

Pastoral Director: Nancy Woodcock

Sacramental Minister: Fr. Mel Fox

Confession: SM: Saturday – 3:15-3:45 p.m.

SJB: Sunday – 8:15 – 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, SPC Curtis Jason, Sgt. Brad Childers, CPL Britney Jason, & Shannon Hollister – Navy.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Parish Office Hours:

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

Friday: 9:00 a.m. to Noon

If you have any questions, need to plan a funeral, prepare for Baptism or Marriage, or need information on Religious Education, or an Annulment, etc., please contact:

Parish office: 989-584-6044 (with answering machine)

Nancy's home: (██████████)

Nancy's cellphone: (██████████)

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.

The deadline for bulletin information is noon on Monday.

Thank you for your cooperation!

T-Coil is available in both churches.

AED Units are located in both Parish Halls.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, April 2, 2016 – 4:00 p.m..

Second Sunday of Easter

SM – 4:00 p.m. – Ella Beck by Jim & Lilly Beck

SUNDAY, April 3, 2016

Second Sunday of Easter

SJB-9:00 AM – Mary Esch by Doug & Nancy Cusack; Florence Cusack by Bernard & Joan McKenna; Georgiann Ward by Fred & Kathleen Hearld

SM – 11:00 AM – Nona Jean Courter by Rosemary Ociller;

Gilbert Hyde (20th Anniv.) by Margie Hyde & Family

Monday – April 4, 2016

SM – 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Tuesday – April 5, 2016

SJB – Noon Prayer

Friday, April 8, 2016

SM – Noon Prayer led by Joanne Howard

SATURDAY, April 9, 2016 – 4:00 p.m..

Third Sunday of Easter

SM – 4:00 p.m. – Dick Bohlen by Bill & Carol Tomlin

SUNDAY, April 10, 2016

Third Sunday of Easter

SJB-9:00 AM – Stanley Schafer by The Fife Families; Al &

Dorothy Cashen, Jimmy O'Brien by Mike & Mary Cashen;

Florence Behan by The McCrackin Family

SM – 11:00 AM – Tom Fitzpatrick by Mike & Jan McCrackin;

Nona Jean Courter by Leonard Courter & Family

april Count Team: Pat Burns & Kathy or Hank Marshall

April 5 – Bulletin Folder: Helen Gallagher

Sacramental Minister: Mar. April 9 & 10: Fr. Mel Fox

Please note: The Saturday Mass at St. Mary Parish will remain at 4:00 p.m. year round!

SJB Circle Chairpersons-April: *Hank & Kathy Marshall

██████████; Kathleen Hearld (██████████); Mary Fletcher (██████████)

██████████; Sally Strachan (██████████)

St. Mary Chairpersons for April: Mary Jo Halfman (██████████) & Cheryl Miller (██████████)

FIRST READING: Acts 5:12-16

Liturgical Schedules

SM – Saturday, April 9, 2016 (8:30 p.m.)

Lector: Norma Schafer

M.E. Kathleen & Gary Copp, Frank Ladiski

Serve: Christina & Kieron Schafer, *Shelby Demenov*

Usher: Al Kelly, Julie Smith, Stan Kwiatkowski, Volunteer

Greet: Isabel Robles

Music: Connie

SJB – Sunday, April 10, 2016 (9:00 am)

Lector: Bruce Thelen

M.E. Beth O'Grady, Ed Heckman, Nancy Burns, Kathy

McMillan

Serve: Aoife & Oisín O'Grady,

Usher: Darrel Heckman, Michael Hogan, Dave Stoepker, Eric

Ward

Greet: Diane & Marvin Schafer

Music: Mike & Choir

SM – Sunday, April 10, 2016 (11:00 am)

Lector: Kathy Waldron

M.E. Eddie Trevino, Mary Jo & Tim Halfman

Serve: Allison & Jacob Stevens, Francine & Carrie Kalnins

Usher: Jack McCrackin, Cory & Mitchel Schneider, Mark Ryan

Greet: Sue & Marty Riker

Music: Brian & Group - **Liturgy for Children:** Heather

Cunningham

During the seven weeks of the Easter Season, the first reading is always from the Acts of the Apostles. Its author, Luke, saw the history of salvation in three great stages: in the first stage, found in the Old Testament, God's Spirit raises up *leaders and prophets* to guide the people; in the second stage, found in Luke's Gospel, the Spirit anoints *Jesus* as God's holy one; and in the third stage, described in the Acts of the Apostles, the Spirit works in the *Church*, fulfilling Christ's promise to be with us until the end of time.

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19

This year during the Easter Season, the second reading each Sunday is from the book of Revelation, written near the end of the first century. Revelation is an Easter book because it focuses on the Risen Jesus and our final victory over sin and death. Today's passage describes the call that the author received. He was to convey God's message of hope to Christians who were being persecuted.

PLEASE PRAY DAILY FOR: Fr. Tom Vesbit, Wanda Herald, Wesly David Dockham, Herman Thomas, Joanne Van Heck, Brett Dailey, Frieda Gallagher, Gordon Gladden, Karen Stephenson, Deb O'Neil, John Myers, Fr. Tony Vainavicz, Joni Dishmen, Sue Findlay, LaVern Jacobs, Joyce Stoddard, Ray Donahue, Mark Schmitt, Denise Tietze, Ruth Riley, Evan Pung, Jake Cole, John Fitzpatrick, Diane White, Edna Nartker, Joan Bozung, Rodney Greenway, Frances Cheeks, Kitty Burns, Tony Stayer, Gene Hodges, Quint Cusack, Merton Proctor, Mary Cotter, Matt O'Connell, Marion McGinn, Elizabeth Martin, Bob Gallagher, Janice Cook, Janet Dailey, John Conely, Steven Stoddard, John Enos, Tom Kieffer, Ron Falor, Emma Thompson, Sandy Collins, Mary Ann Wellwood, Marley Ward, Doug Willemin, Russ Willemin, Jack Fahey, Dolores Kapuscinski, Michael Cook, Bruce Flick, Tony Shepard, Patty Shively, Bob & Bonnie Cross, Lynn Brainard, Bev Pouget, Sandy Meyers, Chris Thurston, Steve Schafer, Seth Heckman, Robert Giroux, Neil Speckin, Bill Thurston, Larry Ladiski, David Gager, Sireea Rose Cordobi, Bill Gage, Jill Kapustka Schaeffer, Jacob Vance, Gabe Myers, Johnny Schafer, Lori Heckman Guilbeaux, Elizabeth Bennett, Daniel R. Thelen, Diane Fox, Harold Wakefield, Jerry Patin, Phyllis Gage, Wayne Cavanaugh, Larry Hatfield, Donna Schumacher, Bernie Dailey, William & Beatrice Baese, Larry Jenkins, Lorraine Barker, Jean Koenigsknecht, Dennis Trudell, Jr. Linda Tasker (Bruce's wife), Pat McCrackin (Jim's Wife), Ray Feyan, Fred Welch, Susanne Gallagher, Ann Darland, Lucille Burns, Steven Thelen, Janice McCallister, Anna Cross, Lillian Wheeler, Jerry & Millie Fisher, Kaye Courter, Doris Elliott, & Tom Musselman.

Feeling better? Please let us know & we will take your name off of the Prayer List! Thanks!

PRAY DAILY FOR PEACE!

2nd Sunday of Easter April 3, 2016

Coming Events

SM	April 4	Knights of Columbus	7:15
SM	April 4	Easter Egg Filling Time	1:00
SM	April 5	Ecumenical Euchre	12:30
SM	April 5	Confirmation Class	3:30
SM	April 11	"Mommy & Me"	11:15
SJB	April 11	Joint Pastoral Council Mtg.	6:30
SM	April 12	Confirmation Class	3:30
SM	April 16	K-4 Religion Class	9:00
SM	April 17	5-12 Religion Class	Noon
SM	April 18	"Mommy & Me"	11:15
SM	April 19	Ecumenical Euchre	12:30
SM	April 19	Confirmation Class	3:30
SM	April 23	K-4 Religion Class	9:00
SM	April 23	Easter Egg Hunt	Noon
SJB	April 24	First Holy Communion	9:00
SM	April 24	5-12 Grade Religion Class	Noon
SM	April 25	"Mommy & Me"	11:15
SM	April 26	SM Finance Council Mtg.	2:00
SM	April 26	SJB Finance Council Mtg.	5:00
SM	April 30	"Salute to Honor"	5:15
SM	May 1	First Holy Communion	11:00

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

Finance Report for March 27, 2016

Adult Envelopes: (61)	\$2,326.00
Loose:	312.00
Candles:	5.00
Tithing:	23.00
Total:	\$2,666.00

ST. MARY PARISH

Finance Report for March 26 & 27, 2016

Adult Envelopes (79):	\$2,402.00
Student Env. (2)	1.91
Catholic Relief Services: (1)	20.00
Easter: (1)	5.00
Loose:	307.50
TOTAL:	\$2,736.41

Dream Kitchen Fund: As of March 28, 2016

Savings:	\$33,553.83
Individual Donations:	385.00
Total:	\$ 34,263.83

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 if you wish. Thank you for your cooperation!

SPECTRUM HOSPICE GRIEF PRESENTATIONS:

When: Thursday 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 – St. Mary Hall

July: No group

September 15: Remembering and Moving Forward

Please RSVP to 989-584-6044 at least 3 days ahead

Ecumenical Euchre is held on the First and Third

Tuesdays of each month at 12:30 at St. Mary Hall.

Everyone is welcome to come and join in the fun!

PLEASE NOTE: UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE EUCHRE WILL

NOT BE HELD ON THE FIFTH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH.

The next Euchre Group meets on April 5, 2016

The Hubbardston Area Historical Society is open on Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 10am-2pm. Lunch is served in the Museum Room at 12:30 p.m. The public is welcome!

The 2016 CSA Drive has begun. Registered parishioners should have received a mailing from the diocese. **If you are not registered or did not receive information please take an envelope from the ends of the pews in either parish to make YOUR donation.**

Our Goals are:

St. Mary Parish	\$16,271.00
2-29-16 (19 donors)	3,115.00
3- 7- 16 (16 donors)	3,625.00
3-14-16 (14 donors)	4,035.00
3-21-16 (12 donors)	2,850.00
3-28-16 (4 donors)	1,150.00
Balance to reach goal:	\$ 1,496.00

St. John the Baptist Parish:	\$11,564.00
2-29-16 (7 donors)	825.00
3-7-16 ((10 donors)	2,250.00
3-14-16 (13 donors)	3,910.00
3-21-16 (5 donors)	545.00
3-28-16 (5 donors)	1,550.00
Balance to reach goal:	\$ 2,484.00

Please take time to read the CSA materials and decide your donation to the Campaign that supports the Diocese of Grand Rapids and the variety of ministries that help others. **Any funds over our goals will be returned to savings & used toward the ceiling tiles and lights at St. Mary Hall and funds above the goal will be used at St. John the Baptist to help with expenses for the 2016-17 year.** We are each enriched by the gifts we have received from God. It is our time to reflect and decide on what we can give back to God through the 2016 CSA Campaign. **Participation is very important – please try to give something – every gift is valued!!!**

A "Mommy & Me" Group will begin on Monday, April 11th at St. Mary Parish from 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. It will also be held on Mondays April 18 & 25. All moms (or dads and grandparents) and children from infant through age 4 from both parishes and the area communities are welcome to participate in a variety of play activities along with adult interaction. **Amber Geselman, Pre-School Teacher will lead the group. Come and meet new people and enjoy time with adults and children.**

Religion Classes for Grades K-4 will be held on Saturday, April 16th and Saturday, April 23. The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at noon on April 23rd. There will be 3 age groups for the Easter Egg Hunt: ages 4 and younger; Kindergarten & First Grade Students; and students in grades 2, 3, 4. **Students will be dismissed immediately following the Easter Egg Hunt. Please bring your Pre-School children and enjoy the event. Students in Grades 5-12 will have Religion Classes on Sunday, April 17th and on Sunday, April 24th from Noon – 3:00 p.m.** Please note: These are the last classes of the 2015-16 year. **All students are expected to attend!**

2nd Sunday of Easter April 3, 2016

Volunteers are needed to pack the Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt on Monday, April 4 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Mary Hall. Please call the hall if you can help!

NOTES FROM NANCY:

Today we celebrate the 2nd Sunday of Easter. The First Reading each week will be from the Acts of the Apostles through the Feast of Pentecost. We will hear of the many good works that happened after Jesus rose from the dead. His apostles and disciples watched and learned from Jesus. John's Gospel today tells two experiences of the disciples. In the first, they locked themselves in the upper room as they were afraid of the Jews who had crucified Jesus. Jesus appeared to them and commissioned them to share the "Good News" with all. In the second experience Thomas, who was missing the first time, is with them & doubtful of Jesus and claims, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." After Thomas experiences Jesus' wounds, his reaction, "My Lord and my God", demonstrates his belief. Jesus' response, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed" certainly covers all who have believed since that time - including us. As a small child I was taught Thomas' story & the words, "My Lord and my God" to pray at Mass when the Bread & Wine became the Body & Blood of Christ through the process of Transubstantiation. Our recognition of Jesus in the Real Presence is a sign of our faith as we believe and share our beliefs with others. It is the Easter Season and ALLELUIA IS OUR SONG!!!



Our Diocese & Beyond

Weekly prayer for our diocesan seminarians: Loving God, Raise up dedicated leaders who will shepherd your people and guide them to your Son. Give generous and willing hearts to the seminarians of our Diocese who have heard your call to live a life of service to the Church. Help us encourage and support them as they strive to become priests who are models of discipleship, possessors of wisdom and on fire with love for your people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen
Seminarian of the Week: Patrick R. Byars

DYMO Camp 2016 will be held from June 12-18.

"Come As You Are" is this year's theme.

Interested??? Go to www.dymo.org for more information or pick up an application at the Parish Office.

2016 St. Mary/St. John the Baptist Parish Graduates are invited to apply for a Scholarship. Applications are available in the parish office. Deadline is April 15th.

The Crisis Pregnancy Services will have dressers in both parishes for the month of April. INFANT items are needed in neutral colors that could be used for boys or girls, please. Items needed are: socks, onesies, sleepers, receiving blankets, sleep sacks, or crib sheets. Envelopes will be available if you would rather give a donation instead of shopping. Questions – please call Kathy Waldron (235-6424).

Pat McCrackin has been moved to Sparrow Hospital in Lansing. Cards can be sent to her in care of her son,



Come One, Come All! The Hubbardston Area Historical Society's Annual Fund Raiser will be held on Friday, April 15th from 5:00-11:30 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Parish Hall. There will be a roast beef dinner from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. The Hubbardston Irish Dancers will perform at 7:00 p.m. The Singing Carpenter Band with Brad Kilchermann – Country Classics begins at 8:00 p.m. There will be a cash bar, quilt raffle and door prizes. Tickets are \$20.00 each and include dinner. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each or 6/\$5.00. Everyone is welcome! For more info please call 517-230-4235.

April 3rd is Divine Mercy Sunday. St. Charles in Greenville will hold Divine Mercy Services at 3:00 p.m. today. All are welcome!

THANKS TO:

- All who helped to distribute the Palms on Palm Sunday;
- Volunteers from both parishes who attended the Chrism Mass and joined representatives from the Diocese of Grand Rapids to receive the Oil of Catechumens, Oil of the Sick, and Sacred Chrism which are used throughout the year at both parishes;
- All of the "bunnies" who volunteered to deliver Easter flowers;
- All who humbly volunteered to have their feet washed during Holy Thursday Mass;
- All who helped to tastefully decorate the churches for the Easter Season
- All of the musicians, choir members, and cantors who provided joyful and holy music for our Triduum and Easter celebrations!
- The Liturgical Ministers who enriched our celebrations with their attendance;
- All who volunteered at the Good Friday Service at Laurels;
- All who attended and participated in our Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses – what joyous events we shared together!

Congratulations to:

Jammie Osterman & Brad Kasavana who were baptized at Easter Vigil; and
Cherlyn Ward, George Bahm, Cory Reynolds, & Ed Woodchisky who were received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. WELCOME!