

Dec. 24 & 25 – SJB: Fr. Lou Anderson; Dec. 26: Fr. Larry

Pastoral Director: Nancy Woodcock

Sacramental Minister: 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. 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.netWebsite: <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) or Deputy Grand Knight Tim Halfman (989-640-8675)

Are you in need of a ramp for your home? Please contact Jerry Waldron (989-235-6424) about setting it up! **No charge!****SATURDAY, Dec. 18, 2021 – Fourth Sunday of Advent**

SM—4:00 P.M. – Marie & Robert Ingraham by Family; Janet Burns by Max & Joanne Pinkney; Deceased Classmates of St. Mary Academy Class of 1960 by Mary Ellen Sparks & Sharon Schafer; Larry Keiffer by Family; 40th Wedding Anniv. of Frank & Connie Ladiski by Family

SUNDAY Dec. 19, 2021 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

SJB – 9:00 A.M. – Susie Barker by Chuck & Connie Barker; Mary Jane Esch by Fred Esch; Bernard Dailey by Shaun O'Grady Family; Fred Bennett by Judy Boozer & Family, Norm Schafer, Bruce & Sabine Schafer & Family, Brenda & Brian Kennedy & Family; Johnny Schafer by Russ & Carolyn Cunningham; Dick Fletcher by Patrick, Kristin, Alexys, Avery, & Addysen Roundtree; Bob McMillan by Family; Jackie Hogan by Family; Mike Fowler by Joe & Penny Peiffer

SM-11:00 a.m. – Marie Ingraham by Kay & Jerry Deitrich

Tuesday, Dec. 21 – SJB - Noon Prayer

SM - FRIDAY, Dec. 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE – 4:00 P.M.

Marie Ingraham by the Punk Kelly Family; Dick Marnon by Gail Kennedy

SJB - FRIDAY, Dec. 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE – 6:00 p.m.

Chris Thurston by Doug & Nancy Cusack; Edward & Minerva Cusack & Deceased Family Members by Chuck & Connie Malek; Joe & Ruth Riley & Vivian & Ray Schrauben by Carol & Dan Schrauben

SJB – SATURDAY, Dec. 25 – CHRISTMAS DAY – 9:00 A.M.

Fred Bennett by Agnes Cusack; Joe & Marie Schafer & Deceased Schafer Family Members; Jim & Evangeline Fox & Deceased Family Members by Gene & Priscilla Schafer

SM - SATURDAY, DEC. 25 – CHRISTMAS DAY – 11:00 A.M.

People of the Parishes

SJB - SUNDAY, DEC. 26 – HOLY FAMILY – 9:00 A.M.

Jim Ward by Judy Sheaffer & Steve Schrauben; Bernie Dailey by Jack & Janet Dailey; Roger Shively by Mike & Mary Cashen; Mike Fowler by Joe & Penny Peiffer; Johnny Schafer by Dave & Nancy Speckin; Darrell Fahey (1st Anniv.) by Bob Fahey

SM - SUNDAY, December 26, 2021 – 11:00 A.M.

Marie Ingraham by Margie Hyde & Jean Richardson

Money Counters: Marty Riker & Kathy Marshall

Sacramental Minister: Dec. 24 & 25 - SM: Fr. Steve Cron

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SM—Friday, December 24, 2021 (4:00 p.m.)

Lector: Isabel Kapustka

Greeters: Holly & Craig Keiffer

Min. of Euch: Rebekka McGee; Margaret Lauer; Al Kelly

Ushers: K. Kapustka; C. Keiffer; D. Schafer; Volunteer

Altar Server: Rebekka McGee & Amelia McGee

Musicians: Brian & Group

SJB—Friday, December 24, 2021 (6:00 p.m.)

Lector: Shannon Heckman

Greeters: Connie Malek & Carol Smith

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

Min. of Euch. Darrel Heckman

Altar Server: Katelyn Strachan

Musician: Mike & Choir

SJB—Saturday, December 25, 2021 (9:00 a.m.)

Lector: Nancy Cusack

Greeter: Pat Baese

Ushers: M. Schafer; M. Schafer; F. McMillan; Volunteer

Min. of Euch.. Susanne Gallagher

Altar Server: Brendan Raymond

Musician: Connie

SM – Sat. December 25, 2021 (11:00 a.m.)

Lector: Kim Brown

Greeters: Eddie Trevino

Ushers: D. Schneider; J. Schneider; G. Bahm; Volunteer

Min. of Euch. Roberta Jensen

Altar Server: Gracey Terry; Ellie Patin

Musician: Connie

SJB – Sun. December 26, 2021 (9:00 a.m.)

Lector: Pam Thebo

Greeters: Tom & Stephanie Dailey

Ushers: E. Heckman; G. Schafer; P. Baese; T. Schafer

Min. of Euch. Ed Heckman

Altar Server: Oisin O'Grady

Musician: Mike & Choir

SM – Sun. December 26, 2021 (11:00 a.m.)

Lector: Nancy Woodcock

Greeters: Dave & Michelle Patin

Ushers: C. Schneider; C. Reynolds; M. Ryan; Volunteer

Min. of Euch. Linda Tasker

Altar Server: Volunteers

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

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

Dec. 12, 2021

Adult Envelopes: (34)	\$1,179.00
Loose:	83.00
Christmas Flowers: (4)	63.00
Retirement Fund for Religious: (13)	360.00
Holy Day: Immaculate Conception (9)	214.00
Tithing:	11.00
TOTAL:	\$1,910.00

St. Mary Parish

Dec. 12, 2021

Adult Envelopes: (37)	\$2,020.00
Campaign for Human Dev.: (1)	20.00
Christmas Flowers: (10)	125.00
Holy Day: (19)	585.00
Christmas: (2)	20.00
Retirement Fund for Religious: (8)	615.00
Loose:	80.00
TOTAL:	\$3,465.00

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, Deloris Swainston, Judy Myszak, Velma Tabor, Larry Jenkins, Lottie Conner & Family Members, Helen Gallagher, Grace Starr, Allen Wilcox, 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 Dec. 2021:

Cindy Howard (989-763-9558); Penny Peiffer (989-981-6427); Susanne Gallagher (989-292-5264)

PRAY DAILY FOR PEACE!

Advent Individual Reconciliation Opportunities:

SM Dec. 18 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
SJB Dec. 19 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
SM Dec. 19 Noon – 1:00 p.m.

Mass Schedule for the Christmas Season

Christmas Caroling at 3:40 p.m.

SM Dec. 24 (Fri.) Christmas Eve 4:00 p.m.
 Christmas Caroling at 6:30 p.m.

SJB Dec. 24 (Fri.) Christmas Eve 6:00 p.m.
 Christmas Caroling at 8:40 a.m.

SJB Dec. 25 (Sat.) Christmas 9:00 a.m.
 Christmas Caroling at 10:40 a.m.

SM Dec. 25 (Sat.) Christmas 11:00 a.m.

Mass is NOT scheduled at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 25th.

SJB Dec. 26 (Sun.) Holy Family 9:00 a.m.
SM Dec. 26 (Sun.) Holy Family 11:00a.m.

SM Dec. 31 (Fri.) Solemnity of Mary 4:00 p.m.
SJB Jan. 1 (Sat.) Solemnity of Mary 9:00 a.m.

SM Jan. 1 (Sat.) Epiphany 4:00 p.m.
SJB Jan. 2 (Sun.) Epiphany 9:00 a.m.
SM Jan. 2 (Sun.) Epiphany 11:00 a.m.

COMING EVENTS

SM	Dec. 18	Mass	4:00
SJB	Dec. 19	Mass – Decorate for Christmas after Mass	9:00
SM	Dec. 19	Mass – Live-Streamed – Decorate for Christmas after Mass	11:00
SM	Dec. 20	“Blue Christmas” w/lunch	12-1:30
SM	Dec. 20	Christmas Program Practice	5:00
SM	Dec. 20	Evening Prayer-O Key of David	6:30
SM	Dec. 22	Deliver Christmas Flowers – Volunteers needed	11:00
SM/ SJB	Dec. 23 & 24	Parish Office Closed	
SM	Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Mass (Childrens’ Mass-Live-Streamed)	4:00
SJB	Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Mass	6:00
SJB	Dec. 25	Christmas Day Mass	9:00
SM	Dec. 25	Christmas Day Mass-Live-streamed	11:00
SM	Dec. 25	NO 4:00 p.m. MASS	
SJB	Dec. 26	Mass	9:00
SM	Dec. 26	Mass – Live-streamed	11:00
SM	Dec. 31	Solemnity of Mary	4:00
SJB	Jan. 1	Solemnity of Mary	9:00
SM	Jan. 1	Epiphany of the Lord	4:00
SJB	Jan. 2	Epiphany of the Lord	9:00
SM	Jan. 2	Epiphany of the Lord (Live-streamed)	11:00

REMEMBER: No 4:00 P.M. Mass on Saturday, December 25th at St. Mary Parish

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!

Sparrow Hospice Bereavement will begin a series of topics related to grief from **January 10 – Feb. 14 at St. Mary Hall from 1:00 – 12:30. 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

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 Tim Halfman (989-640-8675); Shaun O’Grady (989-981-6777); or Allen Kelly (616-902-8593). **The Knights of Columbus Centennial will be postponed until 2022 due to Covid-19.**

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.**

Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Micah 5:1-4a

Micah prophesies that the ruler of Israel will come from Bethlehem-Ephrathah.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

The author of the Letter to the Hebrews writes that Christ said that he had come to do God's will and that *all have been consecrated through the offering of the Body of Jesus Christ once for all.*

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.

The St. Mary/St. John the Baptist Limited Edition Christmas Ornament is now on sale. The cost is: \$10.00 each or 2/\$15.00. Proceeds will go towards the 125th Celebration at St. Mary and towards siding the St. John the Baptist Hall. Please stop by the office or call and you can pick up the ornaments at week-end Masses. We have 225 ornaments left - time to purchase one or more...

Students in grades K-12 Grade are invited to participate in the Christmas Program at the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve at St. Mary Parish. Interested??? Please call the office & attend the rehearsal on Monday, Dec. 20 at 5:00 p.m. at St. Mary Parish!

NOTES FROM NANCY:

Today we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Mary and Elizabeth, two faithful women open to God working within them, are examples of how we should be. As we "await in Joyful Hope" for the Messiah, take time to reflect on how we are called beyond our comfort zone to accept and share the coming of the Messiah joyfully, peacefully, humbly, in our daily lives - take time to reflect & accept...



Thank you for your generous donations to the Campaign for Human Development:

St. Mary	\$901.00
St. John the Baptist	\$382.00

December 19, 2021

Don't forget to Vaccinate!

"Blue Christmas, a Workshop discussing handling grief at Christmas time will be held on Monday, Dec. 20th from Noon - 1:30 p.m. at St. Mary Hall. Lunch will be provided. It will be led by Jen Scholes, LMSW. RSVP is REQUIRED - call (517)364-7223 or 989-584-6044. Email: jenniferscholes@sparrow.org

Thanks to:

- The "elves" who decorated and hung the wreaths at SM and SJB Parish - they look very festive!

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.

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. 1st.

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. 1st. WE need you - the graduates are Wisdom People now - your memories are an integral part of the history of St. Mary Parish!

Evening Prayer will be held on Dec. 20th (the 3rd Sunday of the Month) at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary Church. Please mark your calendars and join us!

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
Seminararian of the Week: David Shamblin

Midnight Mass and Concert - broadcast from the Cathedral on Fox 17 and online

The Prelude of Carols with Brass, String, & Choirs will begin at 11:00 p.m. on Dec. 24 followed by Mass at Midnight on Fox 17, grdiocese.org or Facebook page (Diocese of Grand Rapids). There will be a replay of Midnight Mass on Fox 17 at 7:30 a.m. on Christmas morning.