

Pastoral Director: Nancy Woodcock
Sacramental Minister: Fr. Lou Anderson – Jan. 8 & 9
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. Sgt. Candace L. Thomas, Army Special Forces Blaine Woodman, Spencer Harwood, David Black, Sgt. Hunter Williams, & Sgt. 1st Class Brett Simmon, & Airman First Class Julian Hills

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: smsjchurch@cmsinter.net

Nancy's email: nwoodcock@cmsinter.net

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.**

Weekly Programs & Bulletin: 1-616-200-6070

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 located in both Parish Halls.

Interested in becoming a member of the Knights of

Columbus? Please contact Grand Knight Eddie Trevino (989-584-6441)

Are you in need of a ramp for your home? Please contact Jerry Waldron (989-235-6424) about setting it up! **No charge!**

SATURDAY, January 8, 2022 – BAPTISM OF THE LORD

SM – 4:00 p.m. – Marie Ingraham by Ken & Mary Jo Cusack

SUNDAY, January 9, 2022 – BAPTISM OF THE LORD

SJB – 9:00 A.M. – Mary Jane Esch by Fred Esch; **Bernard Dailey** by Dennis & Virginia Ericksen; **Johnny Schafer** by Bob Fahey; **Bud McKenna** by Jim Barker; **Ron Jackson** by Barb Jackson; **Jim Ward (1st Anniv.)** by Cheryl Ward

SUNDAY, January 9, 2022 – BAPTISM OF THE LORD

SM-11:00 a.m. – Hugh William Kelly (71st Anniv.) by Family

Tuesday, Jan. 11 – SJB - Noon Prayer

Friday, Jan. 14 – SM – Noon Prayer

SATURDAY – Jan. 15, 2022 – SECOND SUNDAY IN**ORDINARY TIME**

SM – 4:00 p.m. Janet Burns by Grazina Giroux; **Fr. Bill Reitz (10th Anniv.)** by Pat Burns

SUNDAY - Jan. 16, 2022 – SECOND SUNDAY IN**ORDINARY TIME**

SJB – 9:00 a.m. Bernie Dailey by Dave & Nancy Speckin & Debbie Rockey & Famiy; **Patty Cunningham** by Chuck & Connie Malek; **Clare Cunningham** by Mike & Sue Myles; **Roger Shively** by Tim & Phyllis McKenna

SUNDAY - Jan. 16, 2022 – SECOND SUNDAY IN**ORDINARY TIME**

SM – 11:00 a.m. – People of the Parishes

Money Counters - January: Donna Schafer & Connie Malek

Sacramental Minister: Jan. 15 & 16 – Fr. Len Sudlik

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**SM—Saturday January 15, 2022 (4:00 p.m.)**

Lector: Mary Jo Cusack

Greeters: Brenda Demenov

Min. of Euch: Frank Ladiski

Ushers: T.McCrackin;J.Schneider;K.Miller;D.Fedewa

Altar Server: Madeline McGee & Amelia McGee

Musicians: Connie

SJB—Sunday January 16, 2022 (9:00 a.m.)

Lector: Pam Thebo

Greeters: Marvin & Diane Schafer

Usher: D.Heckman; M.Hogan; 2 Volunteers

Min. of Euch. Ed Heckman

Altar Server: Brendan Raymond

Musician: Mike & Choir

SM-Sunday January 16, 2022 (11:00 a.m.)

Lector: Jennifer Bahm

Greeter: Dave & Michelle Patin

Ushers: C.Donahue;E.Trevino;E.Schneider;Volunteer

Min.of Euch.. Kali Trevino

Altar Server: Claire Bahm & Ryne Bahm

Musicians: Brian & Group

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS!!!

Contributions can be mailed to:

SM/SJB Parishes

404 N. Division St.

Carson City, MI 48811

PLEASE PRAY DAILY FOR:

Fr.Tom Vesbit, Gordon Gladden, Deb O'Neil, John Myers,
 Fr. Tony Vainavicz, Sue Findlay, Joan Bozung, Marley Ward,
 Jack Fahey, Tony Shepard, Bonnie Cross, Sandy Meyers,
 Larry Ladiski, Bill Gage, Jacob Vance, Lori Heckman
 Guilbeaux, Phyllis Gage, Donna Schumacher, Linda Tasker
 (Bruce's wife), Ray Feyan, Jill Hodges, Sherri Gamez, Daniel
 O'Connell, Sue Faver, John Ward, Don Bennett, Cindy
 Gallagher, Erin Cavanaugh, Tanner Schrauben, Frank
 Hufnagel, Myra Stoudt, LaVern Jacobs, Donna Patton,
 Luanne Akin, Teri Chesebro, Anakin Moody, Kaci Wyer, Alice
 McCrackin, Earl Heppard, Neil Speckin, Sr. Marie Kathleen
 McCrackin, Agnes McKenna, Kevin Knapp, Pat Thelen, Bob
 Pouget, Tom Gallagher, Genevieve McGuire, Kyran
 Breimayer, Neil Speckin, Janice McKenna-Reynolds, Bishop
 Robert Rose, Agnes Schneider, Dennis Trudell, Sr., Mike
 Glazer, Sierra Rose Cordova, Leigh Ann Harwood, Anita
 Schrauben, Jack Kapral, Sharon Parks, Delores Schmitt, Terry
 Burns, Harper Wiggins, Sam Burns, Flora Horwath, Isabell
 Robles, Mike Riley, Judy Miller, Bernie Dailey, Alice Keilholtz,
 Harry Sanborn, Fr. Joe Kenshol, Fr. George Fekete, Mike
 Jegla, Michelle Van Arman, Dan Schrauben, Doug Campbell,
 Gladys Rice, Judy Myszak, Velma Tabor, Larry Jenkins, Lottie
 Conner & Family Members, Helen Gallagher, Grace Starr,
 Mike (Percy) McCrackin, Bob Hicks, Steven Stoddard, Mary
 Pouget, Teresa Conner, Gary Coon, Denny Vander, Debbie
 Osborne, Ann Darland, Shirley Bennett Burns, Mary Lee
 Kapustka (Atlanta, Georgia), Christopher VanBurben, Dean
 Schafer, Nancy Bright, Faith Repke, Mason Burns, David
 Holland, Helen Naert, Sr. Julie Mae Groulx, Helen Kavanagh,
 Carmen Richardson, John Shively, Rosemary (O'Connell)
 Davarn & Duke (Mike) Peiffer.

St. John the Baptist Chairpersons for Jan. 2022:

Nan Miller (981-6801); Sharon Schafer (989-637-4294); Vicki

Dailey (981-6881); Bernadette Fletcher (989-855-2371)

PRAY DAILY FOR PEACE!

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

January 9, 2022

COMING EVENTS			
SM	Jan. 8	K-3 Religious Education	10:00
SM	Jan. 8	Mass	4:00
SJB	Jan. 9	Mass	9:00
SJB	Jan. 9	Volunteers needed to take down the Christmas Decorations after Mass	10:00
SM	Jan. 9	Mass (Live-Streamed)	11:00
SM	Jan. 9	Volunteers needed to take down the Christmas Decorations after Mass	Noon
SM	Jan. 9	4-12 Religious Education	Noon
SM	Jan. 10	Sparrow Hospice Grief Mtg.	1:00
SM	Jan. 15	K-3 Religious Education	10:00
SM	Jan. 15	Mass	4:00
SJB	Jan. 16	Mass	9:00
SM	Jan. 16	Mass – Live-Streamed	11:00
SM	Jan. 16	4-12 Religious Education	Noon
SM	Jan. 17	Sparrow Hospice Grief Mtg.	1:00
SM	Jan. 17	Joint Pastoral Council Mtg.	6:00
SM	Jan. 18	SJB Finance Council Mtg.	10:30
SM	Jan. 24	Sparrow Hospice Grief Mtg.	1:00
SM	Jan. 25	SM Finance Council Mtg.	4:00
SM	Aug. 14	SM 125 th Anniversary Mass & Celebration	2:00

REMEMBER: Religious Education will be held on January 8 (K-3) & January 9 (4-12) January 15 (K-3) & January 16 (4-12) January 29 (K-3) & January 30 (4-12) Parents who would prefer homebound materials due to Covid-19 please contact the office!

Sparrow Hospice Bereavement will begin a series of topics related to grief from **January 10 – Feb. 14** at **St. Mary Hall from 1:00 – 2:30**. Topics include: intro to grief; continuing bonds; coping skills, rituals & memories. **RSVP is REQUIRED by Jan. 6th** at 517-364-7223 or 989-584-6044 or jenniferscholes@sparrow.org

If you are going south for the winter, please contact the parish office so that your bulletin can be mailed to you at the correct address!

Bishop Walkowiak invites all who are able to return to Mass. He also knows that some of you cannot attend Mass in person because of health reasons or other excusing factors. "If you find yourself in this situation, the dispensation from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass has been extended until further notice." Public Masses and the celebration of the sacraments will continue with appropriate social distancing and the wearing of masks. **This dispensation is granted to ensure anyone who needs to stay home can do so in good conscience.**

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

In the first reading, Isaiah speaks the Lord's words for Jerusalem to take comfort because *their service is at an end.*

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7

Paul writes that *Christ saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.*

Please call the Parish Office if you are interested in having your baby or child baptized. Baptisms are held outside of Mass due to the Pandemic.

LIVE-STREAMING FROM ST. MARY 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 conclusion of 11:00 a.m. 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.

Thanks from the Grand Rapids Dominicans for the gifts that you generously sent to them for Christmas:

We want to thank the parishioners for the lovely gifts that they sent to us. **We were overwhelmed by the number of boxes containing useful, practical, and fun items.**

The Sisters had the opportunity to browse and choose items for themselves. All were happy with the gifts that they chose. **Thanks to each of you for your generous donations towards our Christmas. Know that we are most appreciative.** God's abundant blessings on you during these holidays and throughout 2022.

Sr. Kathleen & Sr. Mary

REMEMBER:

If there is a Weather Advisory, Weather Watch, Weather Warning, or Dense Fog Advisory/Warning or Carson City/Crystal Schools are closed, then all Parish Meetings, Religious Education, Zumba, Evening Prayer, Noon Prayer, etc. are **CANCELLED for the day or evening.** The Office may also be closed on these days so call ahead if you are planning to visit the office. **The purpose is to keep YOU off of the roads and safe! Thank you for understanding!**

St. John the Baptist Parish	
December 31, 2021 & January 1 & 2, 2022	
Adult Envelopes: (39)	\$2,169.00
Loose:	90.00
Holy Day: Solemnity of Mary: (7)	148.00
Tithing:	21.00
TOTAL:	\$2,428.00
St. Mary Parish	
December 31, 2021 & January 1 & 2, 2022	
Adult Envelopes: (35)	\$3,120.00
Christmas: (3)	185.00
Holy Day: Solemnity of Mary: (16)	568.00
Loose:	165.00
TOTAL:	\$4,038.00

A Message from Our Money Counters

If you are donating toward more than one collection (flowers, special collections, Mass Intentions, Holy Days, etc.) please write a separate check for each donation as they must be credited to separate account numbers! The separate checks can be put in the same envelope. Thanks! **The Hubbardston Area Historical Society Museum is CLOSED for the winter. For an appointment, please call 989-981-6717.**

History Items WANTED:

For 2020 K of C Centennial items, ideas, or ???, please contact Eddie Trevino (989-584-6441); Shaun O'Grady (989-981-6777); or Allen Kelly (616-902-8593).

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

St. Mary Hall is open for walkers from 9-4 on Monday-Thursday (except when the Bloodmobile is here) and St. John the Baptist Hall is open for walkers from 9-2 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please bring a pair of shoes to walk inside rather than wear your boots.

Thank you for your generous donations to the Retirement for Religious Fund which was collected in December:
St. Mary \$780.00 St. John the Baptist \$410.00

NOTES FROM NANCY:

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Jesus is affirmed as the Son of God as He is baptized by John in the Jordan. John's Mission is complete - he has led the people through his ministry to Jesus, the long awaited Messiah.

Each one of us is called to live our Baptismal Call through our life of prayer, sacrifice, and loving others as Jesus did. What does Baptism mean to each one of us? Is it a long ago tradition that happened because our parents were Catholic? Was it a deliberate decision as an adult taking classes and being excited to receive the Sacrament? How are we living our Baptism today? **BAPTISM** is not a "one and done" Sacrament. **Baptism is the beginning** - a reforming of our lives daily to allow the flame of the Holy Spirit to nourish us & increase the love we have for God by service to others. **Take a few minutes to reflect on what baptism means to you...**



Attention all Parents & Parish Volunteers: If your child is in Religious Education or you are volunteering within the parish please plan to take **Protecting God's Children online**. Go to: virtus.org and sign in as a volunteer with the parish that you belong to, complete the forms, and watch the Videos in the privacy of your own home. It is important that **EVERYONE** who is volunteering (Religious Education, Funeral Dinner Workers, Liturgical Ministers, etc.) participate in Protecting God's Children so that we have an "umbrella" of safety for our children.

The St. Mary/St. John the Baptist Limited Edition Christmas Ornament will be on sale at the Parish Office throughout the year. The cost is: \$10.00 each or 2/\$15.00. The Ornaments make a nice gift to put in a birthday card or get well card. Proceeds will go towards the 125th Celebration at St. Mary and towards siding the St. John the Baptist Hall.

January 9, 2022

As part of our 125th Celebration there will be sessions that explain the symbols and history of the Stained Glass Windows. If your family name is on the windows it would be interesting to know the family history to add to the presentations on the windows. Also, if you came to the parish after the church was built, it would be great if you would share your family's journey to the Carson City area and your present family members. Please write a brief history and send or bring it to the parish office or e-mail: nwoodcock@cmsinter.net by Jan. 15th.

All who attended/graduated from St. Mary Academy are asked to share their memories. Please call Janet Haradine at 989-584-3037 to share them or write them down and bring them to the parish office or e-mail to: nwoodcock@cmsinter.net by Jan. 15th. **WE need you - the graduates are Wisdom People now - your memories are an integral part of the history of St. Mary**

OUR DIOCESE AND BEYOND:

Prayer for Diocesan Seminarians: Heavenly Father, we give you thanks and praise for your Son, Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit to inspire holy, faithful men to minister as priests. Lord, we pray for our seminarians who aspire to serve you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen
Seminarian of the Week: Maxim T. Farrell

What is YOUR Experience with the Catholic Church? Bishop Walkowiak and the parishes within the diocese want to hear from YOU regarding your experiences within the Catholic Church - **both positive and areas where improvement is needed**. Join everyone for shared reflection, prayer and dialogue after the New Year. **Listening Sessions will be held from late January through mid-March** - dates will be released soon. For more details contact: <https://grdiocese.org/synod-21-23-communion-participation-mission/>

RETROUVAILLE - Grand Rapids Week-end will be held the week-end is March 4-6, 2022. Rediscover healing and love. This program offers tools needed to rediscover a loving marriage relationship. **For more info or to register call 616-635-1046 or e-mail retrograndrapids@gmail.com or visit retrouvaille.org**

St. Joseph Parish in Pewamo is offering "Priest, Prophet, & King" - an Adult Retreat centered around Eucharist given by Fr. Mike Alber on Jan. 15th from 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. The Retreat is free but you must register by calling 989-593-3440.

The Diocese of Grand Rapids will observe a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children on January 20th. Bishop Walkowiak will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral of St. Andrew at 7:00 p.m. in observance of this day! All are invited to attend. **Jan. 22nd marks the 49th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade, which legalized abortion in the U.S. Please pray for an end to abortion. Please see grdiocese.org for prayer resources and ways to participate in this solemn anniversary.**

DON'T FORGET TO VACCINATE!