

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 – 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 & Barnie 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

SUNDAY – Sept. 27, 2026 – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SM – 11:00 a.m. – Mary Katherine Bliss by Jack McCrackin; **John & Shirley Burns** by Dana Wolverton

TUESDAY– Sept. 29, 2026 – SJB Rosary for Peace & Noon Prayer

FRIDAY- Oct. 2, 2026 – SM Noon Prayer

SATURDAY- Oct. 3, 2026 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SM – 4:00 p.m. Kathryn Tucker by Dianne & Kevin Dufflo; **Ken Cusack** by Sherry Cusack; **Gail Kennedy** by Jerry & Connie Blount

SUNDAY – Oct. 4, 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. 4, 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

Oct. 3, 2026 – Sat. 4:00 p.m. SM

Lector: Jill Postema

Ushers: Team 22

Greeters: Volunteers

OMHC: Kathleen & Gary Copp; Frank Ladiski

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Musicians: Connie

Oct. 4, 2026– Sun. 9:00 a.m. SJB

Lector: Shannon Heckman

Ushers: Team 15

Greeters: Susanne Gallagher

OMHC: Volunteer, Susanne Gallagher, BobFahey

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Musicians: Mike & Choir

Oct. 4, 2026– Sun. 11:00 a.m. SM

Lector: Kim Brown

Ushers: Team 21

Greeters: Jerry & Linda Tasker

OMHC: Sam Jensen, Linda Tasker, Kali Trevino

Altar Servers: Julia Reynolds, Evelyn Reynolds

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 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: Ezekiel 18: 25-28

In the first reading, the prophet Ezekiel speaks of God's justice and says the Lord will save the person who turns away from sin.

Second Reading: Philippians 2: 1-11

St. Paul pleads with the Christians of Philippi for unity and humility and recounts a hymn praising the humble Jesus, who is Lord of all.

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, 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, Dolores 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	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 – Welcoming the Stranger	1:00 p.m.
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	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.

NOTES FROM NANCY:

Today we celebrate the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time. We must be a disciple of Christ to enter the Lord's Kingdom. **A disciple is a person** who has turned away from sin, repented, and through God's grace, eagerly strives to follow Christ's ways. **No matter what we do in our past,** anyone can enter the kingdom of God by turning to the Lord and offering his or her sincere "yes" to God in word & in deed. **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 Joanne Ruhlman (the mother of Brenda Ruhlman, a SJB Parishioner) in your prayers. **Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon her. 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. 20, 2026	
Adult Envelopes: (29)	\$1,188.00
Sunday Loose:	87.12
Tithe:	<u>12.88</u>
Total:	\$1,288.00

St. Mary Parish	
Sept. 19 & 20, 2026	
Adult Envelopes: (39)	\$ 1,686.00
Sunday Loose:	<u>141.00</u>
Total:	\$ 1,827.00

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, Sept. 27th at St. Mary Parish. **Students in grades 7 & 8 will study for Confirmation which will be held in the Spring of 2027.** Parents & students are welcome to have a pizza lunch from Noon – 12:30 p.m. **All are welcome! 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 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.**

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**

Bishop Fulton Sheen, a well-known speaker on TV and Radio in the 1950's was Beatified (a step towards sainthood), on Thursday, September 24th. He was a believer in praying the rosary for each other and for peace. If you are praying the rosary now or if you are new to praying the rosary, please consider praying it for PEACE in the world, in our country, within our families, & within ourselves.

**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

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

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.

Delicious chicken will be sold on Saturday, October 3rd from 4-6 at the Masonic Building in Hubbardston.



DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS

Office of the Bishop

September 27, 2026

Dear Friends in Christ,

I invite you to join me for a special celebration as we enter the final months of the Jubilee Year of Saint Francis of Assisi. **I will celebrate Mass to commemorate the Feast Day of Saint Francis of Assisi on October 4 at 3 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew. A reception will follow.** This special Mass is a beautiful opportunity to receive many graces from the Lord through the intercession of this great saint.

"Our times are not very different from those in which Francis lived, and precisely in light of this, his teachings are perhaps even more valid and understandable today" (Decree announcing the Jubilee Year, intro). As Christians, we are called to imitate Christ in our daily living and Saint Francis is a wonderful example of imitating the Lord in a humble way.

"May this Year of Saint Francis urge us all, each according to our own possibilities, to imitate the *Poverello* of Assisi, to mould ourselves as much as possible on the model of Christ, to not let the intentions of the Holy Year just passed be in vain: may the hope that saw us as pilgrims now be transformed into zeal and fervour of active charity" (Decree, intro).

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak
Bishop of Grand Rapids



COMMUNITY WALK-A-THON

**Sponsored by Carson City UMC
& Maple Rapids UMC**

**Sunday, October 11th, 2026
from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
at Fort Frontier/West Park
(Rain or Shine—pray for Shine!)**

**Everyone throughout the community is invited to
participate in this fun, family-friendly outdoor event.**

**Cheering, Water, & Cookie Stations
available for participants**

Come & enjoy the fun!

**Walkers are encouraged to get pledges
for the miles they walk. Donations
are always welcome too. All proceeds
will go to the local Food Pantry.**

**Pledge sheets are available in the Lobby at the
Carson City UMC & Maple Rapids UMC.**

**Meet at the park entrance to receive distance punch cards and instructions. Return
donations and pledges to the CCUMC office or to Roberta Kile no later
than Sunday, October 25th.**

Please make checks payable to Carson City UMC. Thank You.

**Questions? Please contact
Roberta Kile (989-584-3629)
or the CCUMC office (989-584-3797)**

