

Pastoral Director: Nancy Woodcock
 Sacramental Minister: Sept. 5 & 6 Fr. Len Sudlik
 Sept. 12 & 13 Fr. Tom Boufford
 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. 5, 2026 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

SM – 4:00 p.m. – Mary Bliss by Pauline Gallagher; **Ken Cusack** by Sherry Cusack; **Gary Coon** by Eileen McKenna

SUNDAY – Sept. 6, 2026 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

SJB – 9:00 a.m. – Eugene Schafer by Sharon & Eric Pung; **Leo McMillan** by Eileen McKenna; **Mike Jegla** by Sharon Jegla; **Brad Burns** by Barb Jackson; **Deb Rockey** by A Friend; **Max Pinkney** by The Helen Tait Family

SUNDAY – Sept. 6, 2026 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

SM – 11:00 a.m. – Norma Fitzpatrick by Alice Churchill; **Max Pinkney** by Jack McCrackin

TUESDAY– Sept. 8, 2026 – SJB Rosary for Peace & Noon Prayer

FRIDAY- Sept. 11, 2026 – SM Noon Prayer

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 Max & Joanne Pinkney; **Bernie Trudell** by Chuck & Connie Malek; **Gale Beardslee** by Alice Churchill; **Patrick Kilchermann** by Dave & Nancy Speckin

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

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

Money Counters for September: Ginny Beardslee, Donna Schafer

Sept. 12, 2026 – Sat. 4:00 p.m. SM

Lector: Gary Copp

Ushers: 21

Greeters: Vol.

OMHC: Cheryl Miller, Deb McCrackin, Margaret Lauer

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Musicians: Mike & Choir

Sept. 13, 2026– Sun. 9:00 a.m. SJB

Lector: Perry McCrackin

Ushers: 12

Greeters: Marvin & Diane Schafer

OMHC: Marvin & Diane Schafer, Darrel Heckman

Altar Servers: Vol.

Musicians: Brian & Group

Sept. 13, 2026– Sun. 11:00 a.m. SM

Lector: Kim Brown

Ushers: 21

Greeters: Eddie Trevino

OMHC: Sam Jensen, Linda Tasker, Kali Trevino

Altar Servers: Vol.

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: Ezekiel 33: 7-9

In the First Reading, Ezekiel is appointed watchman for the house of Israel and is responsible for guiding the wicked to holiness.

Second Reading: Romans 13: 8-10

In the second reading, Paul summarizes all of the commandments with the directive to love.

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, Jim Barker, 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, 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	9-5	Mass	4:00
SJB	9-6	Mass	9:00
SM	9-6	Mass Live-Streamed	11:00
SM/SJB	9-7	Labor Day – Parish Office Closed	ALL Day
SM	9/10	Catechist Planning Mtg.	5:00 p.m.
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	Knights of Columbus	6:00 p.m.
SM	9-20	K-12 Religious Education begins; Short Parent Mtg.	Noon-3:00 12:30-1:00
SM/SJB	9-27	K-12 Religious Education	Noon-3:00
SM	9-28	Bible Study begins	1:00 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 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Jesus' words at the end of today's Gospel – *"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."* are some of the most reassuring in Scripture. He is present whenever God's people gather, as we do at every Liturgy. When we gather in love and unity, we are fulfilling Paul's instruction in the second reading when he says: *"Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another."*

This weekend we celebrate Labor Day – the day has its roots in the struggles of Labor unions to gain time and create acceptance of what the people did to allow factories to have a variety of rules regarding ages of employees, days off, and a multitude of changes that can be credited to Pope Leo XIII who wrote an Encyclical in 1891 which was the beginning of changes in Labor Laws throughout the world. Take time to reflect...

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!!!**

ATTENTION ALL CATECHISTS: A Planning meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept. 10th at 5:00 p.m. at St. Mary Hall. A light supper will be provided along with planning for the 2026-27 year. **PLEASE** plan to attend!

St. John the Baptist Parish	
Aug. 30, 2026	
Adult Envelopes: (30)	\$1,499.85
Sunday Loose:	87.12
Tithe:	16.03
Candles:	<u>50.00</u>
Total:	\$1,653.00

St. Mary Parish	
Aug. 29 & 30, 2026	
Adult Envelopes: (38)	\$ 1,755.00
Sunday Loose:	361.00
Candles:	<u>48.00</u>
Total:	\$ 2,164.00

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: - 84.00

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 (or sooner). 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!

**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

ALPHA FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Meet new people and explore the Christian Faith together. Alpha is for anyone who is curious. No judgement, no pressure. Each session unpacks a big question of life, faith and purpose, and is designed to spark conversation.

Who: Young Adults – ages 18-39

When: Thursdays, Sept. 10-Nov. 19

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Where: Cathedral Square Center

FREE to attend

Come along, see what you think...

Register at: <https://rebrand.ly/Alpha>

Walk-ins are also welcome!

PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF NEPAL

St. Mary Parish Event/Funeral Monthly Schedule 2026-2027

Team JAN-FEB	Team MAR-APRIL	Team MAY-JUNE	Team JULY-AUG	Team SEPT-OCT	Team NOV-DEC	Team Volunteers willing to coach new people
Cheryl Miller (989) 584-3778	Kathy Keiffer (989) 584-6000	Linda Tasker (989) 235-3885 (616) 325-0573	Jill Postema (989) 763-71116	Brenda Demenov (616) 902-8293	Nora Ryan (989) 763-2232	Sue Riker (989) 330-4464
Margaret Lauer (989) 330-4097	Becky Proctor (989) 261-6034	Lynn Schneider (989) 584-3759	Deb McCrackin (989) 289-3182	Pat Reeder (989) 584-3278	Ronda Schneider (989) 763-1432	Janet Kelly (989) 388-6370
			Annette Jones (989) 289-1347 Sam Jensen (517) 740-2937	Angie Kwiatkowski (989) 584-3397		Ginny Bohen (989) 584-3627
<u>Cellia Alcoser 584-0094</u> <u>Loretta Alcoser 584-0094</u> <u>Jennifer Bahm 235-2353</u> <u>Darlene Barnes 763-7456</u> <u>Jan Block 388-7054</u> <u>**Connie Blount 682-9091</u> <u>Arlene Bohen 584-3369</u> <u>Ginny Bohen 584-3627</u> <u>Theresa Bozung 235-4045</u> <u>Laura Brisboe 269-838-</u> <u>9748</u> <u>**Kim Brown 517-242-9965</u> <u>Mary Carter 235-4467</u> <u>Michelle Cashen 584-3705</u> <u>Alice Churchill 517-763-</u> <u>5197</u> <u>Kathleen Copp 989-289-</u> <u>2594</u> <u>Jill Cornacchione 616-401-</u> <u>5740</u>	<u>Mary Jo Cusack 248-3222</u> <u>Brenda Demenov 616-902-</u> <u>8293</u> <u>Diane Demenov 584-6876</u> <u>Jennifer Duerr 616-255-</u> <u>3212</u> <u>Dianne Duflo 584-3626</u> <u>Nancy Fenn 989-330-0305</u> <u>Laura Fitzgerald 248-3495</u> <u>Sherri Gamez 824-0242</u> <u>Amber Gesselman 517-</u> <u>930-6546</u> <u>MaryLou Gonzales 235-</u> <u>6263</u> <u>Elaine Earls 517-303-9503</u> <u>Rosalinda Kittle 235-5352</u> <u>Julie Kohagan 235-3345</u> <u>Sue Goerge 989-287-</u> <u>0002</u> <u>Lori Richardson 285-</u> <u>0260</u>	<u>Jenny Halfman 989-640-</u> <u>0920</u> <u>Janet Haradine 584-3037</u> <u>Anne Havens 989-763-</u> <u>8214</u> <u>Vivian Hawn 506-0314</u> <u>Margie Hyde 584-3396</u> <u>Samantha Jensen 231-</u> <u>349-0028</u> <u>Roberta Jensen 584-3769</u> <u>Annette Jones 289-1347</u> <u>Tammy Duell 616-902-</u> <u>0073</u> <u>Holly Keiffer 584-3983</u> <u>Kathy Keiffer 584-6000</u> <u>Kelly Keiffer 584-3723</u> <u>Tabitha Keiffer 330-4061</u> <u>Janet Kelly 989-388-6370</u> <u>Sue Kelley 584-3302</u> <u>Heidi Fare 989-866-6440</u>	<u>Angie Kwiatkowski 584-</u> <u>3397</u> <u>Margaret Lauer 330-4097</u> <u>Bernadette Lee 235-1114</u> <u>Sue Lowe 584-6619</u> <u>Pat Marston 989-261-4370</u> <u>Deb McCrackin 989-289-</u> <u>3182</u> <u>Eileen McKenna 584-3019</u> <u>Mary McKenna 584-3510</u> <u>Kelly Melton 763-7666</u> <u>Cheryl Miller 584-3778</u> <u>Julie O'Meara 763-6088</u> <u>Michelle Patin 235-4445</u> <u>Jill Postema 763-7116</u> <u>Becky Proctor 261-6034</u> <u>Sally Range 734-276-8227</u> <u>Erin Reynolds 289-7697</u> <u>Sue Riker 330-4464</u> <u>Janell Toth 989-763-5277</u>	<u>Nora Ryan 763-2232</u> <u>Bonnie Schafer 584-6689</u> <u>Norma Schafer 616-260-</u> <u>4796</u> <u>Cindy Schneider 763-4350</u> <u>Colleen Schneider 584-</u> <u>6674</u> <u>Lynn Schneider 584-3759</u> <u>Ronda Schneider 989-763-</u> <u>1432</u> <u>Jennifer Kelley Johnson</u> <u>989-560-7005</u> <u>Molly Sebastian 584-0456</u> <u>Kelly Simmon 763-0338</u> <u>Kay Roberts 517-203-</u> <u>8211</u> <u>Taylor Smith 989-762-</u> <u>5365</u> <u>Victoria Johnson 989-</u> <u>285-0150</u> <u>Staci Datema 989-330-</u> <u>9469</u>	<u>Jeanine Smith 584-6373</u> <u>Julie Smith 235-6195</u> <u>**Mary Ellen Sparks 616-</u> <u>452-3054</u> <u>Charolotte Tabor 584-3217</u> <u>Linda Tasker 616-235-</u> <u>0573</u> <u>Hannah Geister 616-788-</u> <u>7053</u> <u>Bill Tomlin 235-6377</u> <u>Cindy Trevino 584-6441</u> <u>Jammie Trudell 517-930-</u> <u>4359</u> <u>Jamie Upton 463-0362</u> <u>Anne Wiggers 989-291-</u> <u>0807</u> <u>Jackie VanDyne 989-600-</u> <u>3613</u> <u>Sandy Woodcock 989-</u> <u>762-5320</u>	

All Ladies of St. Mary Parish are on the call list to furnish and/or help. If you do not see your name please call the office at - 989-584-6044 ** = summer only

Please note: MEN ARE WELCOME TO HELP IN THE KITCHEN

Items for Funeral Dinners (ham, rolls, lettuce, etc.) or Parish Activities can be charged at the Village Market in Carson City, the Hubbardston Market in Hubbardston, or Blanchard's Thriftyway in Crystal. If you need other items and purchase them yourself, please submit your bills for payment.

There is a book in the kitchen that gives you measures of how much food to order for various size groups. Please stop by the Office during Business Hours (9-4 - Monday - Thursday & Friday-9-3) to obtain a master key to the building.

PLEASE return the master key to the Office or put it in the black mailbox outside the west door.

Larry DeVito does the inventory of paper plates, potatoes, napkins, silverware, etc. and shops for what is needed. PLEASE do not move items in the kitchen as the next group cannot find anything.

Tables & chairs will be put up the day before the event by Larry DeVito. Please wash the tablecloths after the meal. IF THEY are DRY, please take them off and fold them up. If not, please leave them on the tables to dry.

One member of the Team is responsible for taking the dishtowels home and washing them. Please return them within a few days to the Office or Pantry.

Remember to record who brings a dessert, how many people you served, and anything that is low in the stock - need for paper towels, etc.

We are not asking for salads at this time. We have been making the St. Mary Lettuce Salad, coleslaw, or beans to complete the dinner.

If you need assistance planning the meal, please contact one of the Coaches on the other side of this paper.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE CHRISTIAN SERVICE!!!

Important* All receipts MUST be turned into the office! *Important