

Pastoral Director: Nancy Woodcock
 Sacramental Minister: Mar. 21 & Mar. 22: Fr. Lou Anderson
 Sacramental Minister: Mar. 28 & 29 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; Isaac Fahey (Navy); Isaac Eves (Army)

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. 21, 2026 – 5th 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 – 5th 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 – 5th Sunday of Lent

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

TUESDAY– Mar. 24, 2026 – SJB 11:30 Stations of the Cross/Noon Mass

FRIDAY- Mar. 27, 2026 – SM Stations of the Cross/Noon Mass

SATURDAY- Mar. 28, 2026 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

SM – 4:00 p.m. – Mary Bliss by Pat Burns & Family; **Gail Kennedy** by Pat Reeder; **Jack Jolls** by Jim & Sue Lowe

SUNDAY – Mar. 29, 2026 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

SJB– 9:00 a.m. – Sue Couzzins by Jill Spaniolo; **Sara Jean Fletcher** by Mom & Dad & Family; **Tom Gallagher** by Chuck & Connie Malek

SUNDAY Mar. 29, 2026 – Palm Sunday of the Passioin of the Lord

SM – 11:00 a.m. – Pray for the Deceased Family Members of SM/SJB Parishes

Mar. 28, 2026 – Sat. 4:00 p.m.SM

Lector: Jill Postema, Annette Jones
 Ushers: 22
 Greeters: Laura & Mike Fitzgerald.
 OMHC: Cheryl Miller, Deb McCrackin, Margaret Lauer
 Altar Servers: Volunteers
 Musician: Mike & Choir

Mar. 29, 2026– Sun. 9:00 a.m. SJB

Lector: Perry McCrackin, Lisa Wandell
 Ushers: Team 12
 Greeters: Susanne Gallagher
 OMHC: Susanne Gallagher, Bob Fahey, Vol.
 Altar Servers: Volunteer
 Musician: Connie

Mar. 29, 2026– Sun. 11:00 a.m. SM

Lector: Kim Brown, Frank Ladiski
 Ushers: Team 23
 Greeters: Eddie Trevino
 OMHC: Marty Riker, Roberta Jensen, Dan Schneider
 Altar Servers: Nieve Jensen, Ellie Patin, Preston Reed (Shadow Server)
 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.

Money Counters: Pat Campbell & Penny Huhn

Live – Streaming 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. 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: Ezekiel 37:12-14

In the First Reading, the Lord will open the graves and fulfill the promises He has made.

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11

In the Second Reading, Paul shares that we are in the Spirit only if the Spirit of God dwells within you.

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)

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 < **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**

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 < **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!!!

TAKE TIME TO READ THE SAGINAW BLACK BOOK!

COMING EVENTS			
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.

Tickets are available to attend the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral on March 31st at 7:00 p.m. We have 6 tickets & need the oils from each parish picked up at the Chrism Mass.

Interested? Please contact Nancy or the Parish Office if you would like to attend.

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 Monday, 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.

WHAT CAN YOU GIVE TO CSA '26 THIS YEAR?

NOTES FROM NANCY:

Today we celebrate the **Fifth Sunday of Lent**. Jesus finally comes to the home of his friends Mary, Martha, & Lazarus.

Martha is a bit fussy as Jesus arrives after Lazarus has died. **Jesus** follows Martha and Lazarus is risen by Jesus. **Martha is asked**, “Do you believe this”? **That question** is one that we each need to ask ourselves – **Do we believe** our loved ones are with God? **Our faith in Jesus accepts the loss of loved ones** – knowing that they are with God. **Take time to pray...**



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

*Available on Apple and Android Phones.

Religious Education will be held on March 22nd 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.**

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for the outpouring of love, support, and prayers we received with Mom’s passing. **A special thank you** to Fr. Len, Nancy, Sharon Schafer, Nancy Curtis, Susanne Gallagher, and Ed Heckman for serving as Liturgical Ministers during Mass and for Connie for the wonderful music. **We would like to thank** all who prepared the Hall and Funeral Dinner. **We are blessed to be part of this small community and Catholic Church.**
The Vicki Dailey Family

Please keep the family and friends of Mary Bliss in your prayers. Eternal Rest grant unto her O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen

St. John the Baptist Parish	
March 15, 2026	
Adult Envelopes: (25)	\$1,381.05
Sunday Loose:	54.45
Catholic Relief:	266.00
Tithe:	<u>14.50</u>
Total:	\$1,939.00

St. Mary Parish	
March 14 & 15, 2026	
Adult Envelopes: (45)	\$ 2,520.00
Sunday Loose:	286.00
Easter Flowers: (14)	60.00
Catholic Relief Services:	<u>557.50</u>
Total:	\$ 3,423.50

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.

Your generosity towards CSA ‘26 will allow us to demonstrate OUR viability for EACH parish. PLEASE give!

CSA 2026 ASSESSMENTS

St. Mary Parish **\$36,771.00**
Week One: **3,750.00**
Balance: **\$33,021.00**

St. John the Baptist **\$23,932.00**
Week One: **2,600.00**
Balance: **\$21,332.00**

PLEASE give your donation/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 21st from 9:00 a.m. - Noon at St. Mary Parish. Light refreshments will be served. Please bring your friends & neighbors.
There is no fee.

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 9th:

\$2,395.00 as of Feb. 9th
\$1,000.00 Feb. 16th
\$3,395.00 as of Feb. 16th
\$4,695.00 as of Feb. 23rd
\$5,095.00 as of March 2nd
\$7,095.00 as of March 9th
-\$5,500.00 paid for Monument

Balance: \$ 1,595.00
Still needed: cement foundation, base to put monument on, cement walkway, etc. All donations are welcome.

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: Luke P. Norton**
Camp Sancta Maria is a Catholic Summer Camp located in Gaylord, MI, where we have spent 90 years helping young people build a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Learn more or register at: CampSanctaMaria.org

January 20th, 2026
2025 Update

Greetings KofC Council 2198 and SM/SJB Parishioners,

This is an update to the continuing KofC contributions to the catholic community in which we live—Carson City, Hubbardston, Sheridan, and Stanton areas.

In 2025, we accomplished this as a team striving for and supporting God's faith in the community.

Church Outreach Activities

- Parish breakfast at St John the Baptist, Hubbardston in Dec of 2024. This was direct involvement of the KCs support of local parishes. About 100 people attended and 14 KC members helped out.
- On Mother's Day, May of 2025, the Knights passed out carnations to the mothers of the parishes. A total of \$250 was spent on flowers
- We continued to support 'Right-to-Life' with \$200 donations to the RTL booth at the Ionia Free Fair in August of 25.
- In December, we teamed up with Greenville KofC for a billboard on M57 announcing the Christmas theme of: Keep Christ in Christmas.
- We also sold an additional 20+ Keep Christ in Christmas yard signs to promote the true meaning of Christmas. This makes over a hundred signs spread out in the community.
- Donated \$500 to a local couple with a new baby who both are having health issues.
- The KofC also have a major hand in helping out those in unfortunate circumstance and debilitating health issues by providing wheelchair/access ramps to their homes. A total of 4 ramps were constructed in 2025. (Thank you, Jerry Waldron and crew!)
- We also provided ministry work through our donations to the local team that supports the incarcerated individuals in the local prison networks.
- Through the Annual KofC-sponsored Bill Fife/Dan Fenn Golf Outing in September at Huckleberry Golf Course: 1) we were able to sponsor 13 scholarships for Carson City/Hubbardston/Crystal and Fulton schools totaling \$13,000, and 2) we gave over \$3,600 worth of emergency response equipment for Carson City, Hubbardston and Crystal Fire Departments, and 3) we donated \$4,000 for the dugouts at one of the new Carson City ballfields (near city hall).
- Supported any and all Parish events for table set ups, take downs, and cleanups.
- Donated \$500 to the St John the Baptist building fund for the upkeep of the parish.
- In March of 2025, we raised over \$1,700 dollars during our annual Lenten Tootsie Roll Drive. The funds were given to the Carson City/Hubbardston/Crystal schools and Region 6 Special Olympics for special needs kids.
- In 2025, Council 2198 again sponsored two seminarians for \$500 each. This falls in line with our efforts to encourage people who accept Christ in their hearts to support the ministry.
- In December of 2025, the KofC donated to the local pregnancy drive through the State-wide effort to support the unborn. A total of \$200 was donated for diapers and formula.

Through countless efforts of many council members, we are able to offer support to the religious community. We are looking for the silent majority to step up and lend a hand in any KofC-sponsored events. Please join us in the continued support of Jesus Christ in the local community. We need all-hands-on-deck to continue the work we accomplished this year. If you can give your time to the community, we would greatly appreciate the support and relish the comradery.

Thank You
Perry McCrackin
Grand Knight – Council 2198