ransomed slaves being sold in Venice and supported St. Boniface's mission in Germany.



See with your heart

Scripture says that God wants to be intimate with us but it can be challenging to feel close to someone we can't see in human form. Remember that Jesus said, *"Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things which you have not known"* (Jeremiah 33:3).

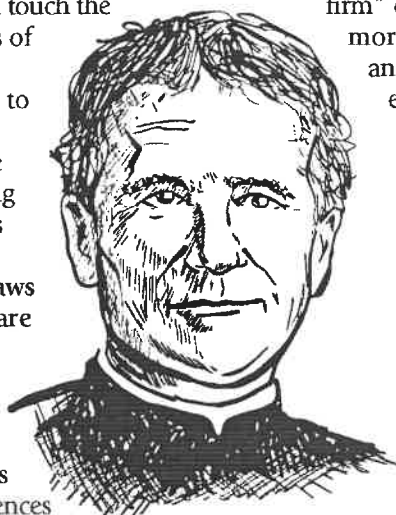
"Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Sufficient for a day is its own evil" (Matthew 6:34).



Invoke Don Bosco's special charism

As an educator and father-figure, St. John "Don" Bosco had a special charism. He could touch the hearts and minds of rebellious youths and inspire them to follow Christ. Follow his advice for forming young hearts and minds for Christ:

"See that the laws of discipline ... are made known." Children of all ages benefit from understanding clear expectations and the consequences for deviation. He knew that children thrive on routine and well-defined boundaries. And, Don Bosco believed that placing youths in safe surroundings with good influences removes the likelihood of their committing sin. That encourages responsible independence.



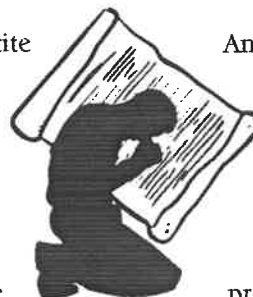
"Always gentle and prudent." It was his experience that "gentle but firm" or "quiet but stern" were more effective in discipline than anger or violence. The educator must strive to make himself loved by his pupils, if he wishes to obtain their respect and obedience.

"Never ... correct in public." To Don Bosco, punishments were a last resort and done in private when it is more likely to have the child's full attention. Never humiliate a youngster. *"A humble prayer to God is much more useful..."* Don Bosco encouraged drawing on God's grace. The Holy Spirit speaks to our children's hearts in ways we can't. Inviting God into our challenges might turn what could have been a fall-out into a breakthrough.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

During Sunday Mass, we recite the Nicene Creed, and bow when we proclaim the miracle and mystery of the Incarnation. It is such a central tenet of our faith that we genuflect when proclaiming it on Christmas and the Feast of the

Why do Catholics bow during the Creed?



Annunciation (April 8). Whether we bow or genuflect during the Creed, the extra gesture helps us to recall with gratitude and reverence that God became man "for us ... and our salvation," when we proclaim our Catholic beliefs.