

# Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

## September 8, 2024

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**Confessions: Saturday from 11:00am-Noon, St. Mary**

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**Holy Spirit Catholic School serves students from  
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***"Nothing gives me greater joy than to hear that my  
children are walking in the truth." 3 John 1:4***

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## 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:32-34

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11  
**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 6:12-19  
**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/Lk 6:20-26  
**Thursday:** 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24/Lk 6:27-38  
**Friday:** 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42  
**Saturday:** Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17  
**Sunday:** Is 50:4c-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (9)/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

## Mass Intentions

9/9 MON - No Mass  
 9/10 TUE - 5:00pm SM - John Radlinger  
 9/11 WED - 8:00am SM - Chester and Elsie Arnoldi  
 9/11 WED - 1:00pm Evergreen - Living & Deceased Members of  
 The Beitel and Ball Families  
 9/12 THUR - 8:00am SB - Linda Depew  
 9/13 FRI - 8:30am SM - Paul and Jean Wilcenski  
 9/14 SAT - 4:00pm SM - Floris and Violet DeGroot  
 9/14 SAT - 6:00pm SB - For the People of St. Barbara & St. Mary  
 Parishes  
 9/15 SUN - 8:00am SB - Bob and Marie Belanger  
 9/15 SUN - 10:00am SM - James DeRoec

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



### WELCOME TO

### ST. MARY & ST. BARBARA PARISHES

We are happy that you decided to worship with us. If you are visiting just for today, we pray that God will be with you on your journey. If you are seeking a church to be part of, we would be honored to welcome you into our parish community. If you are interested in joining our parish family, call the parish office at 906-563-9845 or email: [saintmary@norwaymi.com](mailto:saintmary@norwaymi.com)

**Vocational View** - Jesus groans to the heavens, begging God for our openness. Let his prayer of "Ephphatha!" echo in the stillness of your heart. Pray for the gift of openness for yourself, and for those you know whom God may be calling to priesthood or religious life. (Mark 7:31-37)

### St. Barbara 50/50 Raffle Winners for August

\$25 - Dave Ivey      \$25 - Tristen Gunville  
 \$25 - Jerry Cieslak      \$25 - Dave Ivey  
 \$25 - Dave Ivey      \$15 - Dave Kavalew

### Spirit Lifters

- Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>** - ....whatever you do in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus....Colossians 3:17
- Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>** - Speak out for the Lord; remember silence isn't always GOLDEN; on occasions it may be just plain YELLOW!
- Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>** - It is good to be saved and KNOW IT; But it's better to be saved and SHOW IT.
- Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>** - Those who walk with God always get to their destination.
- Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>** - Nothing we wear makes as much difference as the expression on our faces.
- Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>** - Good, better, best; never let it rest till your good is better and your better is best.
- Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>** - Help me overlook others faults in the hope that they will overlook mine.

**St. Mary's card sender is Rosemary Haepers: 906-563-5071**  
**St. Barbara's card sender is Shirley LaValley: 906-563-5011**

**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 at 906-563-9845, so you may be added to our Communion Call list.

### St. Mary's

#### Collection - September 1, 2024

Envelopes	\$4,742.00
Loose	410.00
Youth Retreat	21.00
School Support	291.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$5,464.00</b>

**\*Thank you for sharing your Time, Talent, and Treasure in Building God's Kingdom!**

### St. Barbara's

#### Collection - September 1, 2024

Envelopes	\$2,090.00
Loose	248.00
Youth Retreat	100.00
School Support	248.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,686.00</b>

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**THANK YOU**  
 for your generosity

and continuing to support your parish financially, either dropping your envelope in the collection basket at Mass or mailbox by the office door, mailing it in, using online banking or tried our e-Giving option:

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

### Children's Choir Rehearsal - Children's Choir (Ages 7-15)

**September 11th, 4:30-5:00pm**

Singing on the 2nd & 4th Sundays

All practices will be held in the Choir Loft at St. Mary's

Please contact Kelli McGeehan

if you are interested in signing up!

Email: [smmusic1878@gmail.com](mailto:smmusic1878@gmail.com)



Faith Formation registration packets have been mailed out, if you haven't received a packet or have

questions, please give Kari or Jen a call at 906-563-9845. Classes will begin on Wednesday, September 25 for grades 1-6 (3:20-4:30pm) and Sunday, September 29 for grades 7-11 (Classes begin with Mass at 10am, and will end at 12:30pm). All registration packets are to be returned **by September 13**. Thank you.



Please deliver your baked goods for the Carmelite Fall Festival to St. Mary Parish Hall **by 3pm on Friday, September 20th**.

~Thank you~

### MOTHERS and WOMEN of the COMMUNITY

Join us in prayer/rosary for our children and all the children of the world. You need not be a physical mother to adopt a child spiritually. We will pray the holy rosary on **Sunday, 9/15** after the 10am Mass at St. Mary, Norway.

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**This week's feature ad is:**

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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: **Stephen Luty, Marie Bal, Larry Bolek, Rylee Gregg, Sue Giesen, Kathy Grondine, Terri Goble, and Cory Groeneveld.** If you need prayers or would like to request prayers for someone else in next week's bulletin, please email or call the parish office.

### St. Mary and St. Barbara Conference of SVDP

We thank you for the generosity given 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 9-11am, or by special appointment if needed.

Pantry or monetary donations can be accepted anytime during regular store hours, Monday through Friday.

During **September** we would appreciate donations of **Mac 'n Cheese, Hamburger Helper, and Men's Shampoo.**

Be assured you are in our prayers. **God Bless!**



If you or someone you love is looking to be Catholic, please contact Fr. Marty at:

[frmartyflynn@gmail.com](mailto:frmartyflynn@gmail.com)

We are going to begin our RCIA classes soon. RCIA stands for Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. I hope and pray that you will consider joining our parish family.



The Carmelite Sisters, along with co-chairs from St. Mary & St. Barbara Parishes, (L-R) Sheri LeBombard, Georgia Chounard, Rose Gianunzio and Diane Westrich, will be hosting the annual Carmelite Fall Festival on **Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024.** The basket raffle, craft, bake sale, along with the Carmelite Sisters famous bread, and plate lunch fundraiser will be held from 12-3pm on both Saturday and Sunday at the Monastery (located at the M95/US2 North Junction in Iron Mountain). Tickets for the main drawing are 6 for \$5, which can be purchased at any Diocese Catholic Parish or at the Monastery (either prior to the event or on the days of the event). All cash prize winners and basket raffle winners will be drawn at 3:00pm on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### What's happening this week:

9/9 Mon. 6pm, St. Mary Adult Choir Practice, SM Choir Loft  
9/10 Tue. 10am, AA Meeting in classroom, use St. Joseph Center entrance in parking lot  
9/10 Tue. 5:30pm, SM/SB Women's Book Club, SM Par. Hall  
9/10 Tue. 7pm, Knights of Columbus Meeting, St. Joseph Ctr  
9/11 Wed. 4:30-5pm, Children's Choir Practice, SM Choir Loft  
9/14 Sat. 11am-12pm, Confessions at St. Mary

Holy Spirit Catholic School will be celebrating **Grandparent's Day** on **Friday, Sept. 13th**, starting with 8:30am Mass at St. Mary's Parish, followed by breakfast at Holy Spirit Catholic School. Please RSVP to the school office if you can attend. 906-563-8817

There is no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel and handing down traditions to your grandchildren.

— POPE FRANCIS —



Looking to draw nearer to Jesus? In need of a miracle? Are you aware of the Saints devoted to the Holy Face? St. Jude, St. Michael, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Dismas, St. Veronica, St. Martin, St. Frances, St. Gertrude, & more.....Join us Sunday, September 15th, 1-1:45pm, St. Joseph Center (St. Mary) to learn more about this treasured devotion that is very easy to manage. May the Holy Face & Holy Name of God be forever praised, loved & adored!



### Exaltation of the Cross

#### Question:

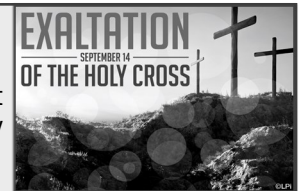
What is the history behind feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross?

#### Answer:

Emperor Constantine's mother, Helena, is credited with having discovered the true cross around 330. She traveled to the Holy Land and uncovered the places associated with Jesus' life. Legend has it that Helena uncovered three crosses but was not able to detect the true cross until each of them was laid on a leper. Only one of them cured the leper, proving it to be the true cross. A great church was built at the site, and soon various portions of the cross were sent to other churches as relics to be venerated.

The day after the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, September 14, 335, the actual cross was displayed for veneration. Egeria, a women traveler to Jerusalem around the year 386, kept a diary that has survived. She tells of the unique veneration of the wood of the cross that took place on Good Friday, something maintained ritually to this very day.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross focuses on the gift of love that Jesus manifested by his total gift of self, offered for all. The cross, the ultimate form of capital punishment in its day, has become for us the ultimate symbol of love and triumph over evil and death.



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