

Pastoral Director: Nancy Woodcock  
 Sacramental Minister: Fr. Tom Thompson 8-8-2020  
 Fr. Mike Danner 8-9-2020

Confession: SM: Saturday – 3:15 - 3:30 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, Spencer Harwood, David Black, Sgt. Hunter Williams, & Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Brett Simmon, & Pvt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Julian Hills

#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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 need information on Religious Education, or an Annulment, etc., please contact Nancy @

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.

FACEBOOK: St. Mary/St. John the Baptist Parishes

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.

Interested in becoming a member of the Knights of Columbus? Please contact Grand Knight Tim Halfman (989-640-8675) or Deputy Grand Knight Eddie Trevino (989-584-6441).

Are you in need of a ramp for your home? Please contact Jerry Waldron about setting it up! There is no charge.

#### Mass Intentions

#### SATURDAY August 8, 2020

The 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

SM – 4:00 PM – Ron Jackson by Mary & Dale Freund; Betty Meyer by Clark & Kwiatkowski Families; Jill Kapustka

Schaeffer by Mom & Dad

#### SUNDAY August 9, 2020

The 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

SJB—9:00 AM—Carol Fitzpatrick by Chuck & Connie Malek;

Denny Burns by William & Bo Tarachias; Susie Barker by

Agnes Cusack, George Demenov Sr. by Doug & Nancy Cusack

SM - 11:00 AM—People of SM & SJB Parishes

#### SATURDAY, August 15, 2020

The 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

SM—4:00 PM—Alice Spaniolo (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.) by Tom & Stephanie Dailey

#### SUNDAY, August 16, 2020

The 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

SJB—9:00 AM—Dan Fenn by Jim & Cheryl Ward; Chris

Thurston by Joan Christides; Special Intentions (62<sup>nd</sup> Wedding Anniv.) of Gene & Priscilla Schafer by The Family; Pat Zurhorst by Doug & Nancy Cusack

SM—11:00 AM—Janet Burns by Fred Esch

oney Counters for August 2020: Tom Ward and Hank Marshall

Sacramental Minister: Fr. Doug Osborn 8-15-2020: Fr.

Lou Anderson – 8-16-2020

St. John the Baptist Chairpersons for August 2020: Diane Schafer Lezlie Hauck Penny Peiffer

St. Mary Chairpersons for August 2020: Jill Postema

Deb McCrackin

#### SM—Saturday, August 15, 2020 (4:00pm)

Lector: Gary Copp

Greeters: Isabell Robles

Usher: Dave Fedewa

Music: Connie

#### SJB-Sunday: August 16, 2020 (9:00 a.m.)

Lector: Lisa Wandell

Greeters: Marvin & Diane Schafer

Usher: Marvin Schafer

Music: Mike & Cantor

#### SM - Sunday August 16, 2020 (11:00 a.m.)

Lector: Jill Postema

Greeters: Eddie Trevino

Usher: George Bahm

Music: Brian & Group

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS!!!

Contributions can be mailed to:

SM/SJB Parishes

404 N. Division St.

Carson City, MI 48811

#### First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13

The prophet Elijah lived about 800 years before Christ. Because he was loyal to God, he fell into disfavor with King Ahab and Queen Jezebel. He had to flee for his life to Mount Horeb (also known as Mount Sinai). As you listen to today's passage, it will be helpful to know that wind, earthquake, and fire were traditional Old Testament expressions of God's presence.

#### SECOND READING Romans 9: 1-5

In chapters 9 to 11 of Paul's letter to the Romans, he addresses the painful question of why the majority of Jewish people failed to accept Christ. These were Paul's own people and he was personally hurt by this. He still loved his Jewish heritage and in today's passage he lists seven wonderful blessings that God's Old Testament people have received. He then adds an eighth: Christ the Messiah.

#### PLEASE PRAY DAILY FOR:

Fr. Tom Vesbit, Gordon Gladden, Deb O'Neil, John Myers, Fr. Tony Vainavicz, Sue Findlay, Joan Bozung, Matt O'Connell, Marley Ward, Jack Fahey, Tony Shepard, Bonnie Cross, Sandy Meyers, Larry Ladiski, Bill Gage, Jacob Vance, Lori Heckman, Guilbeaux, Phyllis Gage, Donna Schumacher, Larry Jenkins, Linda Tasker (Bruce's wife), Ray Feyan, Ann Dartland, Helen Cook, Jill Hodges, Sherri Gamez, Daniel O'Connell, Sue Faver, John Ward, Carolyn Caesar, Don Bennett, Cindy Gallagher, Lee O'Grady, Erin Cavanaugh, Tanner Schrauben, John Fitzpatrick, Frank Hufnagel, Myra Stoudt, LaVern Jacobs, Donna Patton, Luanne Akin, Teri Chesebro, Anakin Moody, Mike Fowler, Nancy (Don's wife) Klein, 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, Catherine Grant, Neil Speckin, Janice McKenna-Reynolds, Bishop Robert Rose, Jeanine Bennett Cross, Agnes Schneider, Jeannie Baker, Dennis Trudell, Sr., Mike Glazer, Sierra Rose Cordova, Leigh Ann Harwood, Anita Schrauben, Dick Fletcher, David Bennett, Jack Kapral, Sharon Parks, Johnny Schafer, Delores Schmitt, Terry Burns, Harper Wiggins, Sam Burns, Flora Horwath, Kaleb Fletcher, Isabell Robles, Mike Riley, Judy Miller, Bernie Dailey, Alice Keilholtz, Harry Sanborn, Delores Swainston, Al Adkins, Joyce Cross Shear, Fr. Joe Kenshol, Fr. George Fekete, Mike Jegla, Judy Rockey, Michelle Van Arman, Joanne Wakeman, Dan Schrauben, Kale Litwiller, Doug Campbell, Gladys Rice, Helen Kavanagh (CC), Mary Anderson, Dick Tow, Austin Stein, Gail Kennedy, & Deloris Swainston.

If you know of a person on the Prayer List who has died or if you are better and want your name off the list please call the Parish Office.

PRAY DAILY FOR PEACE!

COMING EVENTS			
SM	Aug. 8	Mass	4:00
SJB	Aug. 9	Mass	9:00
SM	Aug. 9	Mass – Livestreamed	11:00
SM	Aug. 10	Adults & Students - Peace Pole Painting – Outside by rectory	11:00-12:30
SM	Aug. 11	Sparrow Grief & Loss Mtg.	4:00

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH	
August 2, 2020	
Adult Envelopes: (21)	\$1,434.00
Loose:	0.00
Student: (0)	0.00
Candles: (0)	0.00
Tithing:	14.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$1,448.00</b>

ST. MARY PARISH	
Finance Report for	
August 1 & 2, 2020	
Adult Envelopes: (29)	\$1,655.00
Holy Day: Assumption of Mary (2):	35.00
Loose:	107.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$1,797.00</b>

**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 Services will provide a Grief & Loss Meeting at St. Mary Parish. The next meeting will be on August 11, 2020 from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. There is no Charge!** It will be led by Jen Scholes, LLMSW who is a Social Worker & Bereavement Coordinator for Sparrow Hospice. **Everyone is welcome!**

The Hubbardston Area Historical Society Museum will be OPEN on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. To arrange for an appointment at another time, please call 989-981-6717.

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! The next Euchre will be announced when conditions allow for more than 10 people in the buildings.

**History Items WANTED:**

For 2020 K of C Centennial items, ideas, or questions, please contact Tim Halfman [redacted] Shaun O’Grady [redacted] or Allen Kelly [redacted]

Pictures, programs, or newspaper clippings of past SM Altar Society Events which will be used for the celebration of the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Mary Parish are needed. Please contact Ginny Bohan [redacted] or Janet Haradine [redacted] if you have any items. Pictures will be copied as needed.

**Remember: the bulletin can be found** on the website, Facebook or cell phone (call: 1-616-200-6070 & wait for the parish prompts) if you are away and want to know what is going on in the parishes.

**Bishop Walkowiak has extended the dispensation for all Catholics within the territory of the Diocese of Grand Rapids from their obligation of attending Mass through Labor Day, September 7<sup>th</sup>.**

The 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary Parish will be live-streamed each week (Google – St. Mary/St. John the Baptist Parishes Facebook page). Thank you to all who are watching and sending such positive comments – it is a touch of “home” to all who are not attending Mass due to caution, illness, or being homebound.

When we have volunteers we are live-streaming the 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Mary also – check Facebook for the notification each week.

**Volunteers (high school age and above) are needed to assist with live-streaming the Mass each week at 4:00 pm or 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary.** We have several volunteers for this Ministry to the Parishioners and could use more volunteers as people may have work conflicts or vacations. Training will be given. Please call the Parish Office if interested.

**Due to the Coronavirus:**

1. The 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Mary Parish will be re-scheduled for the summer of 2021.
2. The Fall Craft Show at St. Mary Hall in October of 2020 is cancelled. Planning usually begins now. There is no way to predict what October will bring regarding social distancing, masks, etc. so the decision was made to cancel it. The Craft Show Raffle will also be cancelled as people may not have funds to purchase tickets. The Committee is planning on having the Fall Craft Show in 2021.
3. The Annual Shoes, Socks, & Underwear Drive has been cancelled!
4. Ecumenical Euchre at St. Mary Parish is cancelled until further notice.
5. The Over 50’s Group is cancelled until further notice.
6. Tuesday Noon Prayer at SJB and Friday Noon Prayer at SM are cancelled through September 8<sup>th</sup>.
7. The Parishes will not be accepting any Hall Rentals through November 30, 2020 until further notice.

**Painting the Peace Poles will be available for students (grades 5-graduates) on Monday, August 10<sup>rd</sup> from 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at St. Mary Parish. Painting will be held outside by the Rectory porch (in between the rectory and the church) and should last about an hour and a half. Snacks (in closed containers) and activities will be provided. Parents are welcome!**

The Prayer Chains of both parishes are being revised. If you would like to be added to the list and receive a call to pray for the needs of parishioners please contact the Parish Office on or before August 17<sup>th</sup>. If you have been on the Prayer Chain & wish to no longer be on it, please let us know – 989-584-6044.

**NOTES FROM NANCY:**

This week we celebrate the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Where do we "hear" God? In the whisper as Elijah did? In the disciples realization that Jesus was "Truly...the Son of God" or in the word or example of a saint, author like Thomas Merton, or Scripture?

Each one of us has the courage to meet God when we recognize His love and actions within us. We must dig deep and take time to reflect and allow the silence to permeate ourselves so that we can rejoice with God. How are we doing???



**CSA is upon us! Contributions can be pledged over 8 months instead of 10 due to Covid-19 shortening the time frame.**

**The Goal for SM Parish is: \$27,089.00**  
**July 27 (21 donations): 3,120.00**  
**Aug. 3 (10) 3,485.00**  
**Balance due: \$20,284.00**

**The Goal for SJB Parish is: \$18,509.00**  
**July 27 (14 donations): 2,950.00**  
**Aug. 3 (3) 1,350.00**  
**Balance due: \$14,209.00**

**YOUR GENEROSITY is greatly appreciated. Working together we need to meet our Goals.**

**Thanks to:**

- **The "elves" who faithfully water the flowers on a regular basis at both parishes – stunning blossoms!**
- **The "elves" who wipe the pews after each Mass – your diligence is appreciated!**
- **The Estate of Nona Jean & Kaye Courter along with their daughter Julie, who generously donated the funds for the camera for live-streaming at SM Parish – it will make a great difference when it arrives!**
- **All who continue to support the parishes – your donations are needed to pay the bills!**

**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.

**Seminarian of the Week: Logan M. McGahan**

**Do You Feel Called to the Permanent Diaconate?**

The process of forming the next cohort (group) of Permanent Deacons will begin soon. To be considered, an applicant must be a Roman Catholic man at least 35 years of age, an active member of his parish, and live within the Diocese of Grand Rapids. He must be in good health, of sound moral character, have a mature faith, regularly practice in the sacramental life of the Catholic Church, and have a strong sense of vocation of service. If married, he must be in a strong, valid Catholic marriage for a minimum of five years and have the support of his wife and family. If unmarried, he must be willing and able to commit to celibacy. Applicants should be no older than in their early sixties. Those admitted should be prepared to commit themselves to the Formation Process for at least the next four years, beginning in the fall of 2021. Applicants should have a substantial history of active service to their parish, have the written approval of their Pastor/Pastoral Director, and meet various other admission requirements. All men who are interested in more information and/or applying are asked to contact Pattie Reynolds, Vocations Administrative Assistant, at 616-288-0910.

This week we marked the solemn 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the use of nuclear weapons on the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in Japan. Nuclear weapons still pose a threat to our world. We are called to pray for peace and take action in solidarity with our brothers and sisters globally. The Catholic Church in Japan observes "Ten Days of Prayer for Peace" each year at this time. **Let us pray, in the words of Pope Francis, "for the triumph of a culture of life, reconciliation and fraternity."** (*Atomic Bomb Hypocenter Park, Nagasaki, November 24, 2019*). **For more information go to the [usccb.org/nuclear](http://usccb.org/nuclear)** site of the United States Council of Catholic Bishops.

**Catholic Schools** educate the whole child – mind, body, and soul. You can help more families experience the blessing of a Catholic education by referring them to the diocesan Office of Catholic Schools. Up to 40% of referred families decide to enroll!

**Referral forms are available at the Parish Office.** They include a postcard which can be sent to the Office of Catholic Schools as well as QR codes which you can scan with your smartphone to use an online version of the form. After a family is referred, a member of the Office of Catholic Schools will contact them with an invitation to consider a Catholic School education. Please view the form for additional information. Thanks!

**2020 Census: Have YOU Filled Out YOUR Response?**

You should have received your invitation from the Federal Government to respond to the U.S. Census. Completing the census is important funding for OUR state. **You can send the form back by mail, call 1-800-354-7271 or go online at: [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov) to fill out YOUR response NOW.**