

Pastoral Director: Nancy Woodcock
 Sacramental Minister: May 16 & 17 Fr. Len Sudlik
 May 23 & 24 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; 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 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; **Louis & Monica Thelen** by Family

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; **Marion Fletcher (39th Anniv.) & Kathryn**

Heard (7th Anniv.) by Fred & Kathleen Heard

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

TUESDAY– May 19, 2026 – SJB Rosary & Noon Prayer

FRIDAY- May 22, 2026 – SM Noon Prayer

SATURDAY- May 23, 2026 – Pentecost Sunday

SM – 4:00 p.m. – Alexie Schneider by John & Cindy

Schneider; **Ken Coe** by Brennen & Lori Falor; **Gail Kennedy &**

Bob Richardson Jr. by Randy & Julie Smith; **Helen Osbon** by

Family; **Ruth Kelly Woodcock (22nd Anniv.)** by Family

SUNDAY – May 24, 2026 – Pentecost Sunday

SJB– 9:00 a.m. – Gene Schafer by Michael Schafer; **Helen**

Stoddard by Max & Joanne Pinkney; **Manuel, Stan & Scott**

Cusack by Chuck & Connie Malek; **Jim Huhn** by Family; **Leo**

McMillan by Lezlie Hauck; **Darrell Dalton** by Doug & Nancy

Cusack; **Thomas Cusack, Helen Cusack, Elizabeth Cusack**

& Ann Marie Cusack by Cheryl Hodge-Selden; **Gale**

Beardslee by Chuck & Connie Malek; **Bill (50th Anniv.) &**

Virginia (20th Anniv.) Cunningham; Bart Cunningham by

Family

May 23, 2026 – Sat. 4:00 p.m. SM

Lector: Gary Copp

Ushers: 22

Greeters: Vol.

OMHC: Cheryl Miller, Deb McCrackin, Margaret Lauer

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Musicians: Mike & Choir

May 24, 2026– Sun. 9:00 a.m. SJB

Lector: Shannon Heckman

Ushers: Team 12

Greeters: Marvin & Diane Schafer

OMHC: Beth O'Grady, Ed Heckman, Vol.

Altar Servers: Volunteer

Musicians: Connie

May 24, 2026– Sun. 11:00 a.m. SM

Lector: Tabitha Keiffer

Ushers: Team 21

Greeters: Jerry & Linda Tasker

OMHC: Marty Riker, Roberta Jensen, Dan Schneider

Altar Servers: Nieve Jensen, Kindyl Keiffer (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.

SUNDAY May 24, 2026 – Pentecost Sunday

SM – 11:00 a.m. – Connie McCrackin Sacks by Dennis

Harden; **Ken Kelly** by Jack McCrackin; **Alice McCrackin** by

Jack McCrackin

Money Counters for May: Pat Campbell, Linda Tasker

SJB RAFFLE TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE CHURCH BEFORE MASS OR IN THE PARISH OFFICE. COST IS \$50.00/TICKET!

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!

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 1: 1-11

In the reading from Acts describes Jesus' activities and instruction during the forty days after his resurrection,

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

In his Letter to the Ephesians, Paul prays that their hearts may be enlightened and that God may give them *a Spirit of wisdom.*

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 Lehnen, 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 16	Mass	4:00
SJB	May 17	Mass	9:00
SM	May 17	Mass – Live Streamed GRADUATION MASS	11:00
SM	May 23	Saturday – wear RED for Pentecost	4:00
SJB	May 24	OUTSIDE MASS – wear RED for Pentecost	9:00
SJB	May 24	Breakfast & Raffle Drawing	10:00/ 11:00
SM	May 24	Mass-Live Streamed WEAR RED for Pentecost	11:00
SM/ SJB	May 25	Memorial Day – Parish Office Closed	-----
SJB	May 26	Over 50's Group	12:30
SJB	May 26	SJB Finance Council	2:00
SM	May 26	SM Finance Council	4:00
SM	May 26	Joint Pastoral Council	6:00
SJB	6-8	Circle Meeting – Parish Hall	10:00 a.m.

ST. MARY PARISH will 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.

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.

NOTES FROM NANCY:

Today we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. The readings today demonstrate Jesus instructing the disciples to stay in Jerusalem and to wait for “the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” What powerful words that we need to follow today. Are we prepared? We have waited through the Lenten Season and experienced Holy Week, celebrated Easter and now Jesus ascends towards heaven and we are promised the Holy Spirit! Take time to pray and reflect on what is to come!

The church has celebrated Pentecost for many years with red vestments. Next week, on the Solemnity of Pentecost, EVERYONE should wear red and celebrate Pentecost!!!



On Monday, June 8th the Circle Leaders & ALL Ladies of St. John the Baptist Parish are invited to attend our yearly Circle Meeting. What does the Circle do? The Circle, which includes ALL Ladies of SJB Parish, provides Funeral Dinners, activities for special occasions, the Luncheon for the Yearly Anointing of the Sick Mass, Graduation Luncheons, the Breakfast after the Outside Mass, and an assortment of other events.

St. John the Baptist Parish	
May 10, 2026	
Adult Envelopes: (29)	\$1,710.00
Sunday Loose:	234.00
Tithe:	20.00
Catholic Relief Services:	25.00
Total:	\$1,989.00
Online Giving: April (11)	562.00
Online Fees:	--52.14

St. Mary Parish	
May 9 & 10, 2026	
Adult Envelopes: (42)	\$ 2,279.00
Sunday Loose:	197.00
Total:	\$ 2,476.00
Online Giving: April (20)	\$ 1,835.00
Online Fees:	--71.64

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.

Pray for the Transitional Deacons, Charles Leidel, Logan McGahan, Hunter Ostapowicz, who will be ordained Priests on Saturday, June 20th at the Cathedral of St. Andrew.

CSA 2026 ASSESSMENTS

St. Mary Parish	\$36,771.00
Week One: (9)	3,750.00
Week Two: (7)	2,000.00
Week Three: (1)	3,500.00
Week Four: (2)	250.00
Week Five: (3)	1,150.00
Week Six: (14)	3,900.00
Week Seven: (4)	1,800.00
Week Eight: (6)	6,290.00
Week Nine: (4)	<u>1,000.00</u>
Balance:	\$13,131.00

St. John the Baptist	\$23,932.00
Week One: (6)	2,600.00
Week Two: (4)	1,630.00
Week Three: (5)	1,900.00
Week Four: (4)	2,150.00
Week Five: (2)	400.00
Week Six: (3)	800.00
Week Seven: (9)	3,915.00
Week Eight: (4)	3,245.00
Week Nine: (5)	<u>2,000.00</u>
Balance:	\$ 5,292.00

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.

***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***

SJB Parishioners have been given 2 Raffle Tickets, which are \$50.00 each, to sell to others, purchase themselves, or return the tickets to the Parish Office.

The Drawing will be held on Sunday, May 24th at 11:00 a.m. at SJB Hall.

First Prize: \$1,000.00

Second Prize: \$ 500.00

Third Prize: \$ 250.00

REMEMBER: You must buy one to have a chance to win!

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!

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:**

Thomas Curry

The May 24th 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 24th. You can find your local Antenna TV channel at: antennatv.tv/channel-finder/ Remember: the TV Mass is YOUR CSA donation in action!