Pastoral Director: Nancy Woodcock
Sacramental Minister: Oct. 10 & 11: Fr. Larry King
Oct. 17: Fr. Dick Host; Oct. 18: 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 – Oct. 17 , 2026 –29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
SM – 4:00 p.m. – Kenny Cusack by Sherry & Jenny Cusack; **Helen Tait** by Pat Burns**; Gail Kennedy** by Allen & Janet Kelly; **Suzanne Rosenburg** by Family

SUNDAY – Oct. 18, 2026 – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
SJB – 9:00 a.m. – Leo McMilan by Janice McCallister**; Rick Kelley** by Chuck & Connie Malek**; Gale Beardslee** by Janice McCallister; **Deb Rockey** by Jack & Janet Dailey; **George & Margaret McKenna** by Joan McKenna**; Max Pinkney** by Mike & Mary Cashen

SUNDAY – Oct. 18, 2026 – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
SM – 11:00 a.m. – Edward Nuseida, Jr. by Frank & Connie Ladiski; **Alice McCrackin** by Family

TUESDAY– Oct.20, 2026 – SJB Rosary for Peace & Noon Prayer
FRIDAY- Oct. 23, 2026 – SM Noon Prayer

SATURDAY- Oct. 24, 2026 – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
SM – 4:00 p.m. Health of Robert Gamez by Family; **Ken Cusack** by Sherry Cusack; **Bob Richardson, Jr**. by Family; **John Simmon** by Terry & Joann Donohue
SUNDAY – Oct. 25, 2026 – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
SJB– 9:00 a.m. – Dick Cusack by Chuck & Connie Malek; **Jack Jolls** by Lezlie Hauck**; Vicki Dailey** by Sharon Schafer; **Tom Gallagher** by Dave & Nancy Speckin; **Phil Stoddard** by Joe & Penny Peiffer**; Shane Clark** by Dale & Mary Freund; **Bill Gage** by Jack & Janet Dailey; **Russell Fletcher** by Corinne, Clara, & Benjamin
SUNDAY Oct. 25, 2026 – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
SM – 11:00 a.m. –Mary Catherine Bliss by McCrackin Family

Oct. 24, 2026 – Sat. 4:00 p.m. SM
Lector: Jill Postema
Ushers: Team 23
Greeters: Holly & Craig Keiffer
OMHC: Cheryl Miller, Deb McCrackin, Margaret Lauer
Altar Servers: Volunteers
Musicians: Mike & Choir

Oct. 25, 2026– Sun. 9:00 a.m. SJB
Lector: Perry McCrackin
Ushers: Team 14
Greeters: Susanne Gallagher
OMHC: Marvin & Diane Schafer, Darrel Schafer
Altar Servers: Volunteers
Musicians: Connie

Oct. 25, 2026– Sun. 11:00 a.m. SM
Lector: Kim Brown
Ushers: Team 23
Greeters: Eddie Trevino
OMHC: Sam Jensen, Linda Tasker, Kali Trevino
Altar Servers: Nieve Jensen; Kindyl Keiffer, Khloe Keiffer, Nicholas Reed
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 October: Ginny Beardslee, Dave Miller

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! **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: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
Isaiah proclaims that the God of Israel is the only God.

Second Reading:

In the second reading, St. Paul writes with thanksgiving to the Church of Thessalonians, encouraging their *work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope.*

PRAY FOR PEACE!

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Gordon Gladden, Deb O'Neil, John Myers, Fr. Tony Vainavicz, Marley Ward, Jack Fahey, Tony Shepard, Phyllis Gage, Donna Schumacher, Linda Tasker (Bruce's wife), Daniel O'Connell, 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, Agnes McKenna, Jen Schafer, Fred Peiffer, Sue Findlay, Gary DeVito, Aiden Thurston, Judy Sheaffer, Sherry Hopkins, Douglas Werner, Larry Elliott, Ted Kingsley; Camilla Hogan, Mary Lou Tucker Andrews, Petra Medrano, Alberta Gage, Deb Coon, Fr. Doug Osborn, Sam Riley, Hazel Gallagher, Edie Rudd, Fr. Jim Wyse, Brenda Demenov, Libby & Jordan Lehnen, Judy Schlegel, Bonnie Harter, Alicia Smith, Darrel Ferris, John Ford, Alayne Howard, Lavern Jacobs, Phil Fletcher, Anita Heppard, Judy Schaeffer, Zack Burns, Jack Warner, Delores Schmitt, Mary Freund, Lynn Schneider, Jim Barker, Pope Leo, and Robert Gamez.

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 Parish Chairpersons for Oct.

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

St. Mary Chairpersons for Oct.

Angie Kwiatkowski (989-584-3397)

Interested in playing Euchre? Please call the Parish Office to register – 989-584-6044.

There will be an Anointing of the Sick Mass at St. Mary Parish at 11:00 a.m. on October 29th followed by lunch in the Parish Hall. Parishioners, friends, and family are welcome to attend.

		COMING EVENTS	
SM	Oct. 17	St. Mary 50th Craft Show	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
SM	Oct. 17	Mass	4:00
SJB	Oct. 18	Mass	9:00
SM	Oct. 18	Mass Live-Streamed	11:00
SM	Oct. 19	Bible Study	1:00
SM	Oct. 24	Mass	4:00
SJB	Oct. 25	Mass	9:00
SM	Oct. 25	Mass Live-streamed	11:00
SM	Oct. 25	K-12 Religious Education	Noon-3:00
SM	Oct. 26	Bible Study	1:00
SM	Oct. 27	Over 50's Group	12:30
SM	Oct. 29	Anointing of Sick Mass	11:00
SM	Oct. 31	Mass	4:00
SJB	Nov 1	Mass	9:00
SM	Nov 1	Mass Live-Streamed	11:00
SM	Nov 1	NO Religious Education – Time Change – move clocks ahead	---------
SM	Nov 2	Mass – All Soul's Day	Noon
SM	Nov 2	Knights of Columbus Mtg.	6:00

As of Friday, August 28th, the Parish Office will no longer be able to send or receive faxes. **Please use the following emails:**
For billing – payables@smsjbparish.com; for Masses, rentals, etc. – secretary@smsjbparish.com; for the Pastoral Director – nwoodcock@smsjbparish.com

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.
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 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time. As the Father and Creator of All, God is above all powers on Earth. **God has called each of us by name in Baptism** and has entrusted us with building his kingdom in faith, hope, and love. **We owe God what belongs to God –** obedience and works of faith – because we belong to God and to God's kingdom before any earthly power. **Take time to reflect…**

Perhaps it is time to return to church and bless (convalidate) your marriage. Interested in baptizing your infant or child? Please call me at 989-584-6044 or 989-287-0089



Interested in bringing Holy Communion once a week to individuals of both parishes who are in their homes or a Nursing Home? Please call the Office. Training will be provided.

St. John the Baptist Parish
Oct. 11, 2026

Adult Envelopes: (29)	$ 1,712.70
Sunday Loose:	213.84
Tithe:	19.46
Total:	**$ 1,946.00**
Online Giving: (11) Sept.	**$ 562.00**
Online Giving Fees:	**$ --52.14**

St. Mary Parish
Oct. 10 & 11, 2026

Adult Envelopes: (38)	$ 1,860.00
Sunday Loose:	219.00
Total:	**$ 2,079.00**
Online Giving: (25) Sept.	**$ 3,191.00**
Online Giving Fees:	**$ --117.44**

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.

Do you like to sing? If you like to sing, please consider joining the Parish Choir. **Practice will be held on Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Parish. The Group** serves every other weekend at 4:00 p.m. or 9:00 a.m. Mass. **If stairs are difficult for you, we have a moving staircase to assist you! Come & give it a try – you might like it.!**

Religious Education for students in Grades K-12 will be held on Sunday, Oct. 25th at St. Mary Parish**. Parents & students** are welcome to have a pizza lunch from Noon – 12:30 p.m. **before each class. All are welcome!**

Interested in returning to Mass? Please leave your home, drive to either parish, **park your car, walk in the church, select a pew and participate – YOU are back –** ***WELCOME!!!***

The Over 50's Group will meet on Tuesday, October 27th at 12:30 at St. John the Baptist Parish. All are welcome to attend & have a GREAT time!

Religious Education will NOT be held on Sunday, November 1st due to the time change and Halloween the night before. Any questions – call Nancy.

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.**

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.

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 were part of the plan. That is why the count is taking place*. PLEASE plan to come to Church & be counted!!!***

Fr. Tony Vainavicz's (the "Word Guy") new address is:
Cortland Riverside Gardens
2420 Coit Avenue NE Room 309
Grand Rapids, MI 49505 Please consider sending him a card!

A new documentary on the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist premieres on Nov. 14. Entitled "Restoring Connection: Lessons from the Franciscan Life Process Center" will premiere after the 10:00 Mass at the Center in Lowell on Nov. 14.

Lynn Schneider, the parish secretary, **has retired due to health reasons. Lynn has been a very personable & caring person as she answered the phone & kept order in the Parish Office. She will be missed.** Please keep her in your prayers. **Let's "Shower" her with cards** as her health journey continues.
Her address is:
10812 E. Fenwick Rd.
Carson City, MI 48811

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**. Amen**
Seminarian: Noah T. Abram

Catholic Charities of West Michigan will host: 80 years of Raising Hope on December 2, 2026 at Frederik Meijer Gardens. **Tickets are $175 – 275.00 (VIP tickets). Keynote speaker is:** Dr. Kimberly Henkel Seats are limited **– deadline is: Nov. 9th website: ccwestmi.org/raising-hope**
Questions:
socialmedia@ccwestmi.org

There will be a Weekend Grief Workshop on Nov. 13 & 14 at Holy Family Parish in Caledonia. To register: holyfamilycaledonia.org/.



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ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST

2ND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
(NO BREAKFAST IN DECEMBER)

OCTOBER 11, NOVEMBER 8, JANUARY 10
FEBRUARY 14, MARCH 14, APRIL 11
TIME - 8:30 AM TO 11:30 AM

COST – $15.00 CHILDREN 5 & UNDER FREE

Scrambled eggs, Bacon, Sausage, American Fries, Pancakes, Corn Beef Hash, Burritos made to order, Biscuits and Gravy

COME ENJOY A WONDERFUL BREAKFAST WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

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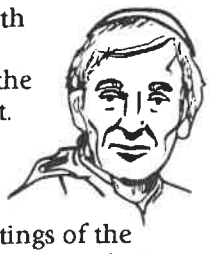
October 2026

St. John the Baptist Parish
St. Mary Parish

Thoughtful Moments

St. John Henry Newman



For some, the path to the Catholic Church begins in the pages of a book. St. John Henry Newman, an Anglican minister, discovered the writings of the Church fathers while at Oxford University. Convinced that the Catholic Church preserved the fullness of Christ's teaching, he entered the Church in 1845 and was ordained a priest two years later. He founded the Oratory of St. Philip Neri in Birmingham and, after becoming a cardinal in 1879, continued writing and offering spiritual guidance.

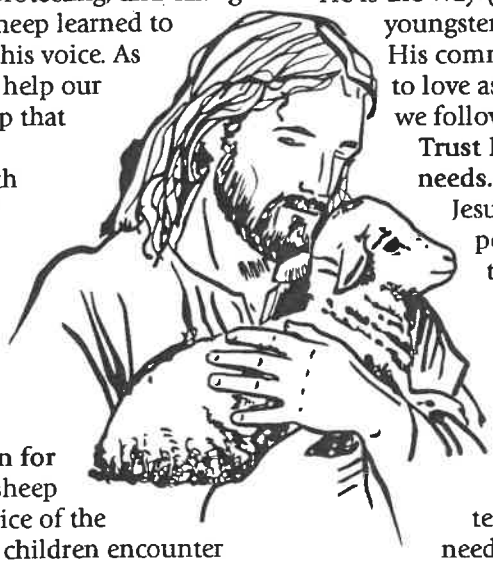
Rely on God

No matter how holy, no saint ever outgrew his or her need for God's grace. Instead, their openness to God allowed their efforts to bear greater fruit. Today, ask for the grace to rely more fully on God rather than on your own strength.



"I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me…and I lay down my life for the sheep" (John 10:14-15).

Follow the Shepherd who leads us home



In Jesus' day, a shepherd kept sheep close, leading, protecting, and caring for them. The sheep learned to know and trust his voice. As parents, we can help our children develop that same trusting relationship with Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who remains with us, guides us through difficulties, and leads us safely home.

Learn to listen for His voice. The sheep listen for the voice of the shepherd. Help children encounter Jesus' voice in Scripture, the teachings of the Church, prayer, and the Sacraments. Regular encounters with Christ help them recognize His voice and follow Him throughout their lives.

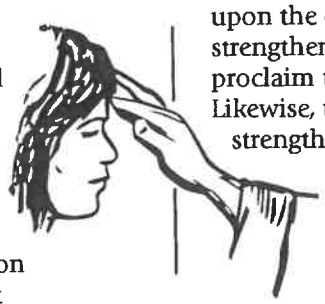
Walk with Him always. Jesus does not simply show us the way to heaven. He is the Way (John 14:6). Encourage youngsters to trust Him, obey His commandments, and learn to love as He loves. That's how we follow Him.

Trust Him with all of our needs. Remind children that Jesus cares for each of us, personally. Encourage them to bring to Jesus their joys, sorrows, hurts and sins, confident in His mercy, healing, and strength. The Good Shepherd promises to always tend to His sheep in their need.

Keep children close to Him. The sheep are safest when they stay close to the Shepherd. Help children come to Jesus through prayer, Sunday Mass, the Sacraments, Scripture, and everyday acts of love.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why are Catholics Confirmed?



The Sacrament of Confirmation completes our Baptisms. As the final Sacrament of Initiation, the Confirmandi receive a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit and an increase in His gifts. The Sacrament of Confirmation recalls the Spirit's descent upon the disciples at Pentecost, strengthening them to boldly proclaim the Gospel (Acts 2:1–4). Likewise, the Confirmandi are strengthened to witness publicly to Christ in word and deed and "never to be ashamed of the Cross" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1303).

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