

Pastoral Director: Nancy Woodcock
Sacramental Minister: Oct. 11 & 12: Fr. Len Sudlik
Sacramental Minister: Oct. 18 & 19 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—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 – Oct. 11, 2025- 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SM – 4:00 p.m. – Janet Burns by Pat Burns; **Joe & Phyllis;** Pam & Craig Schafer by John & Cindy Schneider

SUNDAY – Oct. 12, 2025 – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SJB – 9:00 a.m. – Doug Campbell by Pete & Linda Smith;

Bob Cashen by Dave & Nancy Speckin; **Robert Hearld**

Family by Ed Heckman Family; **Russ Fletcher** by Pat

Campbell & Family; **Sandy Meyers** by Helen Tait; **Eugene**

Schafer by Mary Satterlee & Diane Peiffer; **Delane Silvernail** by Brett & Katrina Moe & Family

SUNDAY – Oct. 12, 2025 – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SM – 11:00 a.m. – Linda Antes by Chris Antes; **Alice**

Keilholtz by Kristy Dombkowski; **Alice McCrackin** by Family

TUESDAY– Oct. 14, 2025 - SJB Noon Prayer & Rosary

FRIDAY- Oct. 17, 2025-SM Noon Prayer

SATURDAY- Oct. 18, 2025 – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SM – 4:00 p.m. – Judy Fife by Chuck & Connie Malek; **Ken**

Keiffer by Sharon Schafer; **Gary Coon** by John & Cindy Schneider

SUNDAY – Oct. 19, 2025 – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SJB– 9:00 a.m. – Stanley Cusack by Judy Sheaffer & Steve

Schrauben; **Donna Patton** by Dan & Julie Heckman & Jim

Barker; **Sue Couzzins** by Carol Smith; **Aunt Joan Bozung** by

Gene & Karol Sanborn & Sons; **Joe & Sandy Meyers** by

Darrel & Shannon Heckman; **For a Special Intention** by Gene

& Karol Sanborn & Sons; **“Because Church Avoids Any**

Potential Controversy by (Aaron Stander)

SUNDAY Oct. 19, 2025 – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SM – 11:00 a.m. – Suzanne Rosenberg by Family; **Anthony**

Cornacchione by Jill & McKenna

Oct. 18, 2025 – Sat. 4:00 p.m.SM

Lector: Nancy Woodcock

Ushers: Team 21

Greeters: Vol.

OMHC: Gary & Kathleen Copp, Frank Ladiski

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Musician: Connie

Oct. 19, 2025 – Sun. 9:00 a.m. SJB

Lector: Perry McCrackin

Ushers: Team 15

Greeters: Marvin & Diane Schafer

OMHC: Beth O’Grady, Ed Heckman, Vol.

Altar Servers: Volunteer

Musician: Mike & Choir

Oct. 19, 2025– Sun. 11:00 a.m. SM

Lector: Nancy Woodcock

Ushers: Team 24

Greeters: Yvonne Snyder

OMHC: Marty Riker, Roberta Jensen, Dan Schneider

Altar Servers: Claire & Ryne Bahm

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 Oct. Pat Burns/ Dave Miller.

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: 2 Kings 5: 14-17

In the first reading, Naaman cleanses himself in the Jordan, declaring the God of Israel as the only God.

Second Reading: 2Timothy 2: 8-13

In the second reading, St. Paul urges perseverance for Christ in the face of persecution.

2025 is the Jubilee Year of HOPE!

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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, Juanita Dockham, Phil Fletcher, Sue Findlay, Gary DeVito, Aiden Thurston, Judy Sheaffer, Deb Rockey, Shane Clark, Carol Silakes, Sherry Hopkins, Douglas Werner, Mike Peckins, Larry Elliott, Ted Kingsley, Camilla Hogan, Helen Stoddard, Barry Christensen, Senior, 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.

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 Sept./Oct. 2025:

Donna Schafer (517) 388-0960; Kathy Ward (989) 292-0779; Jackie Heckman (517) 388-0390

St. Mary Chairpersons for Sept./Oct. 2025:

Pat Reeder (989) 584-3278; Angie Kwiatkowski (989) 584-3397

Everyone is welcome to participant in Euchre at St. Mary. The next date is October 7th at 12:30. Bring a snack & come to play.

Ken Coe's Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, October 24 at St. Mary Parish at NOON followed by a luncheon. Everyone is welcome!

Helen Stoddard's funeral is on MONDAY, October 13th at 11:00 at St. John the Baptist Parish in Hubbardston. All are welcome!

October 12, 2025

		COMING EVENTS	
SM	Oct. 11	Mass	4:00
SJB	Oct. 12	Mass	9:00
SM	Oct. 12	Mass – Livestreamed	11:00
SM	Oct. 12	K-12 Religious Educ.	Noon-3
SM	Oct. 16	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	6:00-7:00
SM	Oct. 15, 16, 17	Preparation for 49 th Annual Craft Show	
SM	Oct. 18	SM 49 th Annual Craft Show	9:00-3:00
SM	Oct. 18	Mass	4:00
SJB	Oct. 19	Mass	9:00
SM	Oct. 19	Mass – Live Streamed	11:00
SM	Oct. 26	Religious Educ. Students in Grades 7-12 participate in class-Noon-3:00 & Food Walk from 2-3; Students in Grades K-6 have regular classes	Noon-3:00
SJB	Dec. 18	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	6:00/7:00

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**

Thanks to everyone for your generous donations, gifts, gift cards, and baskets for the Annual Bill Fife and Dan Fenn Memorial Golf Outing. **Your contributions** will continue to support student scholarships, local community projects and fire department equipment that have exceeded more than \$46,000.00 over the years.

The K. of C. will hold Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Oct. 16 at SM & Dec. 18 at SJB. Come & spend an hour to pray for Vocations & other needs.

The next meeting for the K. of C. will be on Monday, October 6th at 6:00 p.m.

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.

**PRAY FOR ALL WHO
SERVE GOD!**

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

NOTES FROM NANCY

Today we celebrate the 28th Sunday in Ordinary time. The readings speak of God's saving power. The psalm is one that allows the Lord to express his love to all. **The Gospel shows thankfulness as it is only the Samaritan who returns to thank God. In the second reading we rejoice that HOPE is available to us even when we are unfaithful, God remains faithful. Take time to reflect...**



See the big box? We are collecting personal care products for the Food Pantry! **You can help by providing:**
Week of Oct. 12 -deodorant
Week of Oct. 19 – toothpaste/brushes
Week of Oct. 26 – YOUR choice
Nov. 2, 2025 – toilet paper
Thank you VERY much for your participation & willingness to help others!

HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAY TO:

Peg Clark – Oct. 5

Bob Huhn – Oct. 7

Joan McKenna – Oct. 21

Mary Satterlee – October 25

Roger Barnes – October 25

May your SPECIAL DAY be filled with God's LOVE & JOY!

Happy Birthday!!!

**PRAY FOR HOPE IN OUR LIVES –
MAY GOD BE WITH US ALWAYS!**

October 12, 2025

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

*Available on Apple and Android Phones.

John the Baptist Parish

October 5, 2025

Adult Envelopes: (34)	\$1,585.98
Sunday Loose:	168.71
Candles:	51.00
Tithe:	<u>16.71</u>
Total:	\$1,722.00

St. Mary Parish

October 5 & 6, 2025

Adult Envelopes: (45)	\$ 1,762.00
Sunday Loose:	\$ 224.00
Candles:	<u>31.75</u>
Total:	\$2,017.75

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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

Are YOU willing to distribute Craft Show Flyers? We need volunteers for Crystal, Greenville, Ionia, Hubbardston & wherever you think a flyer should go. Please stop in the Office to get some flyers.

Everyone is welcome to purchase a \$25.00 raffle ticket at the door of the church – this weekend or next. Sellers are also needed Remember your purse or wallet. YOU could win \$800.00 as the First Prize.

Dear Friends,

I would like to extend a very special **Thank You** to all my friends for the Mass on my behalf, plus all the lovely gifts and a **very** special day. You all fill my heart with so much love. **Your friend forever. Anita May God Bless You All!**

St. Mary Parish in Carson City will hold their 49th Annual Craft Show on Saturday, October 18, 2025, from 9:00-3:00. **ALL are welcome to help with planning** – For more info, please contact Lynn Schneider at 989-584-6044

EVERYONE is welcome to participate for an hour of Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday, Oct. 16th at St. Mary Parish. The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring the hour to pray for Vocations. **I am sure that Vocations can be prayed for along with other things.**

October 12, 2025

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: Luke Norton

Hubbardston Masonic Lodge will have their Chicken Dinner on Nov. 1st. It is from 4-6 p.m. It is all you can eat for \$15.00 and take-out is available.

Soup Is On For All on Monday, January 26, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at the B.O.B. in Grand Rapids. It is sponsored by Catholic Charities of West Michigan. **There are various levels of Sponsorships. If your business or family are interested, please call: 616-551-5663.** All proceeds go to God's Kitchen.

The Mass for God's Children will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. on November 7th at the Cathedral of St. Andrew. Anyone who has experienced the loss of a child before baptism is invited to attend and bring their family members with them. **A Memorial rose with a naming card will be made for families who have lost a child. Please call 616-288-0588 or lvandervort@grdiocese.org to register.**

CURSILLO WEEKENDS ARE COMING:

Men's Cursillo Weekend will be held Oct. 9-12 (Thursday at 7:00 p.m. until early Sunday evening at St. Francis de Sales Church (Norton Shores); **Women's Cursillo will be held Oct. 16-19 at Holy Family in Sparta. Call Ron at 616-212-1284 for details.**



DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS

Office of the Bishop

October 11/12, 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

We celebrate **World Mission Sunday next weekend on October 18/19**. This observance is a powerful reminder of our shared responsibility to proclaim the Gospel to all nations by supporting the missionary work of the Church through The Pontifical Mission Societies. The Pontifical Mission Societies are the Pope's official means of assisting Catholic communities in the world's poorest and most remote regions. Pope Leo XIV's priestly ministry as a missionary in the remote regions of Peru deepens the meaning of this year's celebration, inviting us all to renew our commitment to the Church's mission in the world.

We must remember that the Catholic Church in the United States was itself once a mission territory. Just over a century ago, the faith here was still taking root, supported by the generosity of Catholics from Europe and beyond, who provided financial assistance, sent priests and religious, and built the parishes and schools that formed the foundation of the Church in this country. Without that missionary support, many of the dioceses we know today would have struggled to grow.

Now, it is our turn to extend that same generosity to others. We are called to support the 1,124 mission territories where the Church is still growing and often facing persecution or poverty. Our contributions provide essential resources for the Church's mission: the formation of seminarians and religious sisters; the training of lay catechists, who bring the faith to communities that may not have regular access to a priest; education for children in Catholic schools; medical care in Church-run hospitals and clinics; and the construction and maintenance of churches, creating spaces where the faithful can gather, worship, and grow in their relationship with Jesus.

Your support of this collection affirms that we are one Church, one family in Christ, united in bringing hope and love to all people. I encourage you to respond with a generous heart, knowing that your support makes a real difference in the lives of those who might otherwise never hear the Gospel. Let us go forth as Missionaries of Hope, bringing God's love and mercy to all people.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak
Bishop of Grand Rapids

When a joke crosses the line

Laughter is a great way for children to bond, but not every joke lands the way it was intended. What's funny to one person might feel hurtful to another. Teaching youngsters how to handle such awkward moments helps to build empathy, confidence, and social awareness.

If someone makes a joke that crosses the line, encourage your child to respond calmly and clearly: "Please stop. That wasn't funny." Staying composed sends a strong message without escalating the situation.



Another option is to deflect with humor—not to tease back, but to show the joke didn't work. Phrases like "And your point is?" or "Let me know when you get to the funny part" can take the sting out of teasing.

If your child is the one making the joke, help him or her understand that good intentions don't erase hurt feelings. If someone looks upset or speaks up, he or she should stop right away and say, "I'm sorry." The best jokes bring people together—not make someone feel left out.

Scripture LESSON

Luke 18:9-14, Humility praises God's mercy

Jesus frequently used parables to reveal the deeper truths of God's kingdom. In this passage, He contrasts a Pharisee and a tax collector to illustrate the heart posture God desires in prayer.

The Pharisee marched to a position of honor in the temple to pray, presumably to be seen and admired while he prayed. The Pharisee focused his prayer on himself and offered thanks that he was superior in holiness to all around him. He listed his many good (but largely meaningless) deeds and looked with disgust upon the tax collector.



By contrast, the tax collector humbled himself before God and offered only a simple prayer casting himself on God's mercy. He was aware of God's graciousness in loving him despite his sinfulness. Jesus said that only the tax collector went home in a right relationship with God.

What can a parent do? Help children remember that God wants our love more than anything else. No matter what we do, He'll always love us and want us back in His friendship. He will always forgive us if we're truly sorry.

Parent TALK

Halloween was originally a Christian holiday — the Eve of All Saints Day.

Each year, I encourage my children to keep to the spirit of the Christian



roots, so we look through Butler's Illustrated

Lives of the Saints for costume

ideas.

This year, Joey picked St. Michael the Archangel, "because he has a sword and fought a dragon." Kara picked St. Joan of Arc, because she followed her calling to lead the French in battle, even when no one believed her. Since St. Joan got the call while out in the fields, Kara chose the "peasant look" — a denim skirt, a shawl, and French braids — and a shield.

My youngest, Tessa, picked St. Teresa of Ávila because she was funny, levitated, had visions, and a bit of an attitude. Apparently, "sass" can lead to sanctification.

Each Halloween, I enjoy watching my children get to know and be inspired by the saints.

Feasts & Celebrations

October 2 – Feast of the Guardian Angels. All of us have a guardian angel, in charge of protecting us and watching over us. Remember to thank the Guardian Angels for the work they have done in helping us.

October 4 – St. Francis of Assisi (1226). Born to a rich family in Assisi, St. Francis was traveling to fight in a battle when he fell ill. He had a vision, calling him to rebuild the Church. He devoted the rest of his life to poverty and preaching. Soon, others followed him, becoming the Franciscan Order.

October 17 – St. Richard Gwyn (1584). Originally raised Protestant, St. Richard converted to Catholicism when it was outlawed in Wales. He remained faithful, resulting in his arrest and persecution. After being brought to court several times, he was martyred in 1584.

Oct. 18 – St. Luke the Evangelist (1st century). St. Luke was a Christian physician from Antioch. His Gospel and Acts of the Apostles were probably written between 70 and 85 AD.



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