

WELCOME TO SAINT MARY & SAINT BARBARA PARISHES

We're blessed to have you worship with us today. If you're visiting, may God guide and bless you on your journey. If you're seeking a church home, we warmly invite you to consider joining our church family. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or would like to learn more about our parish community.

January 4, 2026

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Saint Mary Parish

401 Main Street

Norway, MI 49870

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00pm Sunday: 10:00am

Saint Barbara Parish

W5058 Main Street, Vulcan

Mail: 401 Main St

Norway, MI 49870

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 6:00pm Sunday: 8:00am

Confessions at St. Mary

Saturday from 11:00am-Noon

Sunday from 9:15-9:45am, before 10:00am Mass

Tuesday from 4:30-4:50pm before 5:00pm Mass

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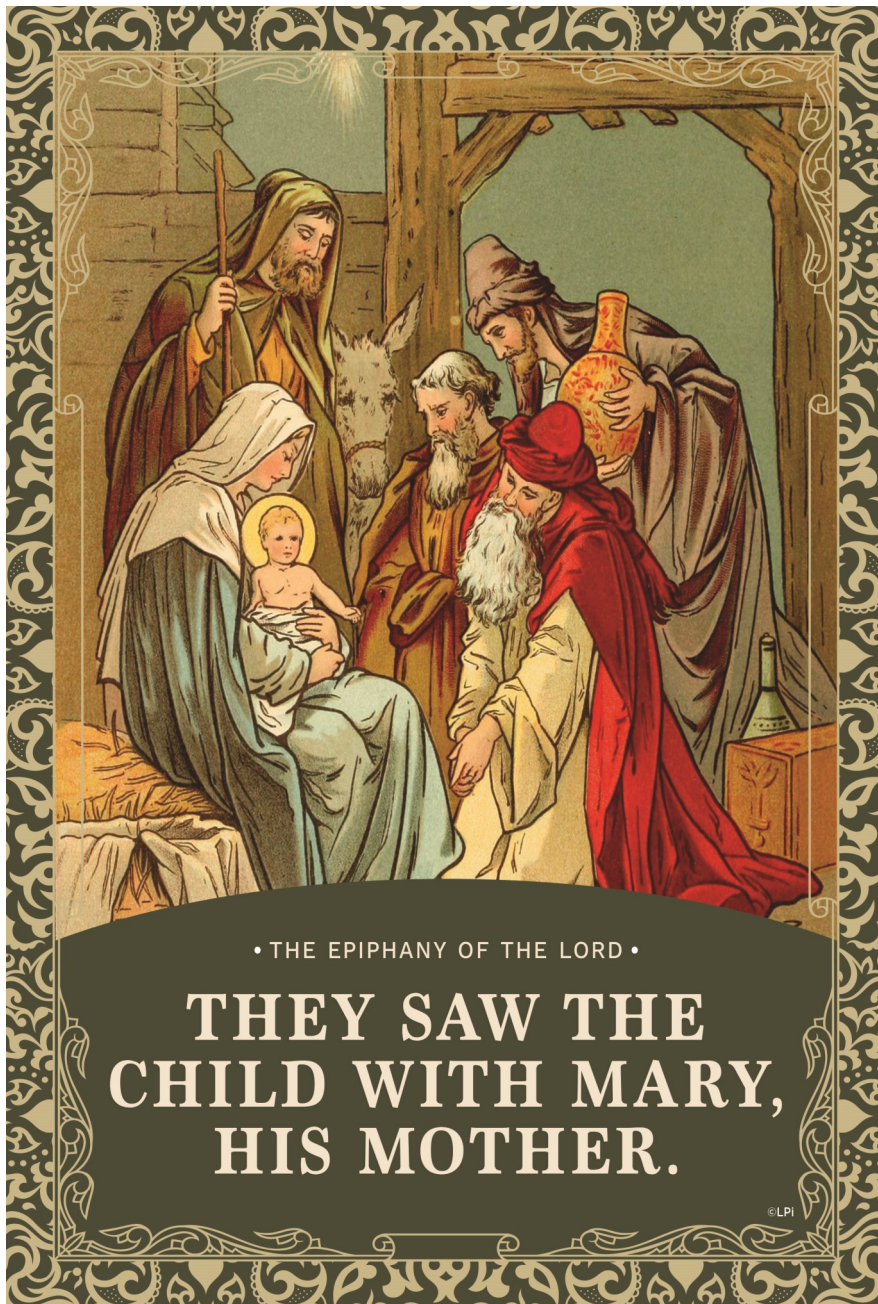
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30
Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/
Mt 3:13-1

Mass Intentions

1/5 MON - No Mass
 1/6 TUE - 5:00pm SM - Les Brown
 1/7 WED - 8:00am SM - Roy Guiliani
 1/7 WED - 1:00pm - Evergreen - Richard Schalow
 1/8 THUR - 8:00am SB - Jim & Judy Ritzenheim
 1/9 FRI - 8:30am SM - Ron Arnoldi
 1/10 SAT - 4:00pm SM - George Servia
 1/10 SAT - 6:00pm SB - Edward Rozine and Judy Opolka
 1/11 SUN - 8:00am SB - For the People of St. Barbara and St. Mary Parishes
 1/11 SUN - 10:00am SM - Glen Halloran and Loren "Fuzzy" Anderson
*When there is a funeral, daily Mass will **NOT** be cancelled*



St. Mary's

Collection - December 28, 2025
 Envelopes & Holy Day \$6,565.00
 Loose 792.00
 Maintenance 70.00
Total: \$7,427.00

St. Barbara's

Collection - December 28, 2025
 Envelopes & Holy Day \$3,388.00
 Loose 254.00
 Maintenance 10.00
Total: \$3,652.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Thank you for sharing your time, talents and treasure in building God's Kingdom. Your generosity strengthens our parish community.

To support financially, you may drop envelopes at Mass or the church mailbox, mail it in or give online through our website e-Giving option:

<https://giving.stmarybarbara.org/give>



Saint Mary and Saint Barbara Parish Families extend their sympathy to the family of **Richard Schalow** (Father of Mike Schalow). May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. AMEN.



Please pray for our parishioners in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living, are homebound and those who suffer in silence. Special prayers for healing were requested for: **Mike Opolka, Bob Chartre, Marjorie Corozolla, Sue Giesen, Peyton & Paisley Pietrantonio, David Hoheisel, Sharon Harder, Joe Haferkorn, Gina Zanon, Missy Marcelini, Cathy Baciak, Cory Groeneveld, Danielle Ball, Georgeanne Van Wolvelaere and Ginger Moore.** If you need continued prayers or would like to request prayers for someone else, please email or call the parish office.

What's happening this week:

1/4 Sun. 9:15-9:45am, Confession, SM
 1/4 Sun. Coffee Doughnut Social after 10am Mass, St. Mary
 1/5 Mon. 6:00pm, SM Adult Choir Practice, SM Choir Loft
 1/6 Tue. 10am, AA Meeting in classroom, use St. Joseph Center entrance in parking lot
 1/6 Tue. 1:00pm, St. Barbara Women's League Meeting
 1/6 Tue. 5:30pm, Women of St. Mary Meeting
 1/6 Tue. 6:00pm, Finance Council Meeting
 1/7 Wed. 3:20-4:30pm, Faith Formation 1st-6th grades
 1/7 Wed. 4:30-5:00pm, Children's Choir Practice
 1/7 Wed. 6:00pm, Women's Book Club, SM Parish Hall
 1/8 Thu. 6:30pm, OCIA, SM St. Joseph Center
 1/9 Fri. 6:00am, Men's Prayer Group, St. Mary
 1/10 Sat. 11am-12pm, Confession/Eucharistic Adoration, SM

Vocational View: The astrologers brought gold, frankincense, and myrrh. What treasures do I have to give to the Lord? Is he calling me to be a priest, brother, or sister? (Matthew 2:1-12)



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This week's feature ad is:

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St. Mary and St. Barbara Conference of SVDP

We thank you for the generosity given during this Christmas season as well as throughout the year to help those less fortunate. The ongoing prayers, monetary donations, and keeping our pantry well-stocked etc. each month has truly been a blessing. Your contributions have made a difference in the lives of so many people.

Our Conference will continue to help those in need on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday from 9-11 a.m., or by special appointment if needed.

Pantry or monetary donations can be accepted anytime during regular store hours, Monday through Friday, 9am-3:30pm.

During January we would appreciate donations of **yellow mustard, canned tuna fish or men's shampoo.** Be assured you are in our prayers. God Bless!

Food, Fellowship and Faith

Join Father Abraham at St. Barbara Parish Hall on **Thursday, January 15, 5:30pm** for a meal, followed by faith discussion. ALL are welcome.



The Holy Rosary in devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus, will meet **Sunday, January 11th** at St. Mary Parish, after the 10am Mass

Communion Call Visits: If you are home bound or know someone who is and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please call the parish office to be added to our Communion Call list.

A note from Fr. Abraham

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. "Epiphany" means "manifestation." It is on this day that Jesus Christ, the Messiah, is revealed as the light of all nations.

The great feast of Epiphany celebrates Christ as God's Light, drawing the whole world to God. The Magi had a yearning for the infinite and found themselves marveling at the brilliance of a star. The yearning for God invites us to the journey of faith. It is a journey with God to find God. The Magi set out on a journey full of risks, without safe roads and clear maps. The journey of faith requires that we trust the star, Jesus, and keep following where he leads. Without a continuous journey in constant dialogue with the Lord, faith cannot grow. We must be on a constant journey with Christ, our guiding Star.

Much like the Magi, we are invited to follow the guiding light—moments of inspiration, encounters with wisdom, and signs of grace. Like the Magi, we are invited on a spiritual journey, to offer our best talents, resources, time, and, most importantly, our hearts to God.

We just concluded the Jubilee 2025 with the motto, "Pilgrims of Hope." When Pope Francis announced the Jubilee Year he expressed his desire that everyone would have hope. "In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring." Announcing the closing of the Holy Door, Pope Francis expressed his hope: "may the light of Christian hope illumine every man and woman, as a message of God's love addressed to all! And may the Church bear faithful witness to this message in every part of the world!" (Spes non confundit, 6). Yes, my dear brothers and sisters we are people of Hope, we are Pilgrims of Hope and in our Pilgrimage, Christ is our Light. Let us keep the Light of Christ burning brightly in our everyday lives.

Let me take this opportunity to thank all of you for your Christmas and New Year greetings, prayers, treats and gifts to me. **THANK YOU.** I may not be able to write a personal "Thank you" note to all of you. So, consider this as my thank you note to you. I am very grateful for your love, support, and prayers.

May God continue to bless our parishes, families, friends and the community and may He keep all of us in His loving care.

With love and prayers,
Fr. Abraham, MCBS



Coffee Doughnut Social

Join us on **Sunday, January 4**, after the 10am Mass in St. Mary's Parish Hall. All are welcome!



St. Barbara Women's League will meet on **Tuesday, January 6 at 1:00pm**, in the Parish Hall. All women of the parish are members of the League and cordially invited to attend. We look forward to you joining us as we begin a new year.

The Women of St. Mary will meet in the St. Mary Parish Hall on **Tuesday, January 6 at 5:30pm**.



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St. Mary Memorial



Each month we list the names of those in whose name gifts have been made to the Memorial Fund at St. Mary Parish. They are remembered at the 10:00 a.m. Mass on the first Sunday of each month for one year. The names are inscribed in our Memorial Book, which is on display in the vestibule. Contact the parish office for more information. Inscribed for the month of DECEMBER: **James Neeck, Maria Meek, Bob Devine, Diane Palmcook**



A Christmas Eve **thank you** to all who aided in making our little procession a success. Thank you to the children who participated. Thank you also to our soloist Lucas Doney and to the reader of the Christmas story Alyssa dela Cruz. Thank you also to the parents who helped get the children ready.

FREE REFRIGERATOR! St. Barbara's Women's League is in the process of purchasing a new refrigerator for our kitchen. We are offering our old commercial - size refrigerator at no cost to anyone who wants it and is willing to remove it from our kitchen. You may call Judy Ball at 563-9408 if you are interested.

The League will gladly accept **DONATIONS** toward the cost of the purchase of our new refrigerator. You may place your donation in an envelope with the word **REFRIGERATOR** and your name on it into the collection basket. Thank you for your help and thoughtfulness.

Norway High School Proudly Sponsors the
Norway Blood Drive - NHS Gym, Wednesday, January 14th, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



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