

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 reach out to us to learn more about our faith community.

YOU ARE
Welcome Here

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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: 11:00am-Noon

Sunday: 9:30-9:45am, before 10:00am Mass

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

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday
9:00am-4:00pm

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SEPTEMBER 27, 2026



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you." - Mt 21:31

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Weekly Readings

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Jb 1:6-22/ Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/ Lk 9:46-50	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/ Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/ Jn 1:47-51	Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/ Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/ Lk 9:57-62	Jb 19:21-27/ Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/ Lk 10:1-12	Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/ Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab/ Mt 18:1-5, 10	Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/ Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/ Lk 10:17-24	Is 5:1-7/ Ps 80:9 and 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20/ Phil 4:6-9/ Mt 21:33-43

MASS INTENTIONS

**When there is a funeral, daily Mass will NOT be cancelled*

9/29 TUE - 5:00pm SM - Nazereno, Dorothy & Michael Tinti
 9/30 WED - 8:00am SM - St. Vincent dePaul Volunteers
 10/1 THUR - 8:00am SB - Jim & Judy Ritzenhein
 10/2 FRI - 8:30am SM - Lorraine Land
 10/3 SAT - 4:00pm SM - Donna Winters
 10/3 SAT - 6:00pm SB - For the People of St. Barbara and St. Mary Parishes
 10/4 SUN - 8:00am SB - Walter & Edith Driedric and Barbara Moore
 10/4 SUN - 10:00am SM - Those Enrolled in St. Mary Memorial

****Please join in praying the rosary 30 minutes before Mass.***



PARISHIONER PRAYERS

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: **Richard LaValley, Russell Whitens, Theresa DeGroot, Grace Gurgall, Mary Hoheisel, Michael Dapoz, Kindy Gingrass, Bob Chartre and Duane Lombardini.** If you need continued prayers or would like to request prayers for someone else, please email or call the parish office.

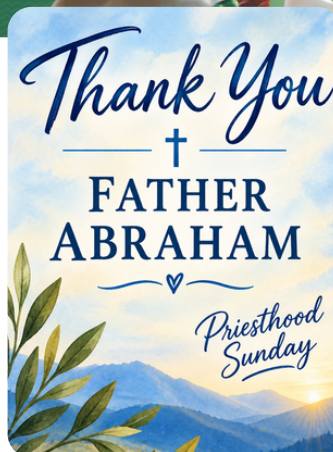
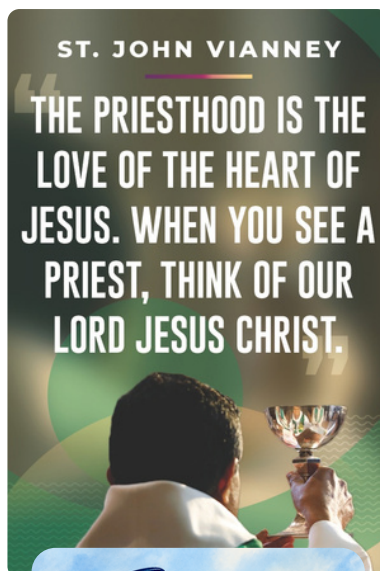


A NOTE FROM FATHER ABRAHAM

Keeping St. Barbara safe!



Father Abraham joined Dante Mendina and Bill Palmcook in inspecting the church attic, bell tower and roof. Thank you all!"



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

9:30-9:45am: Confession, SM

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH

6pm: SM Adult Choir Practice

6pm: Dickinson County Right to Life Benefit Dinner, KC Hall, Kingsford, MI

8pm: Adoration for Cari Domini at I.C.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH

10am: AA Meeting, SM St. Joseph Center entrance in parking lot

1pm: St. Barbara's Women's League Meeting, SB ~ **Bring a non-perishable food item for our holiday food raffle basket**



4:30-4:50pm: Confession, SM

6pm: Women's Book Club, SM Parish Hall

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH

NO SCHOOL - No Faith Formation or Youth Choir Practice

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1ST

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

2pm: Feeding America Mobile Food Pantry

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2ND

6am: Men's Prayer Group, SM

9am - 3pm: Eucharistic Adoration, SM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD

9am - 3pm: Pasty Sale at HSCS

11am - 12pm: Confession/Eucharistic Adoration, SM

Sanctuary Lamp Intention

Week of Sept 27th - Oct 3rd

Saint Mary:

June Witkowski

Saint Barbara:

Orazio & Theresina Rossato



Anyone wishing to have the Sanctuary Lamp lit in memory or honor of a loved one, or for any of your special intentions, at either of our Parishes, may contact the Parish Office at 906-563-9845. Donation of \$20 for 1 week, listed in the bulletin weekly.

St. Mary's Collection SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

Envelopes	\$3,847.00
Loose	301.00
U.P. Catholic Newspaper	164.00
Maintenance & School	426 .00
Total:	\$4,738.00

St. Barbara's Collection SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

Envelopes	\$1,751.00
Loose	185.00
U.P. Catholic Newspaper	55.00
Maintenance	277.00
Total:	\$2,268.00

Thank you for sharing your time, talents and treasure in building God's Kingdom.
<https://giving.stmarybarbara.org/give>

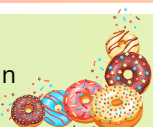
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

There will be **no Faith Formation classes on Wednesday, September 30** due to the schools being closed.
 We look forward to seeing everyone back the following week!



COFFEE & DOUGHNUT SOCIAL RETURNS

Join us on **Sunday, October 3rd, after the 10am Mass** in St. Mary's Parish Hall. All are welcome!



SPECIAL EVENTS /ANNOUNCEMENTS

AMERICAN LEGION BREAKFAST

NORWAY



American Legion Post 145 will be hosting an all you can eat breakfast, **Sunday, September 27th, from 8:00 to 11:30 a.m.** Menu includes eggs, sausage, pancakes, french toast, hash brown potatoes, toast, fruit salad, coffee, milk and juice. Cost is \$10.00 per person with children 6 and under free. Everyone is welcome.



HSCS PASTY SALE CHANGES



Our first Pasty Sale of this school year will be on October 3rd. The second pasty sale will be on November 7th. If interested in ordering pasties please call the school office (906-563-8817) and place your order this week. We will be reducing the overall number of pasties made in an effort to protect the health of our workers. They are devoted to this ministry and take pride in making a great product but we are pushing a little too hard when we get to 3,000. Orders will be limited to no more than 30 pasties. For orders more than 30, please consider splitting your order between the October and November sale. You can place your orders for both sales when you call. We thank you for your continued support and pray for your understanding as we try to make these adjustments so that we can continue to provide a quality product safely.



SISTERS IN RESIDENCE | WELCOME!!

The Sisters are settling in their new home and are ever so grateful. Please know that they do welcome visitors at home (when not at school teaching, of course!) but would like all visitors to know the following: Please come to their back door. (pictured). They do not receive outside visitors after 6:30 PM.

Many thanks to all who worked so diligently to prepare their residence and to those who donated or purchased items to help make them comfortable in their new home! There may be other opportunities to sponsor items for the Sisters as we determine their needs, especially getting into the winter months. Stay tuned. **Welcome again, Sisters. We're happy you're here!**

VOCATIONAL VIEW

Jesus emptied himself and took the form of a slave. Am I willing to empty myself to follow the Lord? Consider a call to priesthood or religious life.

(Philippians 2:1-11)

PRAY



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Mary & St. Barbara Parishes will have Eucharistic Adoration on **Friday, October 2** at St. Mary Parish starting at **9:00am** with **Benediction at 3:00pm.** Please sign-up in back of St. Mary Parish.

SPIRITUAL LIFTERS

Sept. 27th - Knowledge is folly unless grace guides it.

Sept. 28th - Got any rivers you think are uncrossable? Got any mountains you can't tunnel through? God specializes in things thought impossible. He does what others cannot do.

Sept. 29th - It is the greatest of all mistakes to do nothing because you can only do a little; do what you can!

Sept. 30th - You can't "wait on the Lord" and "run with the Devil" at the same time.

Oct. 1st - It is only the fear of God that can deliver us from the fear of man.

Oct. 2nd - Age is a matter of the mind; if you don't mind, it doesn't matter.

Oct. 3rd - If people could really see your heart, would they be happily surprised or dismally disappointed?

GENERAL UPDATES & REMINDERS

PLEASE RETURN YOUR UPCSA PLEDGE CARDS

Thank you to everyone who turned in a pledge card! We are off to a good start, but your help is still needed. Both parishes have increased goals. If you have not already done so, please complete and return your pledge card in the offertory basket or to the parish office. Additional pledge cards are located in the vestibules of both parishes. Thank you for your support of UPCSA.

St. Mary Parish Goal: \$43,215.14 (increase of \$2,962.16 from 2025)

St. Barbara Parish Goal: \$24,642.54 (increase of \$1,088.40 from 2025)

ST MARY & ST BARBARA CONFERENCE OF SVDP

Thank you for your generosity throughout the year in supporting those less fortunate. Your prayers, monetary donations, and monthly pantry contributions have been a true blessing and have made a meaningful difference in many lives.

The Conference Office will continue assisting those in need on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9-11 AM, or by special appointment. Pantry and monetary donations are accepted Monday-Friday, 9AM-3:30 PM, or may be mailed to 421 Main Street, Norway, MI.

Thank you, and please be assured of our prayers and gratitude. God bless.

SEPTEMBER PANTRY NEEDS:

- Chicken Broth
- Ladies & Men Shampoo



FEEDING AMERICA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Volunteers for the Feeding America Mobile Food Pantry are needed for unpacking and distribution, Thursday, October 1st, at the Grace United Methodist/Bethany Lutheran Facility. Please arrive at 2pm to assist.



ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA) CLASSES BEGIN IN OCTOBER

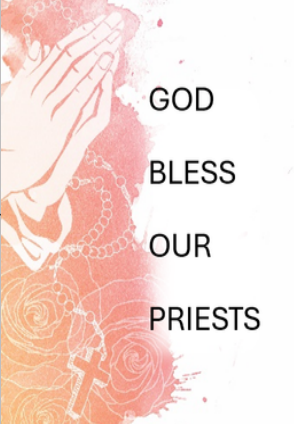
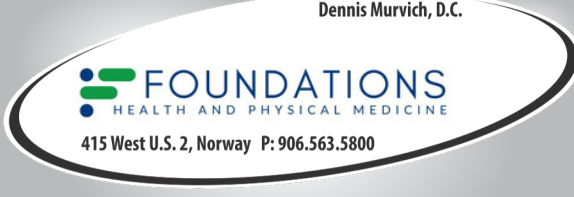
A faith journey for those desiring to enter the Catholic Church or for those who wish to complete their initiation into the Church. If you would like to join, please contact Fr. Abraham at 906-369-0028 or smuppara@hotmail.com.

It Pays to Advertise ~ Our parishes benefit significantly from the ads placed in this bulletin. The advertising dollars pay for our bulletin service. Many thanks to those who have continued to renew, and the new advertisers that joined us this past year. When patronizing those businesses that advertise with us, please let them know you saw their ad on our bulletin. This week's feature ad is:

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