

Pastoral Director: Nancy Woodcock
 Sacramental Minister: Sept. 12 & 13 Fr. Tom Boufford
 Sept. 19 & 20 Fr. Larry King
 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 – Sept. 12, 2026 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SM – 4:00 p.m. – Rick Kelley by Nancy Fenn; Gail Kennedy by Tom & Deb McCrackin; Agnes Schneider by SM/SJB Staff

SUNDAY – Sept. 13, 2026 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SJB – 9:00 a.m. – Barry Christiansen, Sr. by Kelly Peiffer; Vicki Dailey by Joanne Pinkney; Bernie Trudell by Chuck & Connie Malek; Gale Beardslee by Alice Churchill; Patrick Kilchermann by Dave & Nancy Speckin; Max Pinkney by Jack & Janet Dailey; John Simmon by Dan & Carol Schrauben

SUNDAY – Sept. 13, 2026 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SM – 11:00 a.m. – Jack Jolls by Jerry & Connie Blount

TUESDAY– Sept. 15, 2026 – SJB Rosary for Peace & Noon Prayer

FRIDAY– Sept. 18, 2026 – NO SM Noon Prayer

SATURDAY– Sept. 19, 2026 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SM – 4:00 p.m. – Johnny Schafer (5th Anniv.) by Sharon & Family; Helen Tait by Sharon & Family; Ken Cusack by Sherry & Jenny Cusack; Agnes Schneider by Carleen Celusnak; Health of Robert Gamez by Family

SUNDAY – Sept. 20, 2026 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SJB– 9:00 a.m. – Gene Schafer by Tim & Donna Schafer; Vicki Dailey by Mike & Mary Cashen; Phil Stoddard by Sharon Jegla; Rick Kelley by Bud & Sharon Datema; Jimmy O'Brien by Mike & Mary Cashen; Bernard McKenna (5th Anniv.) by Joan McKenna; Doug Campbell (3rd Anniv.) by Pat Campbell & Family

SUNDAY Sept. 20, 2026 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SM – 11:00 a.m. – Norma & Tommy Fitzpatrick by Jerry & Connie Blount; Angela (Peg) Clark by a friend

Sept. 19, 2026 – Sat. 4:00 p.m. SM

Lector: Jill Postema

Ushers: 22

Greeters: Laura & Mike Fitzgerald

OMHC: Cheryl Miller, Deb McCrackin, Margaret Lauer

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Musicians: Connie

Sept. 20, 2026– Sun. 9:00 a.m. SJB

Lector: Lisa Wandell

Ushers: 15

Greeters: Tom & Stephanie Dailey

OMHC: Beth O'Grady, Ed Heckman, Vol.

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Musicians: Mike & Choir

Sept. 20, 2026– Sun. 11:00 a.m. SM

Lector: Gail Akin

Ushers: 24

Greeters: Volunteers

OMHC: Eddie Trevino, Angie Kwiatkowski, Michelle Patin

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Musicians: Connie

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 September: Ginny Beardslee, Donna Schafer

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: Sirach 27:30-28:7

The reading from Sirach teaches that we must forgive our neighbor's injustice if we are to be forgiven by God.

Second Reading: Romans 14:21-35

In his Letter to the Romans, St. Paul speaks of the new life they have found in Christ, who overcame death.

PRAY FOR PEACE!

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Gordon Gladden, Deb O'Neil, John Myers, Fr. Tony Vainavicz, Marley Ward, Jack Fahey, Tony Shepard, Bill Gage, 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, Jim Schultz, 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 Lehn, 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, Stephanie Beedy Keiffer, 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.

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

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

PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SEEKING GOD IN THEIR LIVES!

		COMING EVENTS	
SM	9-12	Mass	4:00
SJB	9-13	Mass	9:00
SM	9-13	Mass Live-Streamed	11:00
SM	9-14	Maryknoll Cemetery Mtg.	11:00 a.m.
SM	9-14	Craft Show Planning Mtg.	4:30 p.m.
SM	9-14	Knights of Columbus Mtg.	6:00 p.m.
SM	9-19	Mass	4:00 p.m.
SJB	9-20	Mass	9:00 a.m.
SM	9-20	Live-Streamed Mass	11:00 a.m.
SM	9-20	K-12 Grade Religious Educ.	Noon-3:00
SM	9-20	K-12 Parent Meeting	12:30 – 1:00
SJB	9-22	Over 50's Group	12:30 p.m.
SM/SJB	9-27	K-12 Religious Education	Noon-3:00
SM	9-28	Bible Study begins	1:00 p.m.
SM	10-4	Religious Education K-12 Blessing of Animals -	Noon-3:00 12:30 p.m.
SM	10-12	Zumba begins	6:00 p.m.
SM	Oct. 17	St. Mary 50 th Craft Show	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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.

The Knights of Columbus will meet on Monday, Sept. 14 at 6:00 p.m. due to Labor Day being on Sept. 7th.

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 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Today's readings challenge us as Christians to live in God's love. They make it clear that we cannot seek pardon for ourselves yet refuse mercy to others. God invites and equips us to share the mercy we have been shown with our neighbors. Take time...

Were you married in the back yard, in a barn, beside a flowing brook, or on a mountain top? Perhaps it is time to return to church and bless (convalidate) your marriage. It is a spiritual process that brings a couple together and allows them to share their faith with each other. Interested? Please call me at 989-584-6044 or 989-287-0089

If you are interested in Baptizing your child (children) in the Catholic Church *please contact me and we can have a Baptism Class and set a date for YOUR child's (or children's) baptism. PLEASE reflect on it!*



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!!!

**St. John the Baptist Parish
Sept. 5, 2026**

Adult Envelopes: (30)	\$1,950.30
Sunday Loose:	279.18
Tithe:	<u>22.52</u>
Total:	\$2,252.00

**St. Mary Parish
Sept. 5 & 6, 2026**

Adult Envelopes: (38)	\$ 1,872.00
Sunday Loose:	<u>430.00</u>
Total:	\$ 2,302.00

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.

St. Mary Raffle Report:

423 tickets sold @ \$25.00 ea. \$10,575.00

Prize Winners:

**First Prize: \$800.00 – Kathy F. Stavely
Second Prize: \$400.00 – Adam Houghton
Third Prize: \$200.00 - Jenna (Schneider) Schimler**

Prizes:	- \$1,400.00
Raffle License:	- 50.00
Raffle Printing:	- <u>84.00</u>
PROFIT:	\$9,041.00

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

THANKS to all who purchased tickets for the St. Mary Raffle – the PROFIT will be deposited in the Savings Account.

Religious Education for students in Grades K-12 begins on Sunday, Sept. 20th at St. Mary Parish. Students in grades 7 & 8 will study for Confirmation which will be held in the Spring of 2027.

Parents/students/Parishioners are welcome to have a pizza lunch & delicious cake from Noon – 12:30 p.m. A SHORT Parent Meeting will be held from 12:30-1:00. All are 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.

PLEASE remember to hand in the Registration Form for K-12 Religious Education. Hopefully, you received one in the mail. If not, please call the Parish Office and one will be mailed to you.

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!

On October 4th we celebrate the 800th Anniversary of St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis loved animals. EVERYONE is welcome to bring their dogs, cats, birds, etc. at 12:30 p.m. at St. Mary Parish to have them blessed. We will meet on the yard between the parking lot & the building. PLEASE – leashes or cages required.

Happy September Birthdays to:

Dennis Harden – 9-2

Charolotte Tabor – 9-3

Janet Dailey – 9-14

Chuck Malek – 9-15

Kathleen Copp – 9-19

Sandy Keiffer – 9-19

Anita Heppard – 9-19

Jack Warder – 9-20

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**

The Grand Rapids English Cursillo Movement invites Catholic men and women to consider attending a Cursillo weekend. Cursillo is a Catholic movement that helps people grow in their relationship with Christ and live out their faith more fully in their everyday lives. The men's weekend will be held September 10-13, and the women's weekend will be held October 1-4. Both weekends will be held at St. Francis de Sales in Norton Shores. Each weekend begins at 7:00 p.m. and concludes Sunday evening. For more information, please contact the Grand Rapids English Cursillo at info@grcursillo.org

**PRAY FOR STUDENTS, TEACHERS,
& SCHOOL STAFF DAILY**