

Pastoral Director: Nancy Woodcock
Sacramental Minister: March 29 & 30: 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: 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 – March 29, 2025– 4th Sunday of Lent

SM – 4:00 p.m. – Jack & Eileen Stoudt & Jan Rogers by Jackie VanDyne; **In Honor of Agnes McKenna's 100th Birthday** by Joan McKenna; **Judy Fife** by Marjorie Hyde

SUNDAY – March 30, 2025 –4th Sunday of Lent

SJB – 9:00 a.m. – Doug Campbell by Janice Bozung; **Sara Jean Fletcher** by Mom & Dad, Dawn & Gary & Family, Russ & Corrine & Family, Dave & Tanya & Family

SUNDAY – March 30, 2025 – 4th Sunday of Lent

SM – 11:00 a.m. – Lillian Wheeler by Jennifer Bahm

TUESDAY– Apr. 1, 2025, SJB 11:30 a.m. Stations of the Cross/Noon Prayer

Thursday, April 3, 2025 Mass SM Suzanne Rosenberg by Family

FRIDAY– Apr. 4, 2025 - SM Stations Of the Cross w/ Noon Prayer

SATURDAY- Apr. 5, 2025 – 5th Sunday of Lent

SM – 4:00 p.m. – Danny Gesselman by Shaun O'Grady; **Louis & Florence Burns** by Joel & Mary Lou Black

SUNDAY – Apr. 6, 2025 – 5th Sunday of Lent

SJB– 9:00 a.m. – Leo McMillan by Carol A. Fox; **Terry Gallagher** by Jim & Sue Lowe; **Donna (Schrauben) Patton** by Dennis Harden; **Mary Jo & LaDell Goodroad and Charlie Cusack** by Chuck & Connie Malek; **Susie Barker** by Family

SUNDAY Apr. 6, 2025 – 5th Sunday of Lent

SM – 11:00 a.m. – Katheryn Tucker by Nancy Fenn

Apr. 5, 2025 – Sat. 4:00 p.m.SM

Lector: Annette Jones

Ushers: Chris Copp, Bob & Pat Marston

Greeters: Volunteer

EMHC: Lori Richardson, Margaret Lauer, Lynn Schneider

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Musician: Mike & Choir

Apr. 6, 2025 – Sun. 9:00 a.m. SJB

Lector: Sharon Schafer

Ushers: Ed Heckman, Tim Schafer, Volunteers

Greeters: Marvin & Diane Schafer

EMHC: Beth O'Grady, Ed Heckman, Nancy Curtis

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Musicians: Brian & Group

Apr. 6, 2025– Sun. 11:00 a.m. SM

Lector: Gail Akin

Ushers: Cyril Donahue, Eddie Trevino, Bill Tomlin, Ed Schneider

Greeters: Kali Trevino

EMHC: Eddie Trevino, Angie Kwiatkowski, Michelle Patin

Altar Servers: Liam & Nieve Jensen

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.

Sacramental Minister: April 5 & 6: Fr. Lou Anderson

Money Counters for April: Cindy Howard & Hank Marshall

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: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

In the First Reading, the Israelites celebrate their first Passover in the land Canaan.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5: 17-32

In the Second Reading, Paul pleads with the Corinthians to be reconciled to God.

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, 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, Gary Coon, 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, Gary Churchill & Gordon Scott.

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. 2025:
Hank & Kathy Marshall (989) 763-2412; Martha Schmitz (989) 640-1898; Sally Strachan (989) 855-3683

St. Mary Chairpersons for Mar./Apr. 2025:
Kathy Keiffer(989) 584-6000; Becky Proctor (989) 261-6034

If the CCC Schools are closed and/or there is a Weather Advisory/Warning, then all activities at St. Mary/St. John the Baptist Parishes are cancelled. This includes Religious Education, Knights of Columbus, Noon Prayer, Pastoral/Finance Council, etc. The Office may be closed or delayed in opening. Please call ahead. Thank you for your understanding. The CATHOLIC RELIEF Collection is March 29 & 30. PLEASE give generously!

		COMING EVENTS:	
SM	Mar. 28	Adoration & Stations of the Cross	5:00
SM	Mar. 29	Mass	4:00
SJB	Mar. 30	Mass	9:00
SM	Mar. 30	Mass – Live-Streamed	11:00
SM	Mar. 30	“The Three Days” w/Brian Pouget	Noon-3
SM	Mar. 31	Behold, Believe, Become”	1:00
SJB	April 1	Stations of the Cross/Noon Prayer	11:30
SJB	April 1	Over 50's Group	12:30
SM	April 3	Daily Mass with Fr. Doug Osborn as Presider	Noon
SM	April 3	“The LIGHT is On For You: An Evening of Penance”	5-7:30
SM	April 4	Stations of the Cross/Noon Prayer	11:30
SM	April 5	“Who You Are is How You Pray” w/ Brian Plachta	9:00-Noon
SM	April 6	K-12 Religious Education	Noon-3:00
SJB	April 27	First Holy Communion	9:00
SM/SJB	April 27	Confirmation at the Cathedral of St. Andrew	3:00

2025 is the Jubilee Year of HOPE!

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

Did you know?
The Knights of Columbus will conduct the Stations of the Cross at 11:30 a.m. before the Noon Prayer Service on Fridays during Lent EXCEPT ON March 28.
The K. of C. will collect funds for the Intellectually Disabled by their Annual Tootsie Roll Drive on March 29 & 30 after each Mass. Your generosity is appreciated.

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 **Fourth Sunday of Lent**. The readings this week speak of reconciliation. How and when do we ask for forgiveness from our family & friends? In the **Second Reading**, St. Paul reminds us that Christ gave us the ministry of Reconciliation. **The Gospel narratives of the Prodigal Son and the Father** show us how **God's infinite mercy is available to all who seek it. Reflect on the LAST time we received the Sacrament of Reconciliation? Is it time we did a "spiritual" check-up? The "LIGHT is On for You" on Thursday, April 3 at St. Mary from 5-7:30. Take Time to Reflect...**



Parish App Feature-of-the-Week



Groups

- Start group discussions
- Invite other parishioners
- Great for small groups, choir groups, & ministry groups

To join a group, download our parish app at myparishapp.com

*Available on Apple and Android Phones.

What are "groups" that are part of the Parish App? Groups of Catechists can receive message meant just for them. Groups of Liturgical Ministers can find substitutes for the variety of ministers, Office Staff can be a group, etc. But... you must be registered on the App in order to receive group information under accounts. **Come and join Brian Pouget, the guitarist, as he explains the signs & symbols of Holy Week on Sunday, March 30, from Noon-1:30 p.m. A delicious luncheon will be provided.**

CSA REPORTS

SM	GOAL:
\$33,743.00	\$33,743.00
1ST Report: (10)	\$ 6,400.00
Balance:	\$27,343.00
SJB	GOAL:
\$24,689.00	\$24,689.00
1ST Report: (8)	\$ 2,775.00
Balance:	\$21,914.00

PLEASE consider giving a bit more this year to help the parish you belong to meet its' goal. Thanks!

St. John the Baptist Parish March 23, 2025

Adult Envelopes: (39)	\$1,801.80
Sunday Loose:	\$ 110.35
Christian Service Tithe:	18.85
Easter Flowers:	40.00
Total:	\$1,925.00

St. Mary Parish March 22 & 23, 2005

Adult Envelopes: (48)	\$1,905.00
Sunday Loose:	\$ 126.00
Easter Flowers:	70.00
Total:	\$2,101.00

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 MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Religious Education for students in Grades K-12 will be held on Sunday, April 6 & April 27 from Noon-3:00. **The Easter Egg Hunt will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 27th - all children under 5 are welcome in addition to the students who attend Religious Education. There will be different areas to hunt plastic eggs. Please remember to sign your phone up on the app - NOW!!!**
Go to: stmarystjohn.net

4th Sunday of Lent

March 30, 2025

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.**

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!**

Behold, Believe, & Become Sessions will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday at St. Mary on March 31. This informational and spiritual "look" at the Eucharist is aimed to bring each one of us closer to God.

Please mark your calendars for the annual "The Light IS ON for you: An Evening of Penance" on Thursday, April 3rd. Join Fr. Larry from 5-7:30 at St. Mary Parish and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation as we prepare for the Lord's Resurrection.

Carson City American Legion Post 380 will sponsor a delicious breakfast on Sunday, April 13th from 8:30 am to 11:30. Come & treat yourself to a DELICIOUS Breakfast

Carson City American Legion Post 380 will be sponsoring Fish Dinners from 4 p.m. – 6:30 on all the Fridays of Lent. Dine in or take out. Cost: \$15.00/person. Meal is: fish, choice of potato (fries or baked), roll, coleslaw, and cookie. **Everyone Welcome!**

Irish Blast II will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2026, from 5-9:30 At St. John the Baptist Hall. Please mark your calendars & plan to attend.

Hubbardston Masonic Chicken Dinner on April 5 – 5:00 p.m. until dinners are gone. All you can eat \$15.00 – take-out available.

Brian Plachta will present "Who You Are is How You Pray" on Saturday, April 5th from 9:00-Noon at St. Mary Parish. Come & give yourself a Lenten Treat!

Lent is a time to draw us closer to God by praying, fasting, and giving to others in need. Consider donating more this year to the Catholic Services Collection on March 29 & 30...

Hubbardston American Legion Post 182 will host Lenten Fish Fry every Friday during Lent from 4:00 – 7:00. All you can eat – fish, shrimp, steak fries, baked potatoes, etc. \$18.00/person; 70 & over - \$16.00; Kids 6-12 - \$10; kids 5 & under eat free. \$18 – for all take outs. Come & enjoy a delicious meal!

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

Seminararian of the Week: David Shamblin

Interested Exploring the Priesthood? Join the last Discernment Meeting at St. Luke University Parish on May 4th. Contact preynolds@grdiocese.org or frrob@lukespot.com

PRAY FOR CHILDREN IN NEED!



DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS

Office of the Bishop

March 29/30, 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

Pope Francis speaks of the importance of pilgrimage in his Bull of Indiction for the Jubilee Year: "[through pilgrimage] ... we learn to treasure the richness of different experiences and cultures, and are inspired to lift up that beauty, in prayer, to God, in thanksgiving for his wondrous works" (*Spes non confundit*, 5).

Please join me on a **pilgrimage to the Cathedral of Saint Andrew with the Hispanic community on Sunday, April 6** where you can encounter "the richness of different experiences and cultures" locally in this Jubilee Year. This special event begins at the Shrine of St. Francis Xavier & Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Grand Rapids at 1 p.m. We will process to the Cathedral of Saint Andrew and celebrate Mass together at 3 p.m.

While these local pilgrimages seek to draw specific groups important to the life of the Church in West Michigan together, all are welcome! This event is more than just a pilgrimage. It's a chance to come together as one family in Christ, to share in the beauty of Hispanic traditions, and to experience the deep joy and hope that unite us all. May Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas, intercede for us in our journey as *Pilgrims of Hope*.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak
Bishop of Grand Rapids

FATAL CROSSING



On June 23, 1950, Northwest Airlines Flight 2501, a DC-4 with 58 souls on board, disappeared over Lake Michigan. The wreck was never located and the cause of the accident was never determined.

Over a half century later, authors and explorers Clive Cussler of NUMA and Valerie van Heest of the Michigan Shipwreck Research Association teamed up to attempt to find the wreck and solve the mystery. Van Heest will share how an unexpected meeting with a victim's son prompted a search of a different kind, one that would be more illuminating than submerged sections of twisted aluminum.

Have Valerie sign a book for you!

Monday April 7
6:00 p.m.
Carson City
Public Library

An inductee in the Women Divers Hall of Fame, Valerie has written six books, is the recipient of multiple awards, and has appeared on national television documentaries and news features.

