

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. 19, 2026 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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; **Sheena Soyka** by Carol & Dan Schrauben

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

TUESDAY– Sept. 22, 2026 – SJB Rosary for Peace & Noon Prayer

FRIDAY- Sept. 25, 2026 – SM Noon Prayer

SATURDAY- Sept. 26, 2026 – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time **SM – 4:00 p.m. – Rick Kelley** by Julie Smith; **Alexie Schneider** by John & Cindy Schneider; **Jim Beck & Terry Beck** by Lilly Beck; **Mary Bliss** by Pat Burns & Family; **John Simmon** by Terry & JoAnn Donohue

SUNDAY – Sept. 27, 2026 – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
SJB– 9:00 a.m. – Stella E. Harden by Family; **Tom Gallagher** by Lezlie Hauck; **Vicki & Bernie Dailey** by Sharon & Bud Datema; **Ron Jackson** by Barb Jackson; **John & Martha McGrath** by Joan McKenna; **Max Pinkney** by The Monica Howard Family; **Debbie Rockey** by Bobbie Kilchermann; **Don Schafer** by Michael Schafer

Sept. 26, 2026 – Sat. 4:00 p.m. SM

Lector: Annette Jones

Ushers: 21

Greeters: Volunteers

OMHC: Kathleen & Gary Copp; Frank Ladiski

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Musicians: Mike & Cantor

Sept. 27, 2026– Sun. 9:00 a.m. SJB

Lector: Nancy Cusack

Ushers: 14

Greeters: Martha Schmitz

OMHC: Shannon & Darrel Heckman; Nancy Curtis

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Musicians: Connie

Sept. 27, 2026– Sun. 11:00 a.m. SM

Lector: Tabitha Keiffer

Ushers: 23

Greeters: Dave & Michelle Patin

OMHC: Marty Riker, Roberta Jensen, & Dan Schneider

Altar Servers: Nieve Jensen, Kindyl Keiffer, Khloe Keiffer, Nicholas Reed (Shadow Servers)

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.

SUNDAY Sept. 27, 2026 – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
SM – 11:00 a.m. – Mary Katherine Bliss by Jack McCrackin

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: Isaiah 55: 6-9

In the first reading, Isaiah proclaims that God is merciful and that his ways are above our ways.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

In the second reading, Paul is torn between his desire to be in heaven with Christ and the responsibility of his ministry on earth.

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, 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 faced with rebuilding after storms, floods, & fires!

		COMING EVENTS	
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	9-26	Mass	4:00
SJB	9-27	Mass	9:00
SM	9-27	Live-Streamed Mass	11:00
SM/SJB	9-27	K-12 Religious Education	Noon-3:00
SM	9-28	Maryknoll Cemetery – Veteran's Planning Mtg.	11:00 A.M.
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.

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 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time. It is hard not to relate to the worker who toiled all day and then was jealous of the worker who was paid equally for his one hour of work. **If we unite ourselves to the heart of Christ**, we can understand God's pleasure in the conversion of all souls, whether they were faithful their whole lives or came to him right before death. **Thank God for the mercy shown to each of us. 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!!!

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. 13, 2026**

Adult Envelopes: (40)	\$3,059.10
Sunday Loose:	186.12
Tithe:	<u>32.78</u>
Total:	\$3,278.00
Online – August (13):	622.25
Online Fees:	---54.48

**St. Mary Parish
Sept. 12 & 13, 2026**

Adult Envelopes: (29)	\$ 1,361.00
Sunday Loose:	<u>339.00</u>
Total:	\$ 1,700.00
Online – August (24)	2,021.00
Online Fees:	---81.56

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.

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.

Religious Education for all 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. Classes begin at 12:30. A SHORT Parent Meeting will be held from 12:30-1:00. All are welcome!

PLEASE remember to hand in the Registration Form for K-12 Religious Education. You received a form in the mail. Please call the Parish if you did not receive one.

Interested in returning to Mass? Please park, 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!

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 Hall building. PLEASE – leashes or cages required.

Thanks to:

- The “elves” who planned, prepared, served and cleaned up after two amazing funeral dinners at SJB recently – your time & efforts are greatly appreciated.**
- The variety of “elves” who put up the tables & chairs, cleaned the floor, and then set the tables & chairs back up again for a funeral – your willingness to volunteer is appreciated!**
- The “elves” who care for the outside flowers at both parishes – they still look great after our HOT summer!**
- The “elves” who are willing to serve as Catechists to instruct the young people of both parishes – THANKS!**
- The “elves” who visit the homebound in our parishes – your time brings JOY to many.**

**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