

Pastoral Director: Nancy Woodcock
Sacramental Minister: Fr. Tom Thompson
Confession: SM: Saturday – 4:15-4:30 p.m.
Beginning Sept. 6: 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 4:00 p.m.

Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 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, August 30, 2014

Vigil: Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

SM – 5:00 PM – Esther Riker by Ray & Patsy Lincolnhol;

Phyllis & Joe P. Schafer by Doug & Nancy Cusack

SUNDAY, August 31, 2014

Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

SJB—9:00 AM— Phyllis Schafer by Pat & Janet Burns; **Pat & Mary Cashen** by Gary Fletcher Family; **Leonard Cunningham** by Bud & Joan McKenna; **Mike Hogan** by Camilla Hogan & Hogan Family; **Ron Fletcher** by Terry & Mary Fletcher

SM – 11:00 AM – Nick Geller by Rosie Geller & Families

MONDAY, September 1, 2014 - Labor Day

SM – 9:00 AM – NO Morning Prayer

TUESDAY, September 2, 2014

SJB – Noon – Prayer Service with Communion

FRIDAY, September 5, 2014

SM – Prayer Service w/Communion Led by Kathleen Copp

SATURDAY, September 6, 2014 – 4:00 p.m. Mass

Vigil: Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

SM – 5:00 PM – Esther Riker by Tom & Deb McCrackin; **Mark Fife** by The Family

SUNDAY, September 7, 2014

Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

SJB—9:00 AM— Dorothea Kelley by Helen Tait & Family;

Leonard Cunningham by Roger & Patty Shively; **Dan Cusack** by Quint & Agnes Cusack & Family

SM – 11:00 AM – Bud Spaniolo by The Family

Don't forget: St. Mary Saturday Mass returns to 4:00 p.m. on Sept. 6th – please mark your calendars!!!

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

Liturgical Schedules

SM – SATURDAY, September 6, 2014 (4:00pm)

Lector: Randy Simmon

M.E.: Julie Smith, Allison Bozung, Lori Richardson

Serve: Clayton, Meghan, Ashton Keiffer, *Brett Jones*

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

Greet: Brenda Demenov

Music: Mike & Cantor

SJB – SUNDAY, September 7, 2014 (9:00am)

Lector: Bruce Thelen

M.E.: Susan Hogan, Priscilla Schafer, Darrel Heckman

Serve: Megan & Molly Dailey, Kaitlyn Strachan

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

Greet: Earl Heppard

Music: Connie

SM – SUNDAY, September 7, 2014 (11:00am)

Lector: Kim Brown

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

Serve: Victoria & Hannah Patin, Max Fletcher

Usher: Jack McCrackin, Cory & Mitchel Schneider, Volunteer

Greet: Eddie Trevino

Music: Connie

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:7-9

Jeremiah often anguished over the difficulty in being a prophet. Proclaiming God's message made him very unpopular. Today we hear why he still felt compelled to do it.

SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-2

Toward the end of Paul's letter to the Romans, he deals with the moral demands made on those who follow Christ. In today's reading, Paul reminds us that living a Christian life – often includes sacrifice – is like an act of liturgical worship in which we offer ourselves to God.

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

[REDACTED], Jan McCrackin [REDACTED]

SJB Circle Chairpersons for September: *Mary Satterlee

[REDACTED], Priscilla Schafer [REDACTED], Sharon Datema [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, Dewey Torok,

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 Ryley, 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,

Shelia Conklin, Emma Thompson, Sandy Collins, Laura Fahey,

Sr. Sue Tracy, Ray Feyan, Linda Miller, Mary Ann Wellwood,

Gail Ravell, Carson Fletcher, Marley Ward, & Michael Cook

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

Remember: Pray for Peace!

Our Parishes

Our Community

Coming Events

SM	Sept. 2	Ecumenical Euchre	12:30p.m.
SM	Sept. 3	Red Cross Bloodmobile	Noon
SM	Sept. 6	Sat. Mass at St. Mary time is	4:00 p.m.
SM	Sept. 8	Knights of Columbus Mtg.	7:15 p.m.
SM	Sept. 13	K-4 Religious Educ. Begins	9:00 a.m.
SM	Sept. 13	K-4 Parent Meeting	12:30 p.m.
SM	Sept. 14	5-12 Religious Educ. Begins	Noon
SM	Sept. 16	Ecumenical Euchre	12:30 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
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 th Annual Craft Show	9-3

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

Finance Report for August 24, 2014

Adult Envelopes: (50)	\$1,393.00
Loose:	209.00
Student Envelopes: (0)	.00
Assumption of Mary: (1)	10.00
Tithing:	16.00
Total:	\$1,628.00

ST. MARY PARISH

Finance Report for August 23 & 24, 2014

Adult Envelopes (61):	\$1,615.00
Student's Envelopes (1):	.10
Assumption of Mary: (2)	30.00
Loose:	293.50
TOTAL:	\$1,938.60

Guess Who?

Last Week: Mr. & Mrs. John Secor

The Annual Diocesan Parish Ministry and Catechetical Conference will be held on Saturday, Sept. 27th at West Catholic High School in Grand Rapids from 8:30 – 4:30 p.m. The theme for this year is: "The Gift of Reconciliation".

To register please call the parish office.

Resources in Montcalm County for Parents with infants.

This group is here to help you with your first year of your infants life. They will be there for guidance and support for the first few critical months to help answer questions and to get you help for your baby's health. Contact at 616-754-6185.

Take time to pray for students & staff as they return to school this week!

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 1st & 3rd (and applicable 5th) 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. 2, 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!

Catholic Charities West Michigan's Pregnancy Counseling and Support Program is designed to assist individuals, couples and their families to make decisions, solve problems, set goals and utilize appropriate resources. This voluntary free program counsels expectant parents who have concerns related to their pregnancy. Please call toll free 1-877-673-6338 for more information.

Wedding Anniversary Mass – Together with your families, the Church in the Diocese of Grand Rapids honors the faithful witness to your vocation of marriage and wishes to celebrate with you. **If you are celebrating milestone anniversaries, Bishop David Walkowiak invites couples to join him on Sunday, Sept. 21st at the 10:00 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral of St. Andrew.** A simple reception will follow. **Please RSVP** by calling the Parish Office 9584-6044) on or before Sept. 12th.

Sending a spirited child back to school? The routine of school and the structure of the classroom can be a challenge for active kids. **WE can help make the transition smoother for everyone. Individual (child and adult) , family and marriage counseling is available through Catholic Charities West Michigan's Behavioral Health Program.** Substance abuse counseling for youth and adults is also available. **WE accept most insurances and have a sliding fee scale for those who do not have insurance. Please call 1-877-359-6523 to schedule an appointment.**

Thanks to:

- **All who attended the "Come & Rest Awhile" Retreat.**
- **The "elf" who has unlocked the Church doors and watered the flowers at St. Mary Parish;**
- **All who tidy up the pews after Mass each week;**
- **All who have volunteered to serve both parishes as Catechists for the 2014-15 School Year.**
- **Nikki Kwiatkowski who has served as an Administrative Assistant in the Parish Office for 7 years – good luck as you complete your college degree full time!**

Notes from Nancy:

This week we celebrate the **Twenty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time**. In the Gospel we hear Peter telling Jesus, **"God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you."** Jesus' response shakes Peter to the core, **"Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking, not as God does, but as human beings do."** Ahhh, again Peter has to rethink this following Jesus "stuff". Peter thought he was on the journey to glory by following Jesus - oops! There is pain and thinking involved - the cost of discipleship for many who follow Jesus.

In the **Second Reading** Paul tells the Romans to **"be transformed"** and **"discern what the will of God is."** How do we become disciples? What do we need to acknowledge about ourselves and our relationship with God?

St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus - Jesuits, gave us the Prayer of Examen. Each day we must pray and be aware of how God is working within us and within the choices that we make. Basically we examine our lives and actions and determine whether we are working toward God's Presence within us or are we moving away from God's Presence within us. **The steps he gives can be summed up as:**

Gratitude - Am I thankful for today? How did I respond to the actions of others towards me? Do I have regrets? Do I invite God to be within me?

Petition - Do I ask God for insights and grace to see God working within me? Do I listen to God's invitation to change?

Ponder - How do I act or fail to act that tells me about my relationship with God? Do I see a pattern within my actions that may need to change? Can I name my feelings without judging them?

Forgiveness - Do I ask God for healing & forgiveness where I want to change my life? Do I ask God for the strength to change?

Renewal - Do I open my heart and allow God to sustain and even surprise me? Do I look at tomorrow with hope? Am I willing to listen to God and follow what God may want with my life?

Each one of us needs to take time each evening before we sleep to experience the God within us. Take a few weeks and try to follow Ignatius' Prayer of Examen. Will it make a difference? **Only we can discover the call to discipleship within us.**



The 40th Annual Craft Show will be held on Saturday, October 25, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Each household has been issued \$20.00 worth of raffle tickets to purchase or sell. Tickets will also be available to purchase at the doors of both parishes. 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!

All Parents of Students in grades Kindergarten through 4th grade are invited to attend a Parent Meeting on Saturday, Sept. 13th at 12:30 p.m. at St. Mary Hall. Children will be participating in Religious Education during the meeting and can be picked up at 1:00 p.m. Your attendance is important!

Registration Forms & schedules for 2014-15 for K-12 Religious Education have been mailed. Please return them as soon as possible. They are also available on our website: stmarystjohn.net or in the vestibule of each Church. Religious Education for students of both parishes begins the week-end of Sept. 13 & 14 at St. Mary Parish.

Protecting God's Children Session will be held on:
Saturday, Sept. 6 at St. Mary in Big Rapids – 9:00 a.m.
Sunday, Sept. 14 at St. Joseph in Pewamo – 1:30 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 29th 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. 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: Daniel P. Schumaker

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.

Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s): register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the St. Francis Retreat center, DeWitt, MI (10 miles north of Lansing), on Sep 5-7, 2014. Cost is just \$135/\$160 for double/single-occupancy accommodation and meals. Take a chance and get involved... for more info call this number (989) 450-0993.

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!

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

Sept. 6 & 7 Sacramental Minister: Fr. Tony Vainovicz