

Pastoral Director: Nancy Woodcock  
 Sacramental Minister: May 9 & 10 Fr. Larry King  
 May 16 & 17 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); PFC Josh Billings

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 – May 9, 2026 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**SM – 4:00 p.m. – Gail Kennedy** by Sharon Schafer & Family; **Bob Richardson, Jr.** by Family; **Tom Gallagher** by Agnes Cusack & Sharon Schafer

**SUNDAY – May 10, 2026 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**SJB – 9:00 a.m. – Sue Couzzins (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)** by Sam & Julia Griffin; **Stella E. Harden** by Family; **Clayton, Phyllis & Jr. Campbell** by Pat Campbell & Family; **Phillip Burns** by Nancy Curtis & Family; **Jacqueline Hogan** by Family

**SUNDAY – May 10, 2026 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**SM – 11:00 a.m. - Jack Jolls** by Jerry & Connie Blount

**TUESDAY– May 12, 2026 – SJB Rosary & Noon Prayer**

**FRIDAY- May 15, 2026 – SM Noon Prayer**

**SATURDAY- May 16, 2026 – The Ascension of the Lord**

**SM – 4:00 p.m. – Carl & Ella Beck** by Lilly Beck; **Gary Coon** by John & Cindy Schneider; **Kenny Kelly** by Allen & Janet Kelly & Family; **Marion Fletcher (39<sup>th</sup> Anniv. & Katheryn Hearld (7<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)** by Fred & Kathleen Hearld

**SUNDAY – May 17, 2026 – The Ascension of the Lord**

**SJB– 9:00 a.m. – Vicki Dailey** by Nancy Fenn; **Brad Burns** by Chuck & Connie Malek; **Frank & Louise Tabor; Frank & Sue Best** by Sharon Schafer; **Phil Stoddard** by Chuck & Connie Malek

**SUNDAY May 17, 2026 – The Ascension of the Lord**

**SM – 11:00 a.m. – Ken Cusack** by Sherry & Jenny Cusack; **Alice Keilhotz** by Kristy Dombkowski; **Sarah McEvoy** by A Friend; **Connie (McCrackin) Sacks** by Jack McCrackin

**May 16, 2026 – Sat. 4:00 p.m. SM**

Lector: Annette Jones

Ushers: 23

Greeters: Holly & Craig Keiffer

OMHC: Gary & Kathleen Copp, Frank Ladiski

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Musicians: Mike & Choir

**May 17, 2026– Sun. 9:00 a.m. SJB**

Lector: Perry McCrackin

Ushers: Team 14

Greeters: Susanne Gallagher

OMHC: Susanne Gallagher, Bob Fahey, Vol.

Altar Servers: Volunteer

Musicians: Brian & Group

**May 17, 2026– Sun. 11:00 a.m. SM**

Lector: Gail Akin

Ushers: Team 23

Greeters: Eddie Trevino

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.**

**Money Counters for May: Pat Campbell, Linda Tasker**

**SJB RAFFLE TICKETS ARE HERE!!**

**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!**

**PRAY FOR WORLD PEACE!**

**Please call the Parish Office (989) 584-6044** if you are interested in having your baby or child baptized. Baptisms can be held during Mass.

**First Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17**

In the First Reading, Phillip proclaims the Good News of salvation to the Samaritans. As they hear and witness his words & actions, they accept the message with JOY.

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 3: 15-18**

In Peter's Letter, he challenges the Christian community to be ready to explain their faith and live blamelessly, even in the face of persecution.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Gordon Gladden, Deb O'Neil, John Myers, Fr. Tony Vainavicz, Marley Ward, Jack Fahey, Tony Shepard, 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, 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, Libby & Jordan Lehnem, Judy Schlegel, Bonnie Harter, Alicia Smith, Nancy Fenn, Peg Clark, Darrel Ferris, John Ford, Alayne Howard, Sharon Schafer, Lavern Jacobs, Phil Fletcher, Anita Heppard, Catherine Cashen, Lucas Wandell, & Stephanie Beedy Keiffer

**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 May/June**

**Kathy McMillan (517- 290-8854); Barb Jackson (989- 981-6610); Kelly Peiffer (989-763-8470)**

**St. Mary Chairpersons for May/June**

**Linda Tasker (989-235-3885); Elaine Earls (517-303- 9503)**

COMING EVENTS			
SM	May 9	Mass	4:00
SJB	May 10	Mass	9:00
SM	May 10	Mass – Live-Streamed	11:00
SM	May 11	Veterans' Cemetery Mtg.	11:00
SM	May 16	Mass	4:00
SJB	May 17	Mass	9:00
SM	May 17	Mass – Live Streamed GRADUATION	11:00
SM	May 23	Saturday – wear RED for Pentecost	4:00
SJB	May 24	OUTSIDE MASS – wear RED for Pentecost	9:00
SM	May 24	Mass-Live Streamed WEAR RED for Pentecost	11:00

**ST. MARY PARISH is hoping to provide space for all who wish to play Euchre. We can change the day of the week, if necessary. PLEASE call the Parish Office (989-584-6044) if you and/or your friends are interested. We need at least 8 people to play each time. So, gather your friends and let us know.**

**Pray for Victims of War**

**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.

**The Knights of Columbus Meeting will be held on Monday, June 1, 2026 ALL knights are welcome to attend!**

**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.**

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**

**NOTES FROM NANCY:**

Today we celebrate the **Sixth Sunday of Easter**. As we read the **Scriptures** during the time after Easter and before Pentecost, we can envision the Apostles in Jerusalem being excited when they heard that **“Samaria had accepted the word of God.”** Peter & John, went down and prayed for them.

The Gospel Acclamation has John saying, Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love them and will come to them. **How true are these words in our lives?** Take time to reflect...

**Volunteers are needed who would work together in the parishes to have a picnic or rummage sale.**

Anyone interested? **Willing to serve on a Committee???** Could be in one parish or the other. **Please call me** – let’s see if we can plan something for June or July???

**At St. Mary Parish the spring**, that moves the doors of the Tabernacle, is broken. Perhaps we could earn the \$600.00 or more that it costs to fix it?

**At SJB the front door and windows need painting** – perhaps we could use the funds of a Rummage Sale to paint it.

**Don’t everyone call at once** – I am looking for people who want to work together to demonstrate the viability of the parishes...



<b>St. John the Baptist Parish May 3, 2026</b>	
Adult Envelopes: (37)	\$2,227.50
Sunday Loose:	193.05
Tithe:	24.45
Candles:	<u>71.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,516.00</b>

<b>St. Mary Parish May 2 &amp; 3, 2026</b>	
Adult Envelopes: (45)	\$ 2,447.00
Sunday Loose:	345.00
Candles:	<u>72.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 2,864.00</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.**

**Charlotte Copp** (the daughter of Sam and Chris Copp) and **Julia Reynolds** (daughter of Erin & Cory Reynolds) celebrated their **First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 3, 2026 at St. Mary Parish.** **Congratulations to Charlotte & Julia on receiving this Holy Sacrament!**

**CSA 2026 ASSESSMENTS**

<b>St. Mary Parish</b>	<b>\$36,771.00</b>
<b>Week One: (9)</b>	<b>3,750.00</b>
<b>Week Two: (7)</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>
<b>Week Three: (1)</b>	<b>3,500.00</b>
<b>Week Four: (2)</b>	<b>250.00</b>
<b>Week Five: (3)</b>	<b>1,150.00</b>
<b>Week Six: (14)</b>	<b>3,900.00</b>
<b>Week Seven: (4)</b>	<b>1,800.00</b>
<b>Week Eight: (6)</b>	<b><u>6,290.00</u></b>
<b>Balance:</b>	<b>\$14,131.00</b>

<b>St. John the Baptist</b>	<b>\$23,932.00</b>
<b>Week One: (6)</b>	<b>2,600.00</b>
<b>Week Two: (4)</b>	<b>1,630.00</b>
<b>Week Three: (5)</b>	<b>1,900.00</b>
<b>Week Four: (4)</b>	<b>2,150.00</b>
<b>Week Five: (2)</b>	<b>400.00</b>
<b>Week Six: (3)</b>	<b>800.00</b>
<b>Week Seven: (9)</b>	<b>3,915.00</b>
<b>Week Eight: (4)</b>	<b><u>3,245.00</u></b>
<b>Balance:</b>	<b>\$ 7,292.00</b>

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

Our CSA donations are running behind – **PLEASE** take time to reflect on what **YOU** can give to help us meet the goals!

**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 to all who gave to the Rice Bowl Collection: we raised the following:

**SM: \$1,369.93**

**SJB: \$ 401.41**

Thanks to all who gave up something or were generous this Lent. Thanks to all who counted their **OWN** Rice Bowls & sent checks!

If you have noticed counting done at each Mass – I have been asked by my Canonical Supervisor to count participants. **If you remember, we had diocesan wide meetings. The results are online. Ending Masses that do not have at least 100 participants was part of the plan. That is why the count is taking place. PLEASE plan to come to Church & be counted!**

*Helen Tait has a new address:* Her new address is:  
**The Maple's of St. Johns**  
**2307 W. Maple Rapids Rd. #2**  
**St. Johns, MI 48879**

**OUR DIOCESE AND 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:** Jeffrey S. Davlin

**The May 24<sup>th</sup> TV Mass from the Cathedral of St. Andrew will be held on Antenna TV instead of Channel 17 due to the Indy 500 airing on Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. You can find your local Antenna TV channel at: [antennatv.tv/channel-finder/](http://antennatv.tv/channel-finder/) Remember: the TV Mass is **YOUR** CSA donation in action!**

**Pray for the Transitional Deacons who will be ordained Priests on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>.**



# DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS

*Office of the Bishop*

Dear friends in Christ,

This year marks the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Francis of Assisi's passage from earthly life. To mark the occasion, Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed a Holy Year of Saint Francis, to be celebrated from January 10, 2026, to January 10, 2027. Our Holy Father invites everyone to rediscover and live the message of peace, fraternity, and reconciliation inspired by the Poor Man of Assisi.

A plenary indulgence is available under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer according to the intentions of the Holy Father) to all the faithful who take part in the Year of Saint Francis. Visit the diocesan website, [GRdiocese.org](http://GRdiocese.org), for more details.

In the Diocese of Grand Rapids, we are blessed to have the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist. Our diocesan Vicar for Evangelization has been in conversation with this community so that the grace of this Year may reach throughout our local Church. To that end, I invite you to the following opportunities to mark the Jubilee Year:

***Mass and education sessions*** - every second Saturday of the month through January 2027 at 10 a.m., I will preside at Mass in the chapel at the Franciscan Life Process Center (FLPC) in Lowell. After Mass, the sisters will educate us on one of the charisms of Saint Francis.

***Penance Service*** - Sunday, Aug. 2 at 7 p.m. in the FLPC chapel. I, along with 15 priests, will be available to hear confessions.

***The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi*** - Sunday, Oct. 4 at 3 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew. I will celebrate Mass to mark the feast day. A reception will follow at Cathedral Square Center.

***Quiet prayer*** - Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in the FLPC chapel. The chapel is open for the faithful of our Diocese who wish to spend quiet time in prayer.

"Our times are not very different from those in which Francis lived, and precisely in light of this, his teachings are perhaps even more valid and understandable today" (Decree). Please join me for these events so that we may imitate St. Francis and be channels of peace in our troubled world.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

## **Jubilee Year of Saint Francis**

*Pope Leo XIV has declared a special Jubilee Year on the occasion of the Eighth Centenary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi. The Holy Year begins on Jan. 10, 2026, and concludes on Jan. 10, 2027. Catholics are called to more closely imitate the Poor Man of Assisi, becoming models of holiness and constant witnesses of peace during this celebration. Below is a list of local events to mark the Holy Year.*

### ***Mass and education sessions***

Every second Saturday through January 2027

10 a.m.

Chapel at the Franciscan Life Process Center (FLPC)

11650 Downes St. NE, Lowell

Bishop Walkowiak will preside at Mass. After Mass, the sisters will educate us on one of the charisms of Saint Francis.

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Cathedral of Saint Andrew

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FLPC Chapel

The chapel at the FLPC is open for the faithful of our Diocese who wish to spend quiet time in prayer.