Pastoral Director: Nancy Woodcock
Sacramental Minister: Oct. 24 & 25: Fr. Tom Boufford
Oct. 31 & November 1: 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. 24, 2026 –30thSunday in Ordinary Time
SM – 4:00 p.m. – Health of Robert Gamez by Family; **Ken Cusack** by Sherry Cusack**; Bob Richardson, Jr**.; **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; Helen Tait** by Janice McCallister

SUNDAY – Oct. 25, 2026 – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
SM – 11:00 a.m. – Mary Catherine Bliss by McCrackin Family

TUESDAY– Oct.27, 2026 – SJB Rosary for Peace & Noon Prayer
FRIDAY- Oct. 30, 2026 – SM Noon Prayer

SATURDAY- Oct. 31, 2026 – Solemnity of All Saints
SM – 4:00 p.m. Gail Kennedy by Larry DeVito**; Helen Osbon** by Family

SUNDAY – November 1, 2026 – Solemnity of All Saints
SJB– 9:00 a.m. – Gene Schafer by Anita Heppard**; Gale Beardslee** by John & Cindy Schneider**; Ted & Clyde Silvernail & Deceased Family Members** by Anita Heppard; **Max Pinkney** by Sharon Schafer**; Debbie Rockey** by Bonnie Kilchermann; **Rita Gesselman** by Priscilla Schafer & Family; **Raymond Fletcher (54th Anniv.) & Fredrick Hearld (46th Anniv.)** by Fred & Kathleen Hearld

SUNDAY Nov. 1, 2026 – Solemnity of All Saints
SM – 11:00 a.m. – Norma Fitzpatrick by Sharon Schafer; **Alice McCrackin** by Family

MONDAY - Nov. 2, 2026 – All Soul's Day
SM – Noon – FOR ALL WHO HAVE DIED -SM/SJB Parishes

Oct. 31, 2026 – Sat. 4:00 p.m. SM
Lector: Annette Jones
Ushers: Team 21
Greeters: Laura & Mike Fitzgerald
OMHC: Kathleen & Gary Copp; Frank Ladiski
Altar Servers: Volunteers
Musicians: Connie

Nov. 1, 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: Mike & Choir

Nov. 1, 2026– Sun. 11:00 a.m. SM
Lector: Gail Akin
Ushers: Team 24
Greeters: Jerry & Linda Tasker
OMHC: Eddie Trevino, Angie Kwiatkowski, Michelle Patin
Altar Servers: Nieve Jensen
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: Exodus 22: 2-26
In the first reading, God gives the people of Israel specific instructions for how they are to treat others, especially those who are struggling.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10
Paul tells the Thessalonians that their faith has become a model for other Christians.

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.

PRAY FOR CHILDREN EVERYWHERE!

		COMING EVENTS	
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
SJB	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 back	---------
SM	Nov 2	Mass – All Soul's Day	Noon
SM	Nov 2	NO Bible Study – Mass @ Noon	
SM	Nov 2	Knights of Columbus Mtg.	6:00
SM	Nov 3	JOINT Pastoral Council Mtg.	6:00
SM	Nov 8	Religious Education – K-12	Noon

Please keep the family & friends of Marlene Jaquette, aunt of Tammy Duell, & Lloyd Loomis, brother-in-law of the Schrauben Family in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

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**.**

Knights of Columbus Meeting on Monday, Nov. 6th - All Knights plan 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 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The readings emphasize that the Christian life is oriented towards others**. God gives us specific instructions** for how we are to treat others: **to love them as we love ourselves. This is possible ONLY** after we learn to allow God to love us. The **love we receive from God** will naturally overflow into how we treat others. **Take time…**

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



Do you like to sing? If you like singing, 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!**

Donations to the Fall Walkathon on Sunday, October 11th were:
SM = $273.00
SJB = $285.00
Your donations will help provide Thanksgiving Day meals for many families.

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. 18, 2026

Adult Envelopes: (29)	$1,717.65
Sunday Loose:	157.20
Tithe:	18.95
Total:	**$3,089.80**

St. Mary Parish
Oct. 17 & 18, 2026

Adult Envelopes: (36)	$ 3,785.00
Sunday Loose:	203.00
Missions:	$ 1,080.00
Total:	**$ 5,068.00**

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.

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!

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!!!***

THANKS TO:

- ***The "Elves" who prepared 2 funeral dinners at SJB in 2 weeks –*** *very much appreciated!*
- ***The 50th Anniversary Craft Show Committee & all who volunteered to help –*** *what a fantastic day!!!*
- ***To ALL who attended & participated in the Craft Show by supporting the delicious lunch choices & donating items needed to make the delicious items offered –*** *a great time was had by ALL!*

The Family of Helen Tait extend our sincere appreciation to the entire parish community *for your support of Helen over the past 99 years.* ***She loved this Community dearly****. For her celebration of life, we specifically wish to thank the Church Choir and organist for their heartfelt music, the parish for the wonderful dinner, the priest, all the parish members for their outpouring of love and Nancy, for her kindness & assistance with the planning & participation in the funeral Mass.*

Lynn Schneider, **has retired due to health reasons. Let's "Shower" her with cards** as her health journey continues. **Her home address is:**
10812 E. Fenwick Rd.
Carson City, MI 48811 Please read the insert in this week's bulletin for more info.

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: Luke P. Norton

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

Sunday Mass on FOX 17 will move to Antenna TV on Sunday, Nov. 1 & 15 due to FOX sports programming.

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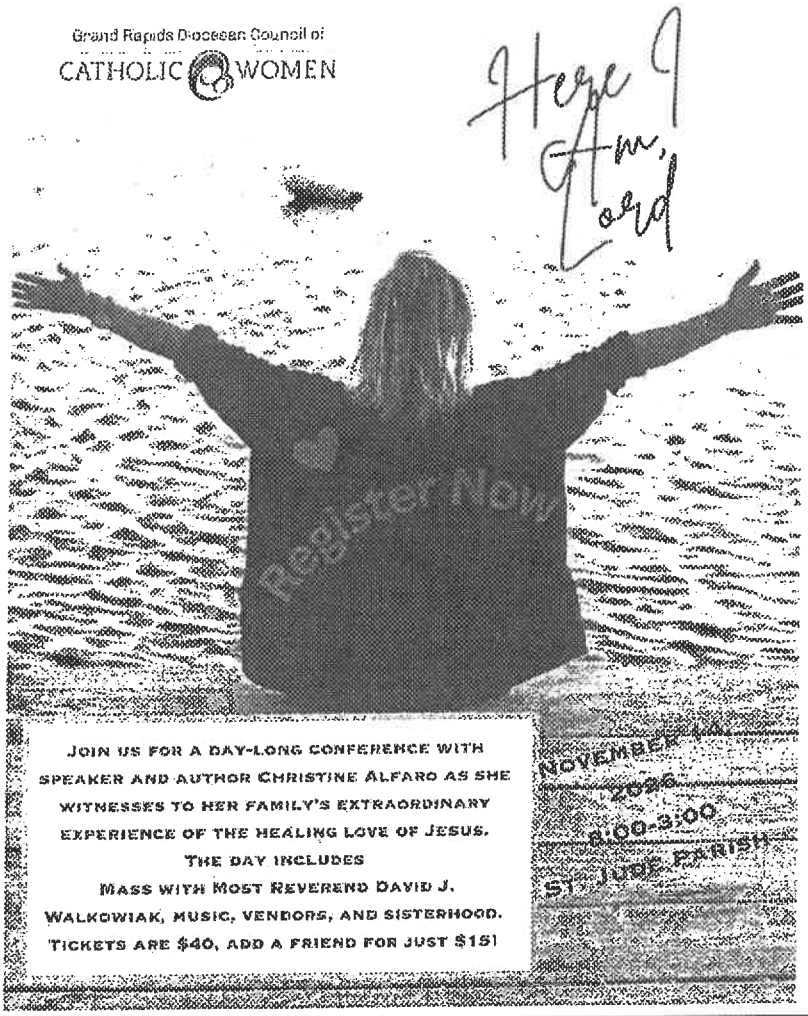
CATHOLIC WOMEN



REGISTER

Please call the parish office (989-584-6044) If you wish to register in a group from the Parishes.

Deadline Nov. 1, 2026

Or to register on your own: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/87th-fall-conference-here-i-am-lord-tickets-2001772747173?=oddtdtcreator

Join the Grand Rapids Diocesan Council of Catholic Women on Saturday, November 14, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Jude's Parish. The conference theme is "Here I Am, Lord." Featured speaker Christine Alfaro, author of Shattered, will share her story of "Surrendering to God in All Things."

Enjoy Mass with Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak, prayer, lunch, vendors, prizes, and fellowship.

PREMIERING NOVEMBER 14

Restoring Connection

Lessons from the Franciscan Life Process Center



Premiere Nov. 14 11 am

Franciscan Life Process Center 11650 Downes St. NE, Lowell

Following the 10 a.m. Jubilee Mass

Q&A with director and sisters to follow

SHOWTIMES

NOV. 14 | 11 A.M.
FRANCISCAN LIFE PROCESS CENTER

NOV. 16 | 6:30 P.M.
WEST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DEC. 9 | 7 P.M.
CATHEDRAL SQUARE CENTER

Card Shower

FOR LYNN

Let's Surround Her with Prayers, Encouragement and Support!

Dear Parishioners,

Lynn has recently retired, and we would like to honor her with a card shower during the month of October to show our appreciation for all her work at St. Mary and St. John the Baptist Church.



She has started treatments in Texas this week and will be traveling there every two weeks for clinical trial treatments. This is a difficult time, and she may need to make regular trips or even find an apartment there.

If you would like to send her a special note or donation to help with her expenses, please drop your cards off in the baskets at the back of either church over the next two weekends.

Cards may also be brought directly to the parish office.

There will be blank note cards by the baskets if you wish to write a message.

May she feel our love, prayers and appreciation during this journey.

♡ *Thank you for helping us support Lynn!* ♡