

**Pastoral Director:** Nancy Woodcock  
**Sacramental Minister:** Fr. Ray Bruck  
**Confession: SM: Saturday – 3:15-3:30 p.m.**  
**SJB: Sunday – 8:15 – 8:30 a.m.**

**Please keep those who are serving our country in your prayers!** AMN Candace L. Thomas, Hospital Man, SPC4 James R. Fletcher, Army Special Forces Blaine Woodman, AT3 Dylan M. Kaleyta, Tyler Galloway, SPC Curtis Jason, PFC Luke Schrauben, PVT Taylor Cramer, Sgt. Brad Childers, & Sgt. Nathan Johnston.

#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

**Parish Office Hours:**

**Monday—Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

**Friday: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

**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:** [REDACTED]

**Nancy's cellphone:** [REDACTED]

**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!**

#### MASS INTENTIONS

##### SATURDAY, September 20, 2014 – 4:00 p.m. Mass

Vigil: Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

**SM – 4:00 PM – Gene Bozung** by Gary & Margaret Schrauben; **Frank Reeder (2<sup>nd</sup> Ann)** by Pat Reeder; **Leonard & Esther (21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary) Cunningham** by John & Sharon Schafer

##### SUNDAY, September 21, 2014

Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

**SJB–9:00 AM– Dan Cusack** by Doug & Nancy Cusack; **Jane & Bob Hearld** by Kevin Hearld

**SM – 11:00 AM – John Anderson** by Mary Anderson; **Arnold & Irene Fedewa & Family** by Dorothy O'Connell & Family

##### MONDAY, September 22, 2014

**SM – 9:00 AM –Morning Prayer**

##### TUESDAY, September 23, 2014

**SJB – Noon – Prayer Service** with Communion

##### FRIDAY, September 26, 2014

**SM – Prayer Service w/Communion** Led by Joanne Howard

##### SATURDAY, September 27, 2014 – 4:00 p.m. Mass

Vigil: Twenty Six Sunday of Ordinary Time

**SM – 4:00 PM – Bruce & Esther Hutting** by Gerald & Lucille Fedewa; **Stella E. Harden** by the Family

##### SUNDAY, September 28, 2014

Twenty Six Sunday of Ordinary Time

**SJB–9:00 AM– Kieran O'Brien** by Camilla Hogan; **Rita Huhn** by Chuck & Connie Malek; **Rosie McMillan** by Jack & Sandy Stoddard

**SM – 11:00 AM – Nick Geller** by Rosie Geller Families; **Pam Carberry (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv); James McCrackin** by Jim McCrackin Family

*Hubbardston Cookbooks are available for \$5.00 at the Parish Office.*

**Interested in exploring the Catholic Faith??? Please call the Parish Office!!!**

#### Liturgical Schedules

##### **SM – SATURDAY, September 27, 2014 (4:00pm)**

Lector: Norma Schafer

M.E.: Nancy Woodcock, Angie Kwiatkowski, Annette Jones

Serve: Christina & Kieron Schafer, *Shelby Demenov, Madeline McGee*

Usher: Jim Beck, Randy Simmon, Dean Schafer, Ed Schneider

Greet: Isabel Robles

Music: Connie

##### **SJB – SUNDAY, September 28, 2014 (9:00am)**

Lector: Lisa Wandell

M.E.: Marvin Schafer, Diane Schafer, Bernadette Fletcher

Serve: Adam & Austin Sanborn

Usher: Darrel & Seth Heckman, Michael Hogan, Dave Stoepker

Greet: Tom & Stephanie Dailey

Music: Mike & Choir

##### **SM – SUNDAY, September 28, 2014 (11:00am)**

Lector: Kathy Waldron

M.E. Ronda Schneider, Tracy Hodges, Ginny Bohlen

Serve: Max Snider, CeCe Havens

Usher: Mark Ryan, Bill Tomlin, 2 Volunteers

Greet: Marty & Sue Riker

Music: Brian & Group

##### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:6-9**

The prophetic words in today's reading were spoken during the Israelites' exile in Babylon. Earlier, the prophet had proclaimed that God was looking mercifully upon them and would soon free them. In today's reading, the prophet points out that they now have a window opportunity and should take advantage of God's willingness to forgive.

##### **SECOND READING: Philippians 1:20-24, 27**

For the next few weeks, our second reading will be taken from Paul's letter to the Philippians. When Paul wrote this letter, he was in prison for preaching the Gospel, and he faced the possibility of execution. A person in those circumstances tends to thing long thoughts about death, and death is what Paul is wrestling with in today's passage.

##### **St. Mary Chairpersons for September:** Kathy Keiffer [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Jan McCrackin [REDACTED]

##### **SJB Circle Chairpersons for September:** \*Mary Satterlee

[REDACTED], Priscilla Schafer [REDACTED], Sharon [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Joan Heckman [REDACTED]

##### **Count Teams for September:** Suzie Barker & Charolotte Tabor

##### **PLEASE PRAY DAILY FOR:** Georgiann Ward, Cindy

Ward, Thomas C. Schafer, Sam Trimper, Max Trimper, Fr. Tom Vesbit, Helen Plath, Doug Schafer, Wanda Herald, Wesly David Dockham, Herman Thomas, Joanne Van Heck, Tim Stoneman, Brett Dailey, Frieda Gallagher, Gordon Gladden, Karen Stephenson, Florence Hummel, Deb O'Neil, John Myers, Fr. Tony Vainavicz, Stanley Schafer, Joni Dishmen, Janie Ortiz Dockham, Sue Findlay, LaVern Jacobs, Joyce Stoddard, Ray Donahue, Wanita O'Meara, Mark Schmitt, Anita Bissell, Denise Tietze, Ruth Riley, Evan Pung, Jake Cole, John Fitzpatrick, Patricia Kavalir, Chris Thurston, Diane White, Edna Nartker, Joan Bozung, Rodney Greenway, Frances Cheeks, Kristin Pline, Johnny Schafer, Kitty Burns, Tony Stayer, Mark O'Connell, Fr. Jim Bozung, Gene Hodges, Alexie Schneider, Quint Cusack, Steve Sanborn, Merton Proctor, Mary Cotter, Richard Palmer, Matt O'Connell, Leonard Riley, Marion McGinn, Elizabeth Martin, Bob Gallagher, Leon Lauer, Tiofilo Alcoser, Sr., Janice Cook, Bill Gallagher, Dr. Wakefield, Abby Hodges, Janet Dailey, Sr. Lois Ann, John Conely, Steven Stoddard, John Enos, Tom Kieffer, Roxie Peiffer, Ron Falor, Emma Thompson, Sandy Collins, Laura Fahey, Sr. Sue Tracy, Ray Feyan, Mary Ann Wellwood, Gail Ravell, Carson Fletcher, Julia Reed, Marley Ward, Darrell Fahey, Doug Willemin, Russ Willemin, Eloise Taylor, Jack Fahey, & Michael Cook

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

**Our Parishes**

Coming Events			
SM	Sept. 22	Joint Pastoral Council	7:00 p.m.
SJB	Sept. 23	Over 50's Group	Noon
SM	Sept. 29	Protecting God's Children	6:00 p.m.
SM	Sept. 30	Ecumenical Euchre	12:30 p.m.
SM	Oct. 6	5-12 Grade Rel. Educ. & Food Walk for Local Pantry	Noon
SJB	Oct. 7	Choir Practice	2:30 p.m.
SM	Oct. 12	Grades K-4 Religion Class	9:00 a.m.
SM	Oct. 13	5-12 Grade Religion Class	Noon
SM	Oct. 25	40 <sup>th</sup> Annual Craft Show	9-3
SM	Nov. 30	Advent by Candlelight	2:00 p.m.

*ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH*

**Finance Report for Sept. 14, 2014**

Adult Envelopes: (42)	\$1,871.00
Loose:	90.31
Student Envelopes: (0)	.00
Christians in Middle East:	221.81
<u>Tithing:</u>	<u>19.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,202.12</b>

*ST. MARY PARISH*

**Finance Report for Sept. 13 & 14, 2014**

Adult Envelopes (51):	\$1,333.00
Student's Envelopes (2):	1.50
Christians in Middle East:	495.00
<u>Loose:</u>	<u>180.35</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$2,009.85</b>

**Guess Who?**

Last Week: **Celia Gallagher**

**Mark your calendars NOW for the Annual Advent by Candlelight Event which will be held on November 30<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at St. Mary Parish.** Fr. Phil Shangraw will be our guest speaker. Everyone is welcome – plan now and bring a friend to begin the Advent Season.

**The Family of Dorothy A. Heckman** expresses their thanks and appreciation for the visitations, prayers, and support on the passing of our mother. She was a VERY special lady!!!

**During the months of October & November we will be collecting items for the Dominican Sisters at Marywood to receive as Christmas gifts.** Your generosity allows almost 175 sisters to receive a gift. **We will be collecting: different types of body and hand lotion; new puzzles, Word Find or Saduko Puzzle Books, movies, new warm socks or slippers, pocket size 2015 calendars, and whatever items you can creatively come up with that might bring joy to "wisdom" people who have devoted their lives to God.** Your generosity is appreciated!!! Please bring your items to Mass and put them in the containers in the vestibule of each church. **THANKS!**

**Our Community**

**CARSON CITY AREA FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED:**

Spaghetti Sauce, Mac & Cheese, Canned Meats and Toilet Paper. **Also**, donations of money are desperately needed to purchase necessary food items for the Carson City Food Pantry. Please make checks payable to: "Carson City Food Pantry" and mail to P.O. Box 166, Carson City, MI 48811-0166

**The Euchre Group meets** on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> (and applicable 5<sup>th</sup>) Tuesdays of each month from 12:30 – 3:00 p.m. at St. Mary Parish. **Everyone in the community** is welcome to come and join the fun! **The next meeting is Sept. 30, 2014.**

**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 East Montcalm Baby Pantry** is in need of monetary donations as well as donated clothing, furniture, formula, books, and toys for children under the age of 5. If you are in need, the Baby Pantry is located at the Ferris Church of Christ – 3443 Crystal Road, Vestaburg, MI. If you have items to donate please contact Mary Jo Kolenda (989-762-5415) .

**The Crisis Pregnancy Services continues to collect Spartan Product UPC bar codes** from Spartan labels. Please remember to cut the codes from your Spartan labels & place them in the blue box in the church vestibules. Rewards money is used to buy baby supplies for those in need & for the "dresser project". Thanks for your efforts and support!

**On Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> our Middle School & High School students will be participating in the Annual Carson City Food Walk at Haradine Park at 2:00 p.m.** Students will have lunch and classes at St. Mary Hall before the Walk. They will be collecting donations to the Food Pantry at the doors of the Churches after all Masses on October 5<sup>th</sup>. **Your generosity is appreciated!**

**This week-end we celebrate Catechetical Sunday. We are blessed to have the following Volunteers who are willing to serve** as K-12 Catechists, Liturgy of the Word for Children Presenters, Substitutes, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults Catechists, or assist in many ways with our Program:

<b>Sharon Fitzpatrick</b>	<b>Jill Postema</b>
<b>Keri Buscemi</b>	<b>Kali Trevino</b>
<b>Sonya Trevino</b>	<b>Cory Schneider</b>
<b>Jennifer Bahm</b>	<b>Kate Reitz</b>
<b>Shannon Heckman</b>	<b>Nikki Kwiatkowski</b>
<b>Tracy Hodges</b>	<b>Michelle Patin</b>
<b>Erin Reynolds</b>	<b>Kim Brown</b>
<b>Michelle McCrackin</b>	<b>Deb McCrackin</b>
<b>Sam Jensen</b>	<b>Heather Cunningham</b>
<b>Lisa Gazella</b>	<b>Lisa Wandell</b>
<b>Marisa Bramer</b>	<b>Melissa Terry</b>
<b>Helen Gallagher</b>	<b>Kathleen Copp</b>

**THANKS FOR SHARING YOUR GIFTS & TALENTS!!!**

**Thanks to:**

- Parents who encourage their children and bring them to Religious Education. We all have a responsibility to share our Catholic Faith at Home & at Classes!

**The Hubbardston Area Historical Society welcomes Pam Swiler from the Ionia County Genealogical Society on Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** Her presentation will be on Rural Schools in Ionia County. Where did Great-Grandma & Great-Grandpa attend school? Come and hear the tales of the One Room Schoolhouses – Grades K-8 of the past. **The meeting will be held at the Community Center Museum Room on Russell St. Everyone is welcome!**

### Notes from Nancy:

This week we celebrate the **Twenty-fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time**. The Gospel of Matthew includes a final line that many of us have heard since we were children - **"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."** I wonder if we knew that it was a reference from **Matthew's Gospel regarding the feelings of the Jewish Christian audience's reaction to the Gentiles becoming Christians**. The Jewish Christians had been the "first" to hear the message of Jesus yet the *Gentiles* were being given the same saving message from the Disciples of Jesus. **Salvation is available to ALL who believe and follow the message of Jesus, not just a "chosen few."** The Parable utilized an element common to all - work and being paid. **Their reaction of envy toward the workers who received the same pay yet worked less hours isn't too far from our childhood response that things were not "fair."** **As adults we must be aware of God's mercy, generosity, and compassionate love toward all.** We need to reflect on the circumstances in our lives that send us back to childhood and fairness. **Is life always "fair"?** Not always. We are blessed with the Holy Spirit within us and are given many gifts to share. **Sometimes we experience sorrow and grief and look around us and wonder why no one else has been given our experiences.** With the help of God, each one of us handles life in our own way. **Can we be angry if we do not think life is "fair"?** Of course, but anger only causes us more pain. **We must take our joys and sorrows to God in prayer. Eventually we receive an answer - it just might not be the one we were expecting!** Let us remember: **"The Lord is near to all who call upon him."** Our Psalm 145 Response to reflect on this week!



The 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Craft Show will be held on Saturday, October 25, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Additional Tickets are available in the Parish Office if you are interested in selling more tickets. Tickets will also be available to purchase at the Craft Show in October. Tickets are \$1.00 each – you must purchase one to be eligible to win: First Prize: \$300.00; Second Prize: \$125.00; Third Prize: \$75.00. All proceeds go to the Dream Kitchen Fund!

A Protecting God's Children Session will be held on: Monday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary Parish (CC) 6:00p.m. Parents who will be volunteering for Religious Education or Liturgy for Children are required by the Diocese of Grand Rapids to attend this one-time training. **To register**, please go to: [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org). We need at least 12 people to offer the session at St. Mary in Carson City. **Please sign up NOW!**

## 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: Stephen J. Durkee**

**Remember to watch the TV Mass** from the Cathedral of St. Andrew on Channel 17 at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday. This is your CSA dollars at work!

**Our Lady of Sorrows Parish is holding an Authentic Italian Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.** Tickets are \$9.00 (advance sale of \$8.00 if purchased by Oct. 8), children ages 5-12 &\$3.00 and children under 4 are free. **For more info call 616-243-0222 Tuesdays-Friday from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**The Grand Rapids Dominicans are beginning a time of active gratitude for 125 years since their arrival in West MI.** Called to care for orphans and educate students their living mission continues to take shape as they pray, study, and serve today. To receive Daily Blessings and Sister Stories please go to their website: [www.grdominicans.org](http://www.grdominicans.org)

**St. Jude Parish, 1120 Four Mile Rd. in Grand Rapids will have a Rummage Sale on Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. -6:00 p.m.** Furniture, shelving units, clothing toys, and much more!!! Bag Special starts at 4:00 p.m.

**NETWORK's Nuns on the Bus is coming to Grand Rapids to mobilize "We the People, We the Voters!"** Please join us for the Town Hall Meeting at Catholic Central High School Gym in Grand Rapids on Friday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 -7:30 p.m.

**St. Francis Xavier Pig Roast will be held on Sunday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> from Noon – 3:00 p.m. at the Conklin St. Vincent DePaul Hall.** There will be roast pig, baked beans, coleslaw, applesauce, dinner rolls, potato salad, and a HUGE assortment of homemade desserts! Cost is: Adults: \$8.00; Kids 5-12: \$5.00; children under 5 are free. Activities include: kid's games, raffle items, 50/50 drawing, Euchre, & Great Music!

**"Voices of the City" is a 2014 ArtPrize entry (voting ID 56635) organized by the Diocese of Grand Rapids Liturgical Music Director and ArtPrize Artist Dennis Rybicki.** The Interfaith Sacred Music Concert is **Sunday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Andrew.** The 300+ voice performance comprises members from Aquinas College, West Catholic High School, Catholic Central High School, Grand Rapids Christian H.S., LaGrave Avenue Christian Reformed Church, Westminster Presbyterian Church, First (Park) Congregational Church, The Basilica of St. Adalbert, and the Cathedral of St. Andrew. **The event will also be shown live at dioceseofgrandrapids.org.** Call 616-246-0591 for info. All are welcome to enjoy the show & vote!!!

**Attention Men: A CURSILLO** (a 3 day Retreat Experience that will change your life) will be held on Nov. 6-9 at Prince of Peace Parish in Muskegon. For more information please call Paul Marker @ 616-887-1596 or paul@markerscc.

**Sacramental Minister for Sept. 27 & 28:  
Fr. Tony Vainavicz**

**Troubled after abortion? Rachel's Vineyard retreats** and specially trained priests, professionals and lay individuals are available to assist you in your reconciliation and healing. If you know someone who is struggling because of an abortion history, invite them to *Come back to God Who is Love and Mercy*. Find out how by contacting Maggie at Project Rachel, 800-800-8284 or [mwalsh@ccwestmi.org](mailto:mwalsh@ccwestmi.org).

**May 7<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015: PILGRIMAGE THROUGH THE FOOTSTEPS OF SAINT JOHN PAUL II.** We hope you will be able to join us on this exciting and faith filled pilgrimage to experience the rich and beautiful Polish culture by participating in their traditions, all while exploring the places where Saint John Paul II lived and walked. For any further questions & information, please contact Erika Piotrowski at (231) 837-8378 or [erikap.euro@hotmail.com](mailto:erikap.euro@hotmail.com)