

Pastoral Director: Nancy Woodcock
Sacramental Minister: Oct. 18 & 19: Fr. Lou Anderson
Sacramental Minister: Oct. 25 & 26: 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

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. 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

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

SM – 11:00 a.m. – Suzanne Rosenburg by Family; **Anthony Cornacchione** by Jill & McKenna

TUESDAY– Oct. 21, 2025 - SJB Noon Prayer & Rosary

FRIDAY- Oct.24 , 2025 -SM NOON PRAYER

SATURDAY- Oct. 25, 2025 – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SM – 4:00 p.m. – Ken Cusack by Colleen M Cusack; **Louis & Monica Thelen** by Their Children; **Bob Richardson, Jr. & Helen Osbon** by Family; **Christina Woodcock** by Family

SUNDAY – Oct. 26, 2025 – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SJB– 9:00 a.m. – Bob Cashen by Diane McMillan; **Dick Cusack** by Chuck & Connie Malek; **John Heckman** by Ed Heckman; **Sandy Meyers** by Mary Fletcher; **Gene Schafer** by Helen Tait; **Charles J. Kirk** by Gene & Karol Sanborn & Sons; **Donna Patton Schrauben** by Barb Jackson; **Terese Pung;** Pat Campbell

SUNDAY Oct. 26, 2025 – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SM – 11:00 a.m. – Alice McCrackin by Margie Hyde & Family; **Janie Dockham** by Nancy Curtis

Money Counters for Oct. Pat Burns/ Dave Miller.

Oct. 25, 2025 – Sat. 4:00 p.m.SM

Lector: Gary Copp

Ushers: Team 22

Greeters: Laura & Mike Fitzgerald

OMHC: Janet Kelly, Annette Jones, Volunteer

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Musician: Mike & Choir

Oct. 26, 2025 – Sun. 9:00 a.m. SJB

Lector: Nancy Cusack

Ushers: Team 14

Greeters: Volunteers

OMHC: Darrell & Shannon Heckman, Nancy Curtis

Altar Servers: Volunteer

Musician: Brian & Group

Oct. 26, 2025– Sun. 11:00 a.m. SM

Lector: Kim Brown

Ushers: Team 21

Greeters: Bill Tomlin

OMHC: Sam Jensen, Linda Tasker, Kali Trevino

Altar Servers: Lillian & Evelyn Reynolds, Maggie Fare (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.

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: Exodus 17:8-13

In the first reading, when Joshua went into battle, as long as Moses kept his hands raised, Joshua had the better of the fight.

Second Reading: 2Timothy 3: 14-4:2

In the second reading, Paul encourages *Timothy to remain faithful to what he has learned and believed. He tells him to proclaim the word...whether it is convenient or inconvenient.*

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, Mike Peckins, Larry Elliott, Ted Kingsley; Camilla Hogan, 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 Lehn, Connie Sacks, Judy Schlegel, Alicia Smith, & Darrel Ferris.

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 21st 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!

PRAY FOR GRANDPARENTS!

		COMING EVENTS	
SM	Oct. 18	Mass	4:00
SJB	Oct. 19	Mass	9:00
SM	Oct. 19	Mass – Live Streamed	11:00
SM	Oct. 21	Euchre	12:30
SM	Oct. 26	Religious Educ. Students in Grades 7-12 participate in class-Noon-2:00 & Food Walk from 2-3; Students in Grades K-6 have regular classes	Noon-3:00
SJB	Oct. 28	Over 50's Group	12:30
SJB SM	Oct. 28	SJB Finance Council Mtg. SM Finance Mtg.	2:00 4:00
SJB	Dec. 18	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	6:00/ 7:00

Parents are welcome to participate in the 2025 Food Walk at Haradine Park on October 26. If you want to walk from St. Mary Church to the Park, please plan to meet the students at 1:45 at St. Mary Hall. Everyone is advised to wear warm clothing as the end of October can be blustery weather.

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.

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.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

NOTES FROM NANCY

Today we celebrate the 29th Sunday in Ordinary time. In Luke's Gospel Jesus tells the disciples a parable about a judge who "neither feared God nor respected any human being." The judge got tired of listening to a widow who was asking for justice. Her constant desire for justice gave the judge much thought. Her constant prayer made the judge wonder about prayer. The lesson of the parable is to keep praying and not lose heart. How are we like the widow? Take time to reflect... The time for harvest is upon us. Please pray for the farmers who are trying to get their crops in. Take time to wish the snowbirds good bye as they venture towards destinations south where it will be warmer. Let us pray for the parents of young children who bring their infants, young children, and school age students & teens to church. Do not worry about the noise that they might make. Truly it is JOYFUL! I watch the smiling faces of parents who remember "those" days! Please keep coming and/or encourage your friends and relatives, who have babies & young children, to bring them and allow them to "make a joyful" noise unto the Lord!"



October 19, 2025

See the big box? We are collecting personal care products for the Food Pantry! You can help by providing:
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!

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.

The Over 50's Group is for people of BOTH parishes! Bring along your friends, a dish to pass, and your laughter! All are welcome to come on the Fourth Tuesday, at 12:30, at St. John the Baptist Hall. This month it will be held on Oct. 28th!

John the Baptist Parish

October 12, 2025

Adult Envelopes: (38)	\$1,767.15
Sunday Loose:	133.65
Tithe:	<u>19.20</u>
Total:	\$1,920.00
Online Giving: (10-Sept.)	\$ 551.13
Fees:	- 44.59

St. Mary Parish

October 11 & 12, 2025

Adult Envelopes: (48)	\$2,115.00
Sunday Loose:	<u>\$ 218.00</u>
Total:	\$2,333.00
Online Giving: (23-Sept.)	\$2,461.12
Fees	- 84.98

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.**

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED TRAINING.

A mother in need may be closer than you realize – perhaps in your community or parish. Every parish should know where to turn when a mom is in need. Walking with Moms in Need works to increase our outreach to pregnant and parenting women facing difficulties. **Join us to learn how you can start a Walking with Moms in Need initiative in OUR parishes.** On Thursday, November 20, Catholic Charities West MI will be hosting a training for this initiative at Immaculate of Heart of Mary in Grand Rapids from 1:00-4:00 p.m. **The training covers the five phases of developing the Walking With Moms in Need resource to serve moms through our parishes, including how to build a core outreach team. Interested??? PLEASE CALL OUR PARISH OFFICE TO REGISTER FOR THE TRAINING – 989-584-6044.**

NURTURE YOUR MARRIAGE BY ATTENDING A WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE EXPERIENCE ON NOV. 21-23 AT ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS-RETREAT CENTER. INTERESTED? CALL 517-667-0433 FOR MORE INFO & TO REGISTER.

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.

Seminararian of the week: Payton Russman

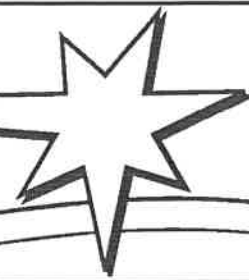
Hubbardston Masonic Lodge will have their Chicken Dinner on Nov. 1st. It is from 4-6 p.m. It is all you can eat for \$15.00 and take-out is available.

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.

PRAY FOR PARENTS!!!

Partners in FAITH™



Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

October 2025

St. John the Baptist Parish
St. Mary Parish



Thoughtful Moments

St. Paul of the Cross

Born in seventeenth-century Ovada, Italy, to a noble Catholic family, Paul Francis Danei had a great devotion to the Cross of Christ since he was young. He devoted the rest of his life to prayer, penance, preaching, and charitable works. In 1720, he experienced a vision, calling him to found the Passionist Order. After many difficulties, the Order received papal approval in 1741. St. Paul served as their superior general until his death in 1775.



Bring your needs to God

The Pharisee in this month's Gospel spent his whole prayer praising himself. Maybe he thought he had to earn God's love. He neglected his real need: mercy. God is always offering us His unconditional love and mercy. Do we accept it?

"Each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary."

Pope Benedict XVI



Finding Grace in chaos

We all wish family life came with less stress, but it's often through struggle that God calls us to rely more deeply on His grace. These challenges aren't just to be endured—they're opportunities to grow in holiness, patience, and strength together.

Tone sets the atmosphere. Speaking with kindness, patience, and firmness helps shape the emotional climate of your home. Make it a place where respectful dialogue is the norm, even when correcting or confronting.

Distinguish needs from wants. Much stress comes from confusing what's necessary with what's simply desired. Teach children that not every want must be met. Model generosity, self-control, and service. These habits reduce entitlement and build responsibility.

Ask for—and offer—forgiveness quickly. Let forgiveness flow freely in your home. Admit when you're wrong.

Forgive when others fail. Humility and mercy help children learn how to resolve conflict in healthy, lasting ways.

Pray with and for one another. When life gets overwhelming, teach your family to turn to God first. Make prayer a regular habit, and stay close to the sacraments—especially the Mass. In Christ, we find the "peace... which surpasses all understanding" (Philippians 4:7).

Prioritize meaningful time together. Busyness is the enemy of connection. Block out regular time for family connection. Do something you all enjoy. Shared experiences build strong bonds—and lasting joy.

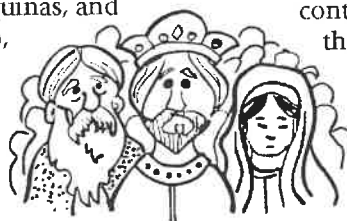


Why Do Catholics Do That?

There are thirty-seven Doctors of the Church, including St. Thérèse of Lisieux, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Augustine of Hippo, plus the recently nominated St. John Henry Newman. While this does not mean that the works

What is a "Doctor of the Church?"

themselves are completely free from error, the Church considers their contributions to be good guides for the spiritual life. To be declared a Doctor of the Church, one must possess great learning and holiness, and be officially proclaimed as such by the Church.



Quinceañera Retreat

10 | 26 | 2025

9:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m.

Three Mile Project
3050 Walkent Dr NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49544

**For ladies celebrating their 15th
birthday in 2026.**

***Para jovencitas celebrando sus Quince
años en el 2026.***

Cost Costo: \$80



Registration Deadline: October 17
Fecha límite de inscripción: 17 de octubre

