

Pastoral Director: Nancy Woodcock
 Sacramental Minister: Mar. 7 & Mar. 8: Fr. Lou Anderson
 Sacramental Minister: Mar. 14 & 15 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
 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. 7, 2026 – 3rd Sunday of Lent

SM – 4:00 p.m. – Gail Kennedy by Larry Devito; **Jack Jolls** by Allen & Janet Kelly

SUNDAY – Mar. 8, 2026 – 3rd Sunday of Lent

SJB – 9:00 a.m. – Helen Stoddard by Anita Heppard; **Barry Christiansen, Sr.** by Kelly Peiffer; **Leo McMillan** by Phil & Laura Schneider; **Brad Burns** by Dave & Nancy Speckin

SUNDAY – Mar. 8, 2026 – 3rd Sunday of Lent

SM – 11:00 a.m. – Alice Keilholtz by Kristy Dombkowski; **For Healing** by Anonymous; **Emily Patin (10th) Anniversary** by Dave & Michelle Patin & Family; **Mike Jensen** by The McKenna Family

TUESDAY– Mar. 10, 2026 – SJB Noon Prayer (No Mass)

FRIDAY- Mar. 13, 2026 – SM Noon Mass

Fred Welch; Isabelle Robles by Randy & Julie Smith

SATURDAY- Mar. 14, 2026 – 4th Sunday of Lent

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

SUNDAY – Mar. 15, 2026 – 4th 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 – 4th Sunday of Lent

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

Money Counters for Mar.: Pat Campbell & Penny Huhn

Mar. 14, 2026 – Sat. 4:00 p.m. SM

Lector: Frank Ladiski
 Ushers: 23
 Greeters: Holly & Craig Keiffer
 OMHC: Janet Kelly, Annette Jones, Vol.
 Altar Servers: Volunteers
 Musician: Mike & Choir

Mar. 15, 2026– Sun. 9:00 a.m. SJB

Lector: Lisa Wandell
 Ushers: Team 15
 Greeters: Tom & Stephanie Dailey
 OMHC: Beth O'Grady, Ed Heckman, Vol.
 Altar Servers: Volunteer
 Musician: Brian & Group

Mar. 15, 2026– Sun. 11:00 a.m. SM

Lector: Kim Brown
 Ushers: Team 21
 Greeters: Yvonne Snyder
 OMHC: Sam Jensen, Linda Tasker, Kali Trevino
 Altar Servers: Evelyn & Lillian Reynolds
 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 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: Exodus 17:3-7

In the First Reading, the people are squabbling about the lack of water. Did Moses bring them out of their homeland to live without water? Moses was instructed by the Lord to take a stick and hit the stone – immediately water came forth!

PRAY FOR PARENTS!

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2;5-8

In the Second Reading from the letter of St. Paul, we hear that HOPE does not disappoint. God loves all of us!

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, 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, 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)

CSA IS COMING ... WHAT CAN YOU GIVE? Perhaps a pledge that you can give monthly or quarterly? Lots of small donations joined together will help us reach our goals!

| COMING EVENTS | | | |
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| SJB | Mar 7 | IRISH BLAST 2 | 5:30 |
| SJB | Mar 8 | Mass | 9:00 |
| SM | Mar 8 | Mass – Live-Streamed | 11:00 |
| SM | Mar 9 | Veteran’s Cemetery Mtg. | 11:00 |
| SM | Mar 9 | Joint Pastoral Council | 6:00 |
| SJB | Mar 10 | SJB Finance Council | 10:00 |
| SM | Mar 10 | SM Finance Council | 4:00 |
| SM | Mar 19 | “The Light is On for YOU” | 5:00-7:00 |
| SM | Mar 21 | Brian Plachta presents: Return to the Heart: Inner Peace as a Lenten Practice | 9-Noon |
| SM | Mar 21 | Mass | 4:00 |
| SJB | Mar 22 | Mass | 9:00 |
| SM | Mar 22 | Religious Education K-12 | Noon-3:00 |

“The Light is On for You” will be held on Thursday, March 19th 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.

COMING SOON – The 19th Annual Building a Legacy” Catholic Men’s Conference has been SOLD OUT!

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

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.

If you still have an old “cmsinter email” please call the office & give your new email.

NOTES FROM NANCY:

Today we celebrate the **Third Sunday of Lent**. The image of the Samaritan woman at the well to whom Jesus is asking for water gives us the question of how can a Jewish person **request anything from a Samaritan person**. As the water is shared the woman senses that she has also received **“Living water” from Jesus**. **How and when do we realize in our lives the Presence of God within us? Take time...**



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 1st & 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.**



Rite of Election 2026
From Left to Right: Catechumen: Zach Powers, his son Zach, Iris Smith, sponsor Taylor Smith

Please keep Norma Fitzpatrick, Phil Stoddard, Kenny Kelly, and Brad Burns in your prayers. Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

| St. John the Baptist Parish | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| March 1, 2026 | |
| Adult Envelopes: (30) | \$1,782.00 |
| Sunday Loose: | 101.97 |
| Tithe: | <u>19.03</u> |
| Total: | \$1,903.00 |

| St. Mary Parish | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Feb. 28 & March 1, 2026 | |
| Adult Envelopes: (39) | \$ 2,038.00 |
| Sunday Loose: | <u>281.10</u> |
| Total: | \$ 2,319.10 |

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.

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

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!

Remember: If the area schools are CLOSED then all activities will be cancelled at both parishes. The parish office may also be closed. Any closings will be put on the Parish App. **Please call ahead before leaving your home. The closures are for YOUR safety!**

The Hubbardston Masonic Lodge will have their All You Can Eat Chicken Dinner on Saturday, March 7 from 4-6 p.m. Cost: \$15.00 – Adult. **EVERYONE IS 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:**

YOUNG ADULT NIGHT W/PAUL J.KIM

When: Sat. March 21 at 7:00 p.m.
Where: St. Alphonsus Parish – GR
Who: Young Adults (ages 18-35 no exceptions)
Cost: \$10.00 (ticketed event) @
Shineyouthrally.com/shop/p/2026-71z3f

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 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. Please call the Parish Office if you are planning to attend.

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.** Checks can be made to St. Mary Parish. **Thanks for your donations! Donations to the Maryknoll Veteran’s Monument as of March 2nd**

- \$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**



DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS

Office of the Bishop

March 7/8, 2026

Dear friends in Christ,

The annual **Catholic Relief Services (CRS) collection** assists in funding six Catholic agencies that provide humanitarian aid, administer resettlement programs, and advocate on behalf of victims. The Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC) is one of those six agencies.

One of the many challenges facing immigrants coming to the United States is how to secure knowledgeable legal representation as they navigate our complex immigration system. Given their difficulties in finding and affording legal assistance, immigrants commonly try to represent themselves. The bishops of the United States founded CLINIC more than 35 years ago to help immigrants secure the legal services they need. This dedicated network of legal immigration programs promotes the dignity and protects the rights of immigrants. Their work was critical for Viviana, who applied for asylum. When she represented herself in an appeal, the judge denied her relief based on a technicality in her supporting documents. After reviewing her case, CLINIC connected Viviana with volunteer private attorneys, who filed a petition for her to remain in the United States. This petition was denied, and she was removed. Despite her removal, her attorneys here continued to advocate for Viviana's return to the United States. More than five years later, CLINIC and Viviana's attorneys secured permission from Immigration and Customs Enforcement for her to return to America. In success stories such as Viviana's, human dignity is protected thanks to the funds that CLINIC receives through The Catholic Relief Services Collection.

Please know that your continued participation in this collection helps give hope to poor and vulnerable families and individuals around the world. **We will take up the collection in our parishes next weekend, March 14/15.** Thank you for your continued support! To learn more about how your gift will make an impact, please visit usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak
Bishop of the Diocese of Grand Rapids

REVEAL Christ's LOVE

Around noon on April 25, 2015, a powerful 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck Nepal. Strong aftershocks continued for days afterward. Not only did about 9,000 people lose their lives, but 23,000 others were injured, and more than 750,000 homes were destroyed or damaged. Families displaced by the disaster suffered the loss of loved ones and homes. They also confronted the poverty of lost livelihoods.

A grandmother named KunMaya not only lost her home but also suffered the loss of her son. For more than eight years following the earthquake, she and her husband lived in a temporary wooden shelter that offered little protection against weather. Catholic Relief Services (CRS), working with local partners, assisted KunMaya and more than 6,200 other families affected by the earthquake through the Resilient Communities through Vulnerable Earthquake Recovery (ReCoVER) project. Through this program, CRS-trained masons built an earthquake-resilient home for KunMaya and her husband. At the same time, ReCoVER offered KunMaya training in raising poultry and managing financial savings—training that helped her establish a growing poultry business that has allowed her to sustain her family while also saving and building for the future.

CRS relies on the support it receives through The Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ's love to victims of wars and natural disasters throughout the world. CRS carries out this work in ways that address immediate needs and provide long-term solutions to help build a stable, hopeful future.



Your donations help our brothers and sisters through grants to these agencies:

In the United States

Reveal Christ's love by welcoming suffering refugees . . . through the **USCCB Migration and Refugee Services (MRS)**.

Reveal Christ's love through legal aid to struggling immigrants . . . through the **Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC)**.

Reveal Christ's love in ministry to people on the margins . . . through the pastoral work of the **USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church**.

And Around the World

Reveal Christ's love to hungry mothers and children in Nepal and elsewhere . . . through the humanitarian work of **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**, the official overseas relief agency of the bishops of the United States.

Reveal Christ's love by working for peace . . . through the public policy and education and communication work of the **USCCB Secretariat of Justice and Peace**.

Reveal Christ's love to the victims of natural disaster . . . through the **Holy Father's Relief Fund**.

Help with an online donation



The Catholic Relief Services Collection 2024

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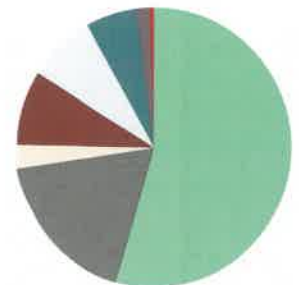
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- USCCB Migration & Refugee Services
- CLINIC (Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.)
- USCCB Cultural Diversity in the Church*
- USCCB Justice and Peace†
- Holy Father's Relief Fund

Administration

- Promotion & Education Costs
- Administrative Expenses

Grant Amount Percentage

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|-------------|--------|
| \$7,939,217 | 57.62% |
| \$1,832,127 | 13.30% |
| \$1,221,418 | 8.86% |
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| \$755,629 | 5.48% |
| \$500,000 | 3.63% |
| \$291,423 | 2.12% |
| \$17,185 | 0.12% |



* The USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church includes Pastoral Care of Migrants, Refugees, and Travelers (\$854,992) and Asian and Pacific Island Affairs (\$366,426).

† The USCCB Secretariat of Justice and Peace includes International Justice and Peace (\$671,427) and education and communication activities (\$84,202).



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Carson City Area Historical Society
In collaboration
With
The Carson City Public Library
Present

"How It All Began" Part 7
By Tom Haradine

**The seventh in a mini-series about the
formation of Carson City.**

March 10, 2026 at 5:45 p.m.

Location: Carson City Public Library
**Please call 989-584-3680 to reserve a
seat.**

Mark your calendar! Everyone welcome!