

Pastoral Director: Nancy Woodcock
 Sacramental Minister: Sept. 26 & 27 – Fr. Len Sudlik
 Oct. 3 – Fr. Dick Host; Oct. 4 – 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. 3, 2026 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 SM – 4:00 p.m. – Kathryn Tucker by Dianne & Kevin Duflo;
 Ken Cusack by Sherry Cusack; Gail Kennedy by Jerry & Connie Blount

SUNDAY – Oct. 3, 2026 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 SJB – 9:00 a.m. – Gene Schafer by Kelly Peiffer & Family;
 Phil Stoddard by Agnes Cusack; Dan Malek & Gale Beardslee by Chuck & Connie Malek; John Simmon by Barb Jackson; Rick Kelley by Sharon Schafer; Shane Clark by Dan & Carol Schrauben; & Max Pinkney by Marjorie Hyde

SUNDAY – Oct. 3, 2026 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 SM – 11:00 a.m. – Norma Fitzpatrick by Allen & Janet Kelly;
 Agnes Schneider by Katie Grettenberg; & Angela "Peg" Clark by The Kwiatkowski Family

TUESDAY– Oct. 6, 2026 – SJB Rosary for Peace & Noon Prayer

FRIDAY- Oct. 9, 2026 – SM Noon Prayer

SATURDAY- Oct. 10, 2026 – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 SM – 4:00 p.m. Rick Kelley by Pat Burns; Janet Burns by Pat Burns; Linda Antes by Chris Antes

SUNDAY – Oct. 11, 2026 – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 SJB– 9:00 a.m. – Barry Christiansen, Sr. by Kelly Peiffer;
 Vicki Dailey by Dave & Nancy Speckin; Gale Beardslee by Carol Smith; Pat O'Brien & Julie Booker by Mike & Mary Cashen; Max Pinkney by the Monica Howard Family
SUNDAY Oct. 11, 2026 – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 SM – 11:00 a.m. – Ken Kelly by Jack McCrackin; Bernadine Trudell by Dennis Trudell & Family

Money Counters for September: Ginny Beardslee, Donna Schafer

Oct. 10, 2026 – Sat. 4:00 p.m. SM

Lector: Annette Jones

Ushers: Team 21

Greeters: Holly & Craig Keiffer

OMHC: Cheryl Miller, Deb McCrackin, Margaret Lauer

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Musicians: Mike & Choir

Oct. 11, 2026– Sun. 9:00 a.m. SJB

Lector: Lisa Wandell

Ushers: Team 12

Greeters: Tom & Stephanie Dailey

OMHC: Shannon Heckman, Nancy Curtis, Darrel Heckman

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Musicians: Brian & Group

Oct. 11, 2026– Sun. 11:00 a.m. SM

Lector: Gail Akin

Ushers: Team 23

Greeters: Sue & Marty Riker

OMHC: Eddie Trevino, Angie Kwiatkowski, Michelle Patin

Altar Servers: Volunteers

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 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 5: 1-7

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah describes a vineyard that produces bad grapes; he explains that the vineyard is the house of Israel.

Second Reading: Philippians 4: 6-9

In the second reading, Paul encourages the Philippians to find peace with God by contemplating the good.

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, Jim Barker, 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 Sept./Oct.

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

St. Mary Chairpersons for Sept./Oct.

Angie Kwiatkowski (989-584-3397)

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

We received a wonderful booklet of **THANKS & GRATITUDE** messages from the Grand Rapids Dominicans for all the lovely and useful items that we collected and were given to them. Please stop by the Office if you would like to read it.

COMING EVENTS			
SM	10-3	Mass	4:00 p.m.
SJB	10-3	Mass	9:00 a.m.
SM	10-4	Mass Live-Streamed	11:00 a.m.
SM	10-4	Blessing of Animals -	12:30 p.m.
SM	10-5	Planning YOUR Funeral	11:00 a.m.
SM	10-5	Bible Study	1:00 p.m.
SM	10-5	Craft Show Meeting	4:30 p.m.
SM	10-5	Knights of Columbus Mtg.	6:00 p.m.
SM	10-11	K-12 Religious Education Food Walk @ Haradine Park Students in grades 5-12	Noon-3:00 2:00-3:00
SM	10-12	Zumba begins	6:00 p.m.
SM	10-15	Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour at St. Mary Parish	6:00 p.m.
SM	Oct. 17	St. Mary 50 th Craft Show	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
SM	Oct. 25	K-12 Religious Education	Noon-3:00

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.

K of C Meeting on Oct. 5th at 6:30 p.m.
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.

PRAY FOR STUDENTS & SCHOOL STAFF

NOTES FROM NANCY:

Today we celebrate the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time. In Paul's Letter to the Philippines, Paul says to have no anxiety but rather to think about what is true, honorable, and just; what is pure, lovely, and gracious; and anything excellent and worthy of praise. **When we contemplate the good around us** instead of dwelling on the negative, we are reminded that life is a gift, and that we are part of God's plan to redeem the world.

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



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!!!**

Please keep Bill Gage & Dan Reeder in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

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
Sept. 27, 2026**

Adult Envelopes: (22)	\$ 950.40
Sunday Loose:	133.65
Tithe:	<u>10.95</u>
Total:	\$1,095.00

**St. Mary Parish
Sept. 26 & 27, 2026**

Adult Envelopes: (34)	\$ 1,974.00
Sunday Loose:	<u>228.00</u>
Total:	\$ 2,202.00

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.

Religious Education for students in Grades K-12 will be held on Sunday, Oct. 11th at St. Mary Parish. **Students in grades 5-12 will walk to Haradine Park at 2:00 p.m. to participate in the Annual Foodwalk . Parents are welcome to walk with the group. Students in grades K-4 will remain at St. Mary. Students will return to St. Mary Hall for dismissal. Parents & students are welcome to have a pizza lunch from Noon – 12:30 p.m. before each class. All are welcome!**

There will be a donation container at both doors of the churches on Saturday, Oct. 3 & Sunday, Oct. 4 to collect money for the Annual Food Walk. Money will then be given to the Carson City Area Food Pantry. Your generosity is appreciated.

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

**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.

Interested in dancing or exercise? St. Mary Parish will sponsor Zumba on **MONDAYS** beginning Oct. 12th at 6:00 p.m. Nora Ryan is the Instructor. Cost is \$5.00/class **ALL** are welcome!

**HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAY
TO:**

Bob Huhn	Oct. 7
Mary Satterlee	Oct. 11
Joan McKenna	Oct. 21
Roger Barnes	Oct. 25

May your **SPECIAL** day be filled with God’s love and **JOY!**

Fr. Tony Vainavicz (the “Word Guy”) celebrated his 91st birthday on September 18th. He is also celebrating his 65th Anniversary of Ordination. Let us “Shower” him with cards as he celebrates. His new address is:

**Cortland Riverside Gardens
2420 Coit Avenue NE Room 309
Grand Rapids, MI 49505**

**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**

Mass of Christ the Healer – Oct. 18
The Diocese of Grand Rapids Annual Mass of Christ the Healer will be celebrated on Oct. 18th at the 10:00 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral of St. Andrew.
All who work in health care- Including physicians, nurses, dietary staff, administrative staff, maintenance staff, etc. are invited. **Hospitality in the Parish Center will follow Mass.**

Bishop Walkowiak invites all couples celebrating milestone Wedding Anniversaries to join him on **Sunday, Oct. 11th at the 10:00 a.m. Mass** at the Cathedral of St. Andrew. Please RSVP by calling Buddy at 616-333-1178 on or before Oct. 6th



DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS

Office of the Bishop

October 4, 2026

Dear Friends in Christ,

There are many times in our lives that we need to trust where the Lord is calling us. When the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary to tell her that she would conceive and bear a son, Mary responded with her fiat, "May it be done to me according to your word" (Lk 1:38). When Saint Francis of Assisi heard a voice calling, "Francis, rebuild my Church which is falling into ruin," he immediately began construction. The lives of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Francis are examples of what can happen when we trust in the Lord, especially amid uncertainty, fear and suffering.

The saints are not only our role models of trust in the Lord's providence; they are also an example of how we are to love, accompany and encounter others. Today's Respect Life Sunday celebration falls on the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. There is a story in which Saint Francis meets a leper on the side of the road. He feels compelled to dismount his horse, kiss the man and offer him money. When Francis returns to his horse, the leper is nowhere to be found. Saint Francis presumes this leper was Jesus in disguise. How often have we found ourselves looking at 'the lepers of today' and riding by?

Like Saint Francis, we are called to stop and offer compassion. Through our conversations, advocacy efforts, and acts of service, we bear witness to God's love and inspire hope for those whose hearts are burdened. All individuals are bearers of God. Each of us is a gift to others.

During this Respect Life Month, let us reflect more deeply on how we can respect life at every stage and in every circumstance. Through the intercession of Saint Francis may we "become a model of holiness of life and a constant witness of peace" (Decree for the Jubilee Year, January 16, 2026).

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak
Bishop of Grand Rapids

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Fr. John
Riccardo

Tuesdays
Starting
October 13
6:00pm
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All Adults and Teens are welcome!

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