

Sacramental Minister: Dec. 31 & Jan. 1 & 2: Fr. Larry King

Pastoral Director: Nancy Woodcock

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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. 25, 2021 – NO 4:00 p.m. Mass****SUNDAY Dec. 26, 2021 – FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

SJB – 9:00 A.M. – Jim Ward by Judy Sheaffer & Steve Schrauben; **Barnie 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-11:00 a.m. – **Marie Ingraham** by Margie Hyde & Jean Richardson

Tuesday, Dec. 28 – SJB - Noon Prayer

FRIDAY, Dec. 31 – SOLEMNITY OF MARY

SM – 4:00 p.m. - Marie Ingraham by Dean Kavanagh; Dan Lowe by Doug & Nancy Cusack; Janet Burns by Judy King

SATURDAY – Jan. 1 - SOLEMNITY OF MARY

SJB – 9:00 a.m. - Jack Stoddard by Max & Joanne Pinkney

SM – SATURDAY – Jan. 1 – NO 11:00 A.M. MASS**SATURDAY, Jan. 1 – EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

SM – 4:00 p.m. People of the Parishes

SUNDAY, Jan. 2 – EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

SJB – 9:00 a.m. Patty Cunningham by Doug & Nancy Cusack; **Roger Shively** by Jack & Ann Fahey; **Bud McKenna** by Vicki Dailey; **Dick Fletcher** by Chuck & Connie Malek

SUNDAY, Jan. 2 – EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

SM – 11:00 a.m. - Don Rice by Gladys Rice

Money Counters: Marty Riker & Kathy Marshall

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

SM—Friday, December 31, 2021 (4:00 p.m.)

Lector: Jill Postema

Greeters: Brenda Demenov

Min. of Euch: Gary Copp

Ushers: T.McCrackin; J.Schneider; K.Miller; Volunteer

Altar Server: Volunteer

Musicians: Connie

SJB—Saturday January 1, 2022 (9:00 a.m.)

Lector: Perry McCrackin

Greeters: Hank & Kathy Marshall

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

Min. of Euch. Bob Fahey

Altar Server: Katelyn Strachan

Musician: Brian & Group

SM-Saturday January 1, 2022 (4:00 p.m.)

Lector: Gary Copp

Greeter: Gail Kennedy

Ushers: A.Kelly; C.Copp; 2 Volunteers

Min.of Euch.. Janet Kelly

Altar Server: Volunteer

Musician: Connie

SJB –Sun. January 2, 2022 (9:00 a.m.)

Lector: Lisa Wandell

Greeters: Martha Schmitz

Ushers: M.Schafer; M.Schafer; 2 Volunteers

Min. of Euch. Marvin Schafer

Altar Server: Lucas Wandell

Musician: Mike & Choir

SM – Sun. January 2, 2022 (11:00 a.m.)

Lector: Kim Brown

Greeters: Bill Tomlin

Ushers: J.Waldron; M.Riker; B.Tomlin; Volunteer

Min. of Euch. Eddie Trevino

Altar Server: Gracey Terry & Ellie Patin

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. 19, 2021

Adult Envelopes: (29)	\$1,396.00
Loose:	158.00
Christmas Flowers: (1)	40.00
Retirement Fund for Religious: (1)	50.00
Christmas: (1)	25.00
Tithing:	14.00
TOTAL:	\$1,683.00

St. Mary Parish

Dec. 19, 2021

Adult Envelopes: (47)	\$2,422.00
Holy Day: (1)	5.00
Christmas: (2)	70.00
Retirement Fund for Religious: (5)	115.00
Loose:	431.00
TOTAL:	\$3,043.00

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, 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!

Mass Schedule for the Christmas Season

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.
 Mass is not scheduled at 11:00 on Jan. 1

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. 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	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
SM	Jan. 3	Knights of Columbus Mtg.	7:15
SM	Jan. 5	Red Cross Bloodmobile	Noon

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.**

First Reading: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

In the first reading, Hannah bears a son and offers him to the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

John writes that the Father's love bestowed on us has allowed us to be called the children of God, and we should... love one another just as he commanded us.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Connie & Frank Ladiski who celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary on Dec. 18. May your journey continue with God's love & peace!

NOTES FROM NANCY:

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. All of the readings give a model of family. Families come in all shapes and sizes. Family members are probably the only people that we can love and be upset with at the same time. Our earliest memories are of family life. Jesus also had a family. We hear the Gospel story of Jesus being lost and yet he was "...in His Father's house" instructing others. We move from our family into the world carrying the message of the Gospel and are called children of God through our Baptism. Take time this week to read today's Scriptures and listen quietly... May your Christmas Season be filled with God's peace & joy!



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.

Please keep the family and friends of Deloris Swainston in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen

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!

The St. Mary/St. John the Baptist Limited Edition Christmas Ornament is on sale through January 3rd. 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.

Happy January Birthdays to:

Camilla Hogan – Jan. 1 Agnes Schneider - Jan. 4
Bob Fahey – Jan. 10 Jack Fahey – Jan. 15
Rosie Geller – Jan. 23 Jack Proctor – Jan. 26
Eugene Schafer – Jan. 29

May your year be filled with joy & many blessings!

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: Isaac Schneider

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.

SOUP'S ON FOR ALL!

Mark your calendars for Catholic Charities West Michigan's Soup's On For All Event! Due to Covid-19 we can't join together in person this year but ticket holders will still receive 3 soups made by our God's Kitchen Chefs and local restaurants. Panera artisan bread, a dessert, a hand-painted soup bowl, and a free restaurant punch card will be available. Proceeds go directly to God's Kitchen and help feed the hungry throughout West Michigan. Soup Packages can be picked up January 24-26 from 3:30-6:30 p.m. at God's Kitchen (303 Division Ave.) Tickets are \$50.00 each at soupsonforall.org. Do not forget the silent auction at bit.ly/soupsonauction – for more info please call: 616-240-2231.

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. The holidays are supposed to be a time of connection and renewal. Yet many couples find themselves struggling. 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