

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.

December 14, 2025

Pastor

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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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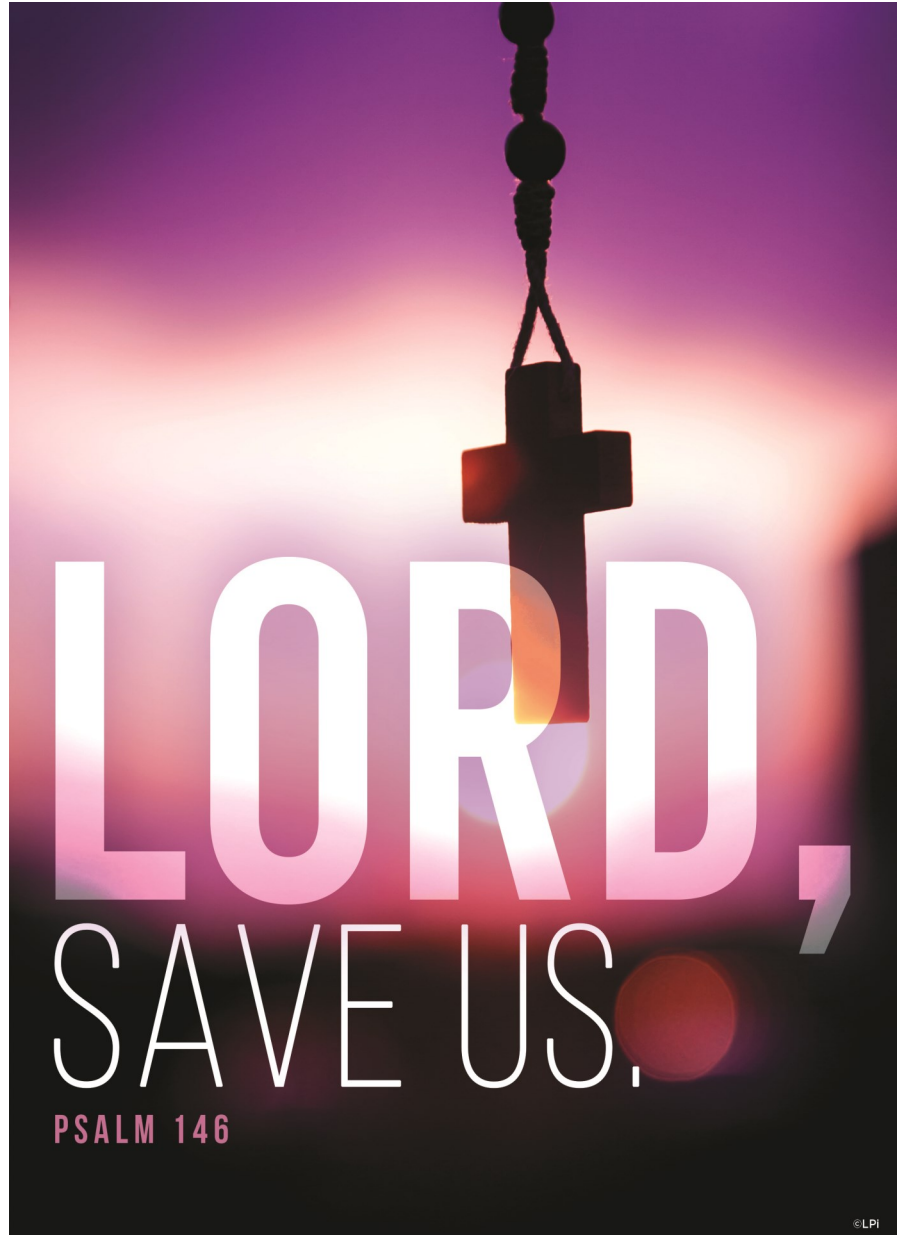
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday:	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23/Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17
Thursday:	Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25
Friday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25
Saturday:	Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38
Sunday:	Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

12/14 Sun. 9:15-9:45am, Confession, SM
12/14 Sun. After 10am Mass, Holy Face of Jesus Rosary, SM
12/14 Sun. 3:00pm, Advent Penance Service, St. Mary
12/15 Mon. 6:00pm, SM Adult Choir Practice, SM Choir Loft
12/16 Tue. 10am, AA Meeting in classroom, use St. Joseph
Center entrance in parking lot
12/16 Tue. 4:30-4:50pm, Confession before Mass at St. Mary
12/17 Wed. 6:00pm, Women's Book Club, St. Mary
12/18 Thu. **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**
12/18 Thu. 6:30pm, OCIA, St. Mary's St. Joseph Center
12/19 Fri. 6:00am, Men's Prayer Group, St. Mary
12/20 Sat. 11am-12pm, Confession/Eucharistic Adoration, SM

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will take place on Wednesday, December 24th before the 6pm Christmas Eve Mass. Practice will be held on Saturday, December 20, at 10:00am. Please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule of the church. We welcome and encourage all the children of the parish to participate. We are also in need of some parental help. Thank you.

A **huge heartfelt thank you** to all who sold, bought, helped, prayed or helped in any way for another successful 50-50 for the Holy Spirit Catholic School. Here are your 6th year Winners!

1k - Kathy Alexa, 2k - Steve Alexa, 3k - Ed Giesen
4k - Laurie Scheurer, 10k - Ron LaLond

Congratulations to all the winners! Keep praying for HSCS, the staff and the Kids! We are blessed to have this beautiful school in our community. Thanks again for ALL your support!

This week's feature ad is:

Pellegrini Farm
(906)396-5728 (906)396-7829

Collection - December 7, 2025

Envelopes & Holy Day	\$7,542.00
Online Giving	745.00
Loose	288.00
Christmas Flowers	184.00
School Support	284.00
Maintenance	40.00
Total:	\$9,083.00

Collection - December 7, 2025


Envelopes & Holy Day	\$3,011.00
Online Giving	400.00
Loose	355.00
Christmas Flowers	235.00
School Support	235.00
Maintenance	100.00
Total:	\$4,336.00

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>



 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: **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.

As we prepare our hearts and homes for the coming of the Christ Child during this wonderful season of giving, St. Mary and St. Barbara Conference continues to prepare for the needs of those less fortunate. This past fiscal year (Oct.1, 2024--September 30, 2025) we were able to provide over \$42,547.00 of assistance for utility bills, rent, prescriptions, food, shoes for back-to-school, and other necessities. The number of individuals and families in need of assistance has increased significantly since last year. In addition, we spent \$1,556.00 on additional conference and operating expenses.

The conference office for assistance is available on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday from 9-11 a.m., or by special appointment if needed.

Monetary or food donations may be brought to us at anytime, Monday thru Friday from 9:00am to 3:30pm.

During December we will need **canned kidney beans** or **chicken noodle soup** and **toothpaste**. Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. **Note: The pantry and store will be closed during the Christmas holidays from December 22 through January 2, and re-open on January 5.**

We are truly appreciative of the ongoing monetary or pantry donations which have made such a difference in the lives of so many people and hope your continued generosity and prayers will help to provide for those in need.

Thank you and be assured you are in our prayers. May the infant Jesus smile down on you and your love ones during this Blessed Christmas season. God Bless!

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Please have all bulletin announcements to St. Mary Parish Office by Tuesday at Noon. Announcements need to be typed, emailed or written out. Thank you.

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,
Advent is a time of preparation, and we wait in joyful hope. This time of waiting beautifully calls us to remember and anticipate two great comings: the joyful celebration of Jesus' First Coming - His birth in Bethlehem and the anticipation of His Second Coming.

During this time, we are naturally tempted to focus only on material preparation: decorating our homes, shopping for gifts, parties and presents, etc. But let us never forget that the best preparation is the spiritual one. This season is about getting our hearts ready for Jesus. He wants to make His dwelling within us.

To prepare our hearts to be truly welcoming for Jesus, we must throw away unnecessary loads and burdens that weigh us down. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is the gift through which Jesus offers us his complete spiritual cleansing and healing.

I sincerely invite all of you to join us for our Parish Advent **Reconciliation Service** this **Sunday, December 14th, at 3:00 PM** at St. Mary Church.

This is a precious time to open ourselves, surrender our burdens, and free our hearts completely for God. When we make this space for Jesus, we experience the truest meaning of Christmas: **JOY**.

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



Holy Day Mass Times: Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24

Saint Mary: Carols at 3:30pm / Mass at 4:00pm

Saint Barbara: Mass at 6:00pm

Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25: Mass at 10am, Saint Mary

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Vigil Wednesday, December 31, Mass at Saint Mary, 5:00pm

Thursday, January 1, Mass at Saint Barbara, 8:00am

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

NOVEMBER: Dick Payette, John & Mary Servia, Andrew Neeck, Floris Groeneveld, Anna Groeneveld, John Guzzonato, Eulalie Guzzonato, Rosemary & Ronald Raiche, George Servia, John & Mary Servia, Louis & Stella Wangles, John & Stella Dlugas, Nancy Bal, RoseMary DeRidder, Carol Westbrook



Women of St. Mary & St. Barbara Christmas

Cookie Ministry: The women of St. Mary's will be coordinating a Cookie Ministry whereby small packages of homemade Christmas cookies will be delivered to our parishioners in assisted living facilities, nursing homes and others who might need a little holiday joy due to recent circumstances in their lives.

We ask that all ladies of both parishes who are able to bake please provide at least **2 dozen (more if you'd like) home-made Christmas cookies (please no bars)** for use in these packages.

Cookies will be packaged in St. Mary's Parish Hall **starting at 4:00pm on Tuesday, December 16th**. Please drop your cookies off in the hall anytime that day.

If you would like to assist us in packaging them up, please feel free to join us! We package and deliver many packages and can always use the help. Thank you!

WEEKEND for Saint Barbara has been sent
MINISTRY SCHEDULE for Dec. 2025 - April 3, 2026.

If you did not receive your copy, please call the Parish Office. Please remember if you are not available on your scheduled day, please find a substitute.

Thank you for your ministry!

~SEEK THE LORD IN THE PLACES YOU FEAR TO GO~



St. Mary's Summary Report for November 2025

Receipts:	
Assessable (Sunday, Loose, Fuel, etc.)	\$ 26,953.00
General (Memorial Fund, Bulletin, Special Project Income, Donations, Reimbursement for expenses from St. Barbara, Youth Income, Misc. etc.)	\$ 32,412.58
Fund Raising	.00
Total Receipts:	\$ 59,365.58
Expenses:	
Administrative Salary & Expenses	\$ 6,134.45
Religious Education (Faith Formation, Youth Ministry, MSM & Programs)	737.07
Other Parish Administrative Expenses (Music, Office Supplies, Bulletin, Catholic News Paper, Church Supplies, Flowers, etc.)	\$ 3,951.69
Benefits & Insurances	\$ 1,786.48
Plant Operation (Cleaning, Utilities, Maintenance, Property Ins., Inspection Fees & Supplies)	\$ 5,195.77
Fund Raising Expenses & Picnic	\$ 0.00
Capital Outlays	\$ 22.02
Other Expenses (School Subsidy Payment)	\$ 5,519.47
Total Expenses:	\$ 23,346.95
Receipts Over (Under) Expenses:	\$ 36,018.63

St. Barbara's Summary Report for November 2025

Receipts:	
Assessable (Sunday, Loose, Fuel, etc.)	\$ 13,373.50
General (Flower Fund, Women's League, Special Project Income, Misc. etc.)	\$ 4,984.85
Fund Raising	.00
Total Receipts:	\$ 18,358.35
Expenses:	
Administrative Salary & Expenses	\$ 3,220.85
Religious Education (Faith Formation, Youth Ministry)	\$ 177.92
Other Parish Administrative Expenses (Church Supplies, Office Supplies, Catholic News Paper, Flowers, etc.)	\$ 2,181.77
Benefits & Insurances	\$ 805.96
Plant Operation (Cleaning, Utilities, Maintenance, Property Ins. & Supplies)	\$ 2,981.39
Fund Raising Expenses & Picnic	\$ 0.00
Capital Outlays	\$ 22.02
Other Expenses (School Subsidy Payment)	\$ 3,313.87
Total Expenses	\$ 12,703.78
Receipts Over (Under) Expenses:	\$ 5,654.57

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