

Pastoral Director: Nancy Woodcock  
 Sacramental Minister: Mar. 14 & Mar. 15: Fr. Larry King  
 Sacramental Minister: Mar. 21 & 22 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  
 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 – Mar. 14, 2026 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**SM – 4:00 p.m. – Ken Keiffer** by Neil & Colleen Hoffman; **In Thanksgiving of Agnes McKenna's 101<sup>st</sup> Birthday** by The Agnes McKenna Family; **Mike Jensen** by The McKenna Family

**SUNDAY – Mar. 15, 2026 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**SJB – 9:00 a.m. – Bob Cashen** by Lezlie Hauck; **Darrell Fahey** by Brett & Katrina Moe & Family; **Brad Burns** by Dave & Nancy Speckin

**SUNDAY – Mar. 15, 2026 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**SM – 11:00 a.m. - Alice McCrackin** by Eileen McKenna; **Dorothy O'Connell** by Bill & Pat O'Connell

**TUESDAY– Mar. 17, 2026 – SJB 11:30 Stations of the Cross/Noon Mass**

**FRIDAY- Mar. 20, 2026 – SM Stations of the Cross/Noon Prayer (No Noon Mass)**

**SATURDAY- Mar. 21, 2026 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**SM – 4:00 p.m. – Gary Coon** by Tim McCrackin; **Ken Coe** by Jill & Darrel Postema; **Kenny Kelly** by Allen & Janet Kelly & Family

**SUNDAY – Mar. 22, 2026 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**SJB– 9:00 a.m. – Barry Christensen Sr.** by Chuck & Connie Malek; **Donna Patton** by Jim & Laurel Michalek; **Connie (McCrackin) Sacks** by Pat Campbell & Family; **Phil Stoddard** by Gene & Karol Sanborn

**SUNDAY Mar. 22, 2026 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**SM – 11:00 a.m. – Ken Cusack** by Mike & Linda Meyers

**Mar. 21, 2026 – Sat. 4:00 p.m.SM**

Lector: Gary Copp  
 Ushers: 21  
 Greeters: Vol.  
 OMHC: Cheryl Miller, Deb McCrackin, Margaret Lauer  
 Altar Servers: Volunteers  
 Musician: Connie

**Mar. 22, 2026– Sun. 9:00 a.m. SJB**

Lector: Shannon Heckman  
 Ushers: Team 14  
 Greeters: Martha Schmitz  
 OMHC: Shannon & Darrel Heckman, Nancy Curtis  
 Altar Servers: Volunteer  
 Musician: Mike & Choir

**Mar. 22, 2026– Sun. 11:00 a.m. SM**

Lector: Gail Akin  
 Ushers: Team 24  
 Greeters: Dave & Michelle Patin  
 OMHC: Eddie Trevino, Angie Kwiatkowski, Michelle Patin  
 Altar Servers: Nieve Jensen, Kindyl Keiffer  
 Musicians: Connie

**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: Pat Campbell & Penny Huhn**

**Live – Streaming can be found at [www.YouTube.com](http://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. Volunteers NEEDED! Please call the Parish Office if you are interested in having your baby or child baptized. Baptisms can be held during Mass.**

**First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b,6-7,10-13a**  
**In the First Reading, Jesse presented 7 sons and Samuel did not want any of them; he sent for the 8<sup>th</sup> son – David. He was selected and anointed!**

**HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!!!**

**Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14**

In the Second Reading, Paul tells the people to be in the light – not the darkness. Christ is our Light!

**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), Daniel O'Connell, Sue Faver, Erin Cavanaugh, Tanner Schrauben, LaVern Wyer, Bob Pouget, 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, 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, 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, Judy Schlegel, Bonnie Harter, Alicia Smith, Nancy Fenn, Peg Clark, Darrel Ferris, Jeff Smith, John Ford, Alayne Howard, and Lavern Jacobs.

**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 Mar./Apr.**  
**Hank & Kathy Marshall; (989-637-4754);**  
**Sally Strachan (989-855-3683);**  
**Martha Schmitz (989-640-1898)**

**PRAY FOR PEACE**

**St. Mary Chairpersons for Mar./Apr.**  
**Kathy Keiffer (989-584-6000); Becky Proctor (989-261-6034)**

**Changed YOUR e-mail address? PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE and give us YOUR NEW e-mail address!!!**

**PRAY FOR COUPLES IN LOVE!**

		COMING EVENTS	
SM	Mar 14	Mass	4:00
SJB	Mar 15	Mass	9:00
SM	Mar 15	Mass – Live-Streamed	11:00
SM	Mar 16	Veteran's Cemetery Mtg.	11:00
	Mar 19	Adoration at. St. Joseph Parish in Pewamo	6:00-7:00
SM	Mar 19	"The Light is One"	5:00-7:00
SM	Mar 21	Brian Plachta presents: Return to the Heart: Inner Peace as a Lenten Practice	9:00-Noon
SM	Mar 21	Mass	4:00
SJB	Mar 22	Mass	9:00
SM	Mar 22	Mass – Live-Streamed	11:00
SM	Mar 22	Religious Education K-12	Noon- 3:00
SM	Mar 28	Mass	4:00
SJB	Mar 29	Mass	9:00
SM	Mar 29	Mass – Live-Streamed	11:00.

**"The Light is On for You" will be held on Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at St. Mary Parish. What is it, you may wonder? It is an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent.**

**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 Knights of Columbus Meeting will be held on April 6 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Mary Hall.**

**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.**

**PRAY FOR THE SICK!**

**NOTES FROM NANCY:**

Today we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Lent. As the Pharisees continue to find evidence against Jesus it does not stop Jesus from demonstrating who He is and what He is called to be. As acceptance in Jesus grows, many people enter into the light as believers. Today we believe in light of Jesus or we can wallow in the darkness. Every moment of every day we must grow stronger as we live in the light and share the light with others through the words and actions of Jesus.

Take time each day to pray...

We have had many funerals lately that touch each of us as we experience the loss of mothers, fathers, aunts, uncles, and friends.



**Parish App Feature-of-the-Week**



- List of Traditional Prayers
- Set Prayer Reminders
- Submit Prayer Requests to the parish

Prayers

Learn more or download our parish app at [myparishapp.com](http://myparishapp.com)

\*Available on Apple and Android Phones.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**  
**Agnes McKenna – March 19**  
**Mary Kapustka – March 9**  
**Katie Cashen – March 20**  
**Ann Fahey – March 27**  
**Janet Kelly – March 11**  
**Dave Speckin – March 10**  
 May JOY fill your hearts!

**Religious Education will be held on March 22<sup>nd</sup> for students in Grades K-12 from Noon-3:00. Please plan to come and eat lunch with your student before classes begin at 12:30.**

Please keep the family and friends of Vicki Dailey, Mike Schreiner (brother-in-law of Janet Kelly), Tom Gallagher, Roger Dennis, (husband of Kathy Schneider Dennis), and Connie Ramirez in your prayers. Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

<b>St. John the Baptist Parish</b>	
<b>March 8, 2026</b>	
Adult Envelopes: (28)	\$1,554.30
Sunday Loose:	93.06
Easter Flowers: (13)	275.00
Tithe:	<u>16.64</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,939.00</b>

<b>St. Mary Parish</b>	
<b>March 7 &amp; 8, 2026</b>	
Adult Envelopes: (36)	\$ 1,874.00
Sunday Loose:	176.00
Easter Flowers: (14)	270.00
Candles:	<u>45.11</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 2,365.11</b>

**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.

**CSA 2026 ASSESSMENTS**  
**St. Mary Parish - \$36,771**  
**St. John the Baptist – \$23,932**  
**WHAT CAN YOU GIVE OR PLEDGE?**

**Both parishes NEED Lectors, Greeters, Ushers, and Servers - students & adults can serve in ALL areas!!! Please take time to consider being a part of the Eucharistic Celebration – call the office if interested. A short Training will be held. Please reflect on sharing YOUR gifts!**

**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.**

**Brian Plachta will give a Lenten Presentation on “Return to the Heart: Inner Peace as a Lenten Practice” on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 a.m. - Noon at St. Mary Parish. Light refreshments will be served. Please bring your friends & neighbors. There is no fee. Please call the Parish Office by MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup> IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND.**

**Thank you to all who have prepared, served, or provided desserts for the recent multitude of funerals!**

**The Family of Norma Fitzpatrick would like to thank the Parishioners of St. Mary and St. John the Baptist Churches for the Beautiful Mass, Music, and Luncheon the day of her funeral. She was so blessed to be part of a community that showered her with cards, visits, and prayers. Thank you!**

**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 to the memorial. We are hoping to have it completed by Memorial Day or certainly by Veteran’s Day. Checks can be made to St. Mary Parish. Thanks for your donations!**  
**Donations to the Maryknoll Veteran’s Monument as of March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**\$2,395.00 as of Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**\$1,000.00 Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**\$3,395.00 as of Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**\$4,695.00 as of Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**\$5,095.00 as of March 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**\$7,095.00 as of March 9<sup>th</sup>**

**FISH FRY will be held at the Carson American Legion Post 380 on all of the Fridays of Lent. Dine in or take out from 4:00 p.m.-6:30. Cost is: \$15.00 Adults, \$12:00 for Seniors; & \$10.00 for Children (6-10). All are welcome.**

**Hubbardston American Legion Post 182 Lenten Fish Fry every Friday in Lent Cost: \$18.00 Adults; \$16.00 – Over 70; \$10.00 – kids 6-12; kids 5 & under eat free; \$18.00 – Take outs Serving from 4:00-7:0**

**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: **Seminarian of the week: Jack McCarthy****