

Pastoral Director: Nancy Woodcock  
 Sacramental Minister: Nov. 29 & 30 Fr. Len Sudlik  
 Sacramental Minister: Dec. 6, 7 & 8 Fr. Lou Anderson  
 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.

Friday: 9:00-3:00 p.m. or 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 – Nov. 29, 2025 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**SM – 4:00 p.m. – Louis & Monica Thelen by Their Children; Jim Beck, Ella & Carl Beck; Terry Beck by Family; Helen Osbon by Carl Jacobs & Family; Jill Kapustka Schaeffer by Family**

**SUNDAY – Nov. 30, 2025 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**SJB – 9:00 a.m. – Florence Cusack by Chuck & Connie Malek; Russell Fletcher by Doug & Nancy Cusack; Sue Couzzins by SM/SJB Parish Staff; Eugene Schafer by Mike & Jan McCrackin; Roger & Patty Shively by Joan McKenna; Barry Christiansen, Sr. by Dave & Nancy Speckin; Darrell Dalton by Doug & Nancy Cusack; Earl Heppard (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.) & all Deceased Family Members by Family; For Healing by Anonymous**

**SUNDAY – Nov. 30, 2025 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**SM – 11:00 a.m. – Ken Keiffer by Larry McCrackin; Ken Coe by Sharon Schafer**

**TUESDAY– Dec. 2, 2025 - SJB Noon Prayer & Rosary**

**FRIDAY- Dec. 5, 2025 -SM Noon Prayer**

**SATURDAY- Dec. 6, 2025 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**SM – 4:00 p.m. – Helen Osbon by Carl Jacobs & Family; Jim Beck by Family; Ken Cusack by His Family**

**SUNDAY – Dec. 7, 2025 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**SJB– 9:00 a.m. – Doug Campbell by Fred & Kathleen Heard; Russell & Florence Fletcher & Deceased Family Members by The Fletcher Family; Eugene Schafer by Michael Schafer; Donald, Helen, Donald Jr. & Sandy Hogan by Donald Hogan Family; Barry Christensen, Sr. by Doug & Nancy Cusack; Donna (Schrauben) Patton by Alice Churchill**

**SUNDAY Dec. 7, 2025 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**SM – 11:00 a.m. – Alice Keilholtz by Kristy Dombkowski**  
**Money Counters for Dec. Penny Huhn/Hank or Kathy Marshall**

**Dec. 6, 2025 – Sat. 4:00 p.m.SM**

Lector: Annette Jones

Ushers: 23

Greeters: Vol.

OMHC: Cheryl Miller, Deb McCrackin, Margaret Lauer

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Musician: Mike & Choir

**Dec. 7, 2025 – Sun. 9:00 a.m. SJB**

Lector: Perry McCrackin

Ushers: Team 14

Greeters: Marvin & Diane Schafer

OMHC: Darrel & Shannon Heckman, Nancy Curtis

Altar Servers: Volunteer

Musician: Connie

**Dec. 7, 2025– Sun. 11:00 a.m. SM**

Lector: Frank Ladiski

Ushers: Team 23

Greeters: Eddie Trevino

OMHC: Sam Jensen, Linda Tasker, Kali Trevino

Altar Servers: Nieve Jensen, Ellie Patin

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.

**MONDAY – Dec. 8, 2025 – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**SJB- Noon- Ken Cusack by His Family**

**MONDAY – Dec. 8, 2025 -The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**SM – 5:00 p.m. – Walter & Mary Jacobs & Deceased Family Members by Family; Gary Coon by Nancy Fenn**

**Dec. 8, 2025 – Mon. Noon – SJB**

Lector: Nancy Cusack

Ushers: TBD

Greeter: TBD

OMHC: TBD

Altar Servers: Vol.

Musicians: Mike & Choir

**Dec. 8, 2025-Mon – 5:00 p.m.SM**

Lector: Frank Ladiski

Ushers: TBD

Greeter: TBD

OMHC: Gary & Kathleen Copp, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Vol.

Musicians: Connie

**LIVE-STREAMING FROM ST. MARY can be found [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.**

**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: Isaiah 2: 1-5**

In the first reading, Isaiah's vision expands community to include many nations.

**Second Reading: Romans 13: 11-14**

In the second reading, St. Paul's letter to the Romans asserts that the time to move is NOW. Waking to our need to live our baptismal promises is upon us.

**2025 is the Jubilee Year of HOPE!**

**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, Dean Schafer, 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, Gail Kennedy, 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, Connie Sacks, Judy Schlegel, Bonnie Harter, Alicia Smith, Lynn Schneider, Nancy Fenn, & Darrel Ferris.

**If you are better – please call the Office and ask to have your name taken OFF the Prayer List. (989-584-6044)**

**Interested in setting out luminaries on Christmas Eve at each parish, please call the office – no sand is involved!**

**St. John the Baptist Chairpersons for Nov./Dec. 2025:**

**Cindy Howard (989) 763-9558; Susanne Gallagher (989) 292-5264; Penny Peiffer (517) 975-4209; Mary Huhn (517) 526-3809**

**St. Mary Chairpersons for Nov./Dec. 2025:**

**Nora Ryan (989) 763-2232; Ronda Schneider (989) 763-1432**

		COMING EVENTS	
SM	Nov. 29	Mass	4:00
SJB	Nov. 30	Mass	9:00
SM	Nov. 30	Live-Streamed Mass	11:00
SM	Dec. 1	Knights of Columbus Mtg.	6:00
SM	Dec. 5	St. Mary (Maryknoll) Cemetery Meeting – honor Veterans	11:00
SM	Dec. 6	Mass	4:00
SJB	Dec. 7	Mass	9:00
SM	Dec. 7	Live-Streamed - Mass	11:00
SM	Dec. 7	Religious Education	Noon-3:00
SJB	Dec. 8	Holy Day – Immaculate Conception	Noon
SM	Dec. 8	Holy Day – Immaculate Conception	5:00 p.m.
SM	Dec. 14	Fruit basket Making – all welcome to help & deliver	Noon
SJB	Dec. 30	Over 50's Group	12:30
SJB	Jan. 24	Benefit for Libby & Jordan	5:00

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORNER:**

**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.

**To Order KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS SIGNS (\$15.00 each) please call Gary Copp at 989-330-6962**

**The next meeting of the K. of C. will be held on Dec. 1, 2025**

**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 First Sunday of Advent! We are encouraged by the readings to “Stay Awake” and be vigilant, waiting for the Lord. What reminders of Advent do we have in our homes or lives? The Advent Wreath allows us to pray and be aware of the the passage of time. Children will receive an Advent Calendar to help them pass the 24 days of Advent with prayers and reflections of their own. All of us must “put on Christ” and “walk in the Light!” Take time to pray...



**Parish App Feature-of-the-Week**



**Prayers**

- List of Traditional Prayers
- Set Prayer Reminders
- Submit Prayer Requests to the parish

Learn more or download our parish app at [myparishapp.com](http://myparishapp.com)

\*Available on Apple and Android Phones.

During the month of November and through December 8<sup>th</sup> both parishes will be collecting items for the **Grand Rapids Dominicans**. Warm socks, slippers, afghans, soft lap blankets, word finds, crossword puzzles, sudoku puzzles, greeting cards, stationary, pens or pencils, body lotion, soap, chocolate candy, hard candy, etc. **Your generosity** is appreciated.

**Advent Candles** are available in the Office of the Parishes. A set of 4 are \$5.00.

We, as parishes, are participating in the Carson City-Crystal Schools Annual Christmas “Help Families have a Happy Christmas” – this involves 5 families. If you want to help please take a tag, purchase the item on the tag, wrap the item & return it **WITH** the tag by Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>.

**St. John the Baptist Parish  
November 23, 2025**

Adult Envelopes: (35)	\$1,643.40
Sunday Loose:	128.70
Tithe:	<u>17.90</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,790.00</b>

**St. Mary Parish  
Nov. 22 & 23, 2025**

Adult Envelopes: (36)	\$ 1,413.00
Sunday Loose:	\$ <u>163.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 1,576.00</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.**

**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.**

**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.

**SM/SJB Parish Office Winter Hours:**

**Monday – 9:00 - 4:00 pm.**

**Tuesday and Thursday – 9:00 – 1:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday – Closed**

**Friday – 9:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

**Appointments? Call 989-584-6044**

**When schools are closed the Office and ALL parish activities are closed.**

**The Over 50's Group will meet on December 30<sup>th</sup> at St. John The Baptist Parish Hall at 12:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome!**

**Come and enjoy lunch and bingo. Please bring something to share for lunch!**

**Anyone interested in developing a place in Maryknoll (St. Mary) Cemetery to honor the Servicemen and Women who have dedicated their lives by serving or dying for their Country, please plan to meet on Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary Hall. This is a meeting to see if there is interest. Please call 989-584-6044 if you can attend or are interested, but not available to attend.**

**December 8<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of the Patroness of our Country, Mary Immaculate. THIS IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. Masses will be held at Noon at SJB Parish & at 5:00 p.m. at St. Mary Parish. Please take time from your busy schedule to attend Mass!**

**A person made an apple pie for the Bake Sale. It was a delicious pie in a glass pie pan. The pie pan is on the shelf in the vestibule of SJB Church. Please take it home today!**

**In July of 2026 our country will celebrate its' 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of our country. I am sure that we know or have had information taught in school. Do you know HOW the Catholic Church made a difference in our country? Take time to look for information regarding the various individuals who served the church AND made a difference in the United States of America.**

**Attention Parents:** Please READ the letter you received in the mail recently regarding the Christmas Eve Program which will be held on December 24<sup>th</sup> at the 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Mary Parish. Review the letter with your students. During the December 7<sup>th</sup> class the students can hand in their slips (or at Mass in the collection), we will review the Program & students parts will be explained. Any Adults that want to help, please let me know.

**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: Nicholas C. Whitmer**

**The LAST scheduled Year of HOPE Confession times are at St. Mary in Big Rapids on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6-8. Bishop Walkoviak will preside.**