

Pastoral Director: Nancy Woodcock
Sacramental Minister: Sept. 27 & 28: Fr. Lou Anderson
Sacramental Minister: Oct. 4 & 5 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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday—Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Friday: 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. 27, 2025- 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SM – 4:00 p.m. – Ken Cusack by His Family; Alexie

Schneider by Family; Gary Coon by John Spaniolo; Tim

Barrett by the Class of 1961 of St. Mary Academy

SUNDAY – Sept. 28, 2025 – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SJB – 9:00 a.m. – Donna Schrauben Patton by Dan & Julie

Heckman & Jim Barker; Scott Weisenberger by Chuck &

Connie Malek; Ken Keiffer by Doug & Nancy Cusack; Kevin

Lipe by Chuck & Connie Malek; Sandy Meyers by Sharon

Schafer; Eugene Schafer by Carol Fox; Ray & Vivian

Schrauben by Barb Jackson; Special Intention for Anita

Heppard by The Over 50's Bingo Group; Steven Fletcher by

Dolores Schmitt & Family; Don Schafer by Michael Schafer

SUNDAY – Sept. 28, 2025 – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SM – 11:00 a.m. – Alice McCrackin by Joe Crist Family

TUESDAY– Sept. 30, 2025 - SJB Noon Prayer & Rosary

FRIDAY- Oct. 3, 2025-SM Noon Prayer

SATURDAY- Oct. 4, 2025 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SM – 4:00 p.m. – Judy Fife by Lezlie Hauck & Dennis

Harden; Bob Richardson, Sr. & Mary Walter Jacobs by

Family

SUNDAY – Oct. 5, 2025 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SJB– 9:00 a.m. – Leo McMillan by Bud & Sharon Datema;

Patrick Quinn by Agnes Cusack; Fred Esch by SJB Finance

Council; Sue Couzzins by Doug & Nancy Cusack; Phillip

Burns by Nancy Curtis & Family; John & Catherine Burke by

Joan McKenna

SUNDAY Oct. 5, 2025 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SM – 11:00 a.m. – Rick Waldorf by SM/SJB Staff; Ken

Cusack by his Family

Money Counters for Oct. Pat Burns/ Dave Miller.

Oct. 4, 2025 – Sat. 4:00 p.m.SM

Lector: Jill Postema

Ushers: Team 22

Greeters: Volunteers

OMHC: Cheryl Miller, Deb McCrackin, Vol.

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Musician: Connie

Oct. 5, 2025 – Sun. 9:00 a.m. SJB

Lector: Lisa Wandell

Ushers: Team 12

Greeters: Susanne Gallagher

OMHC: Susanne Gallagher, Bob Fahey, Vol.

Altar Servers: Volunteer

Musician: Mike & Choir

Oct. 5, 2025– Sun. 11:00 a.m. SM

Lector: Gail Akin

Ushers: Team 22

Greeters: Jerry & Linda Tasker

OMHC: Sam Jensen, Linda Tasker, Kali Trevino

Altar Servers: Kindyl Keiffer, Nieve Jensen, Preston

Reed (Shadow Server)

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.

LIVE-STREAMING FROM ST. MARY can be found 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. Needed: Volunteers to learn how to do the Live-Stream at 11:00 a.m. Mass at SM. **Interested?** Please see Brian, the guitarist, or call the office.

Please call the Parish Office if you are interested in having your baby or child baptized. Baptisms can be held during Mass.

First Reading: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

In the first reading, God issues a warning through Amos to complacent and self-serving Israelites.

Second Reading: 1Timothy 6:11-16

In the second reading, Paul charges Timothy to live up to his call as a man of God *until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

2025 is the Jubilee Year of HOPE!

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Gordon Gladden, Deb O'Neil, John Myers, Fr. Tony Vainavicz, Marley Ward, Jack Fahey, Tony Shepard, Bonnie Cross, Bill Gage, Phyllis Gage, Donna Schumacher, Linda Tasker (Bruce's wife), Jill Hodges, Daniel O'Connell, Sue Faver, Erin Cavanaugh, Tanner Schrauben, LaVern Wyer, Bob Pouget, Tom Gallagher, 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, Dean Schafer, Mason Burns, Carmen Richardson, John Shively, Rosemary (O'Connell) Davarn, Jim Schultz, Agnes McKenna, Jen Schafer, Fred Peiffer, Juanita Dockham, Phil Fletcher, Sue Findlay, Gary DeVito, Aiden Thurston, Judy Sheaffer, Deb Rockey, Shane Clark, Carol Silakes, Sherry Hopkins, Douglas Werner, Mike Peckins, Larry Elliott, Ted Kingsley; Camilla Hogan, Helen Stoddard, Barry Christensen, Senior, Troy Genson, Mary Lou Tucker Andrews, Peg Clark, Gail Kennedy, Petra Medrano, Helen Tait, Alberta Gage, Deb Coon, Jim Barker, Fr. Doug Osborn, Russell Waite, Sam Riley, Hazel Gallagher, Edie Rudd, Fr. Jim Wyse, Brenda Demenov, Paul McKinley, Libby & Jordan Lehnen, & Judy Schlegel.

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 Chairpersons for Sept./Oct. 2025:

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

St. Mary Chairpersons for Sept./Oct. 2025:

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

Please keep the family and friends of Ken Coe and Frank Stankus (father of Lynn Schneider) in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord & may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen

Everyone is welcome to participant in Euchre at St. Mary. The next date is October 7th at 12:30. Bring a snack & come to play.

		COMING EVENTS	
SM	Sept. 27	Mass	4:00
SJB	Sept. 28	Mass	9:00
SM	Sept. 28	Mass-Live-streamed	11:00
SM	Sept. 28	Religious Education – K-12	Noon – 3:00
SM	Sept. 29	Joint Pastoral Council	6:00
SM	Oct. 1	Anointing of the Sick Mass w/Luncheon	11:00
SM	Oct. 1	Anointing of the Sick-Laurels	1:30
SM	Oct. 4	Mass	4:00
SJB	Oct. 5	Mass	9:00
SM	Oct. 5	Mass – Livestreamed	11:00
SM	Oct. 6	Knights of Columbus Mtg.	6:00
SM	Oct. 7	Euchre	12:30
SM	Oct. 12	K-12 Religious Educ.	Noon-3
SM	Oct. 16	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	6:00-7:00
SM	Oct. 18	SM 49 th Annual Craft Show	9:00-3:00
SM	Oct. 26	K-12 Religious Educ. Food Walk 2:00-3:00 Students grades 7-12 walk at Haradine Park: K-6 – regular classes	Noon-3:00
SJB	Dec. 18	Adoration of the blessed Sacrament	6:00-7:00

Knights of Columbus Corner:

Interested in being a Knight or need 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

Thanks to everyone for your generous donations, gifts, gift cards, and baskets for the Annual Bill Fife and Dan Fenn Memorial Golf Outing. **Your contributions** will continue to support student scholarships, local community projects and fire department equipment that have exceeded more than \$46,000.00 over the years.

The K. of C. will hold Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Oct. 16 at SM & Dec. 18 at SJB. Come & spend an hour to pray for Vocations & other needs.

The next meeting for the K. of C. will be on Monday, October 6th at 6:00 p.m.

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.**

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

NOTES FROM NANCY:

Today we celebrate the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The readings call US to live & share the good in the world. Is this our usual way of loving God & others? Read the Gospel again and put ourselves in the place of the rich man. Is that where we want live? Take time...



Parish App Feature-of-the-Week



Prayers

- List of Traditional Prayers
- Set Prayer Reminders
- Submit Prayer Requests to the parish

Learn more or download our parish app at myparishapp.com

*Available on Apple and Android Phones.

Mark your calendar **NOW** for the **Fall Anointing of the Sick Mass on October 1st at 11:00 a.m. followed by a delicious lunch at SM Hall.** Invite your friends and relatives. **There will also be an Anointing of the Sick at 1:30 p.m. at Laurels.** Please call the office (989) 584-6044 if you are interested.

See the big box? We are collecting personal care products for the Food Pantry! **You can help by providing:**
Week of Oct. 5 – bar soap/shampoo
Week of Oct. 12 -deodorant
Week of Oct. 19 – toothpaste/brushes
Week of Oct. 26 – YOUR choice
Thank you VERY much for your participation & willingness to help others!
We will have another list for Nov.

September 28, 2025

St. John the Baptist Parish September 21, 2025

Adult Envelopes: (33)	\$1,499.85
Sunday Loose:	187.11
Tithe:	17.04
Total:	\$1,704.00

St. Mary Parish September 20 & 21, 2025

Adult Envelopes: (39)	\$ 1,555.00
Sunday Loose:	\$ <u>566.00</u>
Total:	\$2,121.00

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.

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. Thanks!

The National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica will celebrate the 100th year of St. Therese's canonization from Oct. 1-8. **The Basilica is located at 2100 W. 12 Mile Rd. Royal Oak, MI 48073**

St. Mary Parish in Carson City will hold their 49th Annual Craft Show on Saturday, October 18, 2025, from 9:00-3:00. **ALL are welcome to help with planning** are available inside and out. For more info, please contact Lynn Schneider at 989-584-6044

The Diocese of Grand Rapids is very fortunate to host “Making Your Alpha Amazing” on Saturday, October 4th at Cathedral Square. Registration and morning hospitality will be held at 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer will be held at 8:30. Presentations will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The workshop leader is Angela Glendinning – helping us to understand what ALPHA IS, how we can unfold it in our parishes, and the ins and outs of how it works. WE need representatives from both parishes who are willing to work with each other to support our Evangelizing efforts in the YEAR to come. **PLEASE think & then call the parish office on or before Sept. 26. YOU are needed – pray and consider attending.**

OUR DIOCESE & 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.

Seminarian of the week: Luke Cunningham

The Mass for God's Children will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. on November 7th at the Cathedral of St. Andrew. Anyone who has experienced the loss of a child before baptism is invited to attend and bring their family members with them. A Memorial rose with a naming card will be made for families who have lost a child. Please call 616-288-0588 or lvandervort@qrdioocese.org to register.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Nurture YOUR Sacrament of Marriage at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience! Upcoming experiences are being held on Oct 3-5 at Augustine Center in Petosky AND Nov. 21-23 at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center in Detroit.

Apply today at wwme.org or contact Amy & Joe Kopacz at 517-667-0433 for more information.

If you are celebrating a milestone Wedding Anniversary Bishop Walkowiak invites you to attend a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, October 5, 2025 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral of St. Andrew. A simple reception will immediately follow the Mass. Please call Lauren - 616-246-0588 to register & let her know how many family members you are bringing.

CURSILLO WEEKENDS ARE COMING:

Men's Cursillo Weekend will be held Oct. 9-12 (Thursday at 7:00 p.m. until early Sunday evening at St. Francis de Sales Church (Norton Shores); **Women's Cursillo** will be held Oct. 16-19 at Holy Family in Sparta. Call Ron at 616-212-1284 for details.

A Message from Bishop Walkowiak:

As previously announced by the diocese in 2022, at the conclusion of a three-year visitation, the Apostolic See (specifically the then-Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life) by means of a Decree dated May 12, 2022, and approved in forma specifica by Pope Francis, suppressed the religious institute formerly known as the Trinitarians of Mary. **With this suppression, the former members of the Trinitarians were automatically dispensed from their vows and are no longer permitted to present themselves as religious. There is no right of appeal, and the Trinitarians have ceased to exist as a religious institute recognized by the Catholic Church.**

PRAY FOR AN END OF WAR!

Grand Rapids Diocesan Council of Catholic Women,
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SATURDAY
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8:30AM - 3:30PM**



**SPEAKER: SHANNON
WENDT**

FOUNDER/CEO OF CHEWS LIFE/
AUTHOR

Please call the parish office
989-584-6044
if you wish to
attend

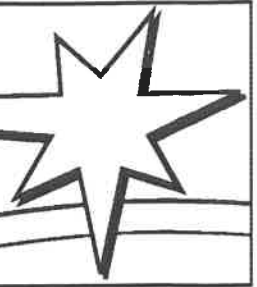


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September 2025

St. John the Baptist Parish
St. Mary Parish



Thoughtful Moments

St. Lawrence Justinian

Born into a noble Venetian family, St. Lawrence longed for sainthood from an early age. A mystical encounter confirmed his calling to religious life. Though pressured to enter an advantageous marriage, he chose to follow his vocation. He escaped to the Canons Regular of St. George, where he eventually became the order's general. Known for his zeal, penitential life, and deep charity—especially toward the poor—he was later appointed Bishop of Venice by the pope.



We are never alone

Our existence depends entirely on God. St. Thomas Aquinas taught that without God's will, we would cease to exist. Many saints taught that His love is constant, personal, and sustaining. At Baptism, He comes to dwell within us. Even in silence or struggle, we are never alone. An unseen Friend walks with us, always.

"I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you" (Jeremiah 31:3).



Five saints to help youngsters become holy

It can be discouraging helping children grow in holiness in our fallen world, but parents can turn to the saints to offer clear, practical models. Here are four powerful approaches:

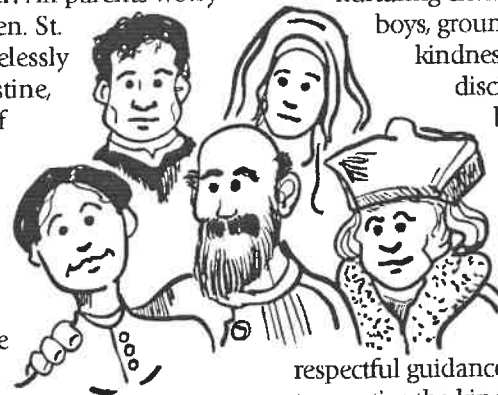
Persistent prayer: All parents worry about their children. St. Monica prayed tirelessly for her son, Augustine, during his years of rebellion. Her perseverance bore fruit—he experienced a profound conversion and became one of the Church's great saints. We don't always see the full results of our prayers, but they are never wasted.

Virtuous example: Despite intense pressure, St. Thomas More refused to acknowledge King Henry VIII as head of the Church and was imprisoned for

treason. We want children to be good citizens, but God's laws come first. Children can learn from St. Thomas' example.

Kindness: St. John (Don) Bosco built a nurturing environment for struggling boys, grounded in the power of kindness. He believed discipline should be firm but compassionate, always rooted in trust and love. He rarely raised his voice, relying instead on consistent expectations and respectful guidance. He expected the boys to practice the kindness he showed them.

Surrender: Sts. Louis and Zélie Martin dedicated every part of family life to God. They offered joys, sorrows, and struggles to Him. When we entrust our families to God, we invite His grace to shape and guide us.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics honor Mary's name?

We honor Mary's name because she is the Mother of Jesus and the Queen of Heaven. Moreover, even though her name doesn't have the power that the Name of Jesus has, it still carries a significant influence.



Pope Innocent XI extended the Feast of the Holy Name of Mary to the entire Church after the King of Poland defeated an advancing Ottoman army in Vienna in 1683, crediting this victory to Jesus and Mary, whose names he invoked while fighting.