

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

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: 11:00am-Noon

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

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

Office Contact Details

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

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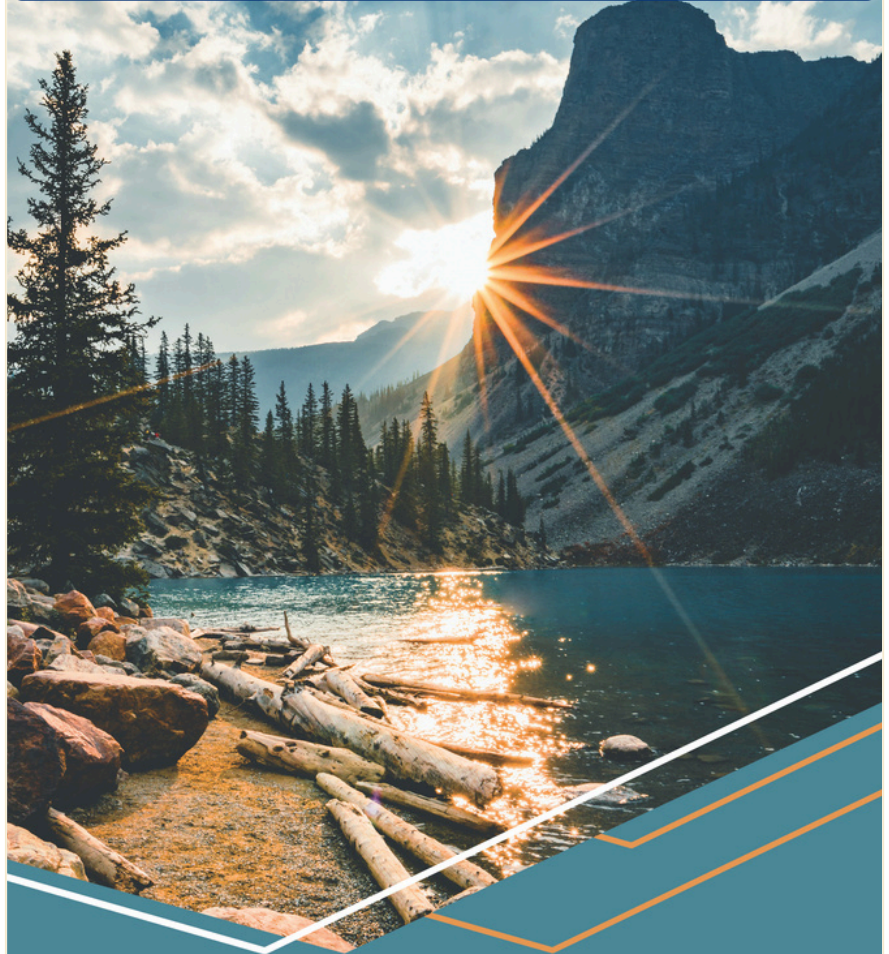
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JULY 19, 2026



16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father." - Mt 13:43a

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass © 2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

MASS INTENTIONS

7/21 TUE - 5:00pm SM - Janet Stewart
 7/22 WED - 8:00am SM - Glen Halloran
 7/23 THUR - 8:00am SB - Judy & Jim Ritzenhein
 7/24 FRI - 8:30am SM - Roy Guiliani
 7/25 SAT - 4:00pm SM - Elizabeth "Betty" Benzie
 7/25 SAT - 6:00pm SB - Ada Schwamlien
 7/26 SUN - 8:00am SB - Anton & Irene Opolka
 7/26 SUN - 10:00am SM - For the People of St. Mary and St. Barbara Parishes

**When there is a funeral, daily Mass will NOT be cancelled
 *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: **Bob Chartre, Linda Clark, Marjorie Corozolla, Keith LaRoche, Larry Bolek, Duane Lombardini, Dan VanWolvelaere, Michael Dapoz, Lee Dallapiazza, Richard Wetthuhn, Christopher Zanon, Amelia Adams, Everly Schewe, Jerry & Carol Gauthier, Sharon Harder and Gina Zanon.** If you need continued prayers or would like to request prayers for someone else, please email or call the parish office.



Happy Birthday on July 23rd to Father Abraham!

Happy birthday to a wonderful shepherd of faith! May God's light continue to guide you and bless your ministry with joy and wisdom.

A NOTE FROM FATHER ABRAHAM

OCIA

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is a faith journey for those desiring to enter the Catholic Church or for those who wish to complete their initiation into the Church.

The OCIA Formation Process is for:

- Unbaptized - The OCIA prepares you to enter into the Catholic Church by celebrating what are called the sacraments of Christian initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist (or Holy Communion).
- Baptized in another Christian Church - If you were already baptized in another Christian tradition, the initiation process prepares you to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church by celebrating the sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist (or Holy Communion).
- Baptized but un-catechized Catholic Adults - persons who were baptized as infants and not given any religious upbringing within the Catholic Tradition. These adults will be prepared to celebrate the sacraments of Penance, Confirmation and Eucharist.

If you or anyone whom you know would like to join this faith journey, please contact Fr. Abraham by calling him at 906-369-0028 or email him at smuppara@hotmail.com. We plan to begin our classes in October.



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JULY 19TH

9:30-9:45am: Confession before Mass, SM
 1pm: Koinonia Potluck Gathering, SM Parish Hall

MONDAY, JULY 20TH

6:30-8pm: Evangelization Leader Reunion, SM Parish Hall

TUESDAY, JULY 21ST

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

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

FRIDAY, JULY 24TH

6am: Men's Prayer Group, SM

SATURDAY, JULY 25TH

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

Sanctuary Lamp Intention Week of July 19 - July 25

Saint Mary:
Father Abraham

Saint Barbara:
Ozzie & Mildred Spera



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.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

The heartbeat of a child is a reminder of the miracle of life. To love and protect life is the greatest calling we have.



St. Mary's Collection JULY 12, 2026

Envelopes	\$5,192.00
Online Giving	660.00
Loose	197.50
School Support	40.00
Financial Aid	25.00
Maintenance	391.00
Total:	\$6,505.50

St. Barbara's Collection JULY 12, 2026

Envelopes	\$2,551.00
Online Giving	500.00
Loose	367.00
School Support	75.00
Financial Aid	10.00
Maintenance	342.00
Total:	\$3,845.00

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>

SPECIAL EVENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

FALL SUNDAY FUNDAY - SAVE THE DATE



Our Parishes will be getting together on Sunday, **September 20th** for a **Fall Sunday Festival**, held at Holy Spirit Catholic School. More information to come.

HSCS 50-50 RAFFLE TICKET SALES NOW OPEN

Feeling Lucky? Buy a 50-50 raffle ticket to support the **Holy Spirit School!** Top winner is **\$10,000**. We give away a total of \$20,000. This is our seventh year and we've sold out every year. **Tickets are \$20 each**. Any persons looking to help sell tickets (or purchase tickets) please contact Paula Land 906-458-8847. We thank you in advance for your support!



Buy your **Carmelite Fall Festival** (September 12-13, 2026) tickets now at the parish office. Additionally, tickets will be sold after the Masses August 1st & 2nd. Mark your calendar now to attend this beautiful & worthwhile annual event.

VOCATIONAL VIEW

Yeast which a woman kneaded... Say thanks today to that special woman who has kneaded the yeast of God's love into your life. Pray God's blessing on all people who bring leaven and light.
(Matthew 13:24-43)



Blessing for Summer



O God, Pour your blessing upon these summer months of sun and clouds, flowers and growth. In this season of cultivation, cultivate us as we worship, work, play, and rest in You. May this season, and all the others, serve to draw us closer to You.

SPIRITUAL LIFTERS

July 19th - In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy path. Prov. 3:6

July 20th - If you cannot do great things, you can at least do small things in a great way.

July 21st - In the tears of His saints God sees a rainbow.

July 22nd - About the only thing that comes without effort is old age.

July 23rd - You are writing a gospel, a chapter each day; By the deeds you do, by the words you say; Men read what you write, whether false or true. Say, what is the gospel according to you?

July 24th - No one will know what you mean by God is love until you act it as well.

July 25th - Youth is not a time of life, It is a state of mind. Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years; People grow old by deserting their ideals.

GENERAL UPDATES & REMINDERS

CARI DOMINI HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Saturday, July 18 - Bonfire at Anderson's
Saturday, July 25 - Group Meeting (Fr. Greg Hosting)
Join the Youth Group Remind Group (Remind App)
Students: @caridom to 81010
Parents: @caridompar to 81010



KOINONIA POTLUCK GATHERING

Sunday, July 19, 1:00pm CST
Saint Mary Parish Hall



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.

JULY PANTRY NEEDS:

- Hamburger Helper
- Flour
- Canned Peas



GARDEN PARTY SALAD LUNCHEON THURSDAY, AUGUST 13TH | 11:30AM - 1PM



The Women of St. Mary Parish, Norway will be serving a large variety of homemade salads, a fresh greens salad bar with all the fixings, dessert bar, rolls and beverages in a beautifully decorated setting. \$15 / per person, \$5 / ages 6-12, Under 6 is free. **Tickets available at the door or text or call Sheri at (906) 396-8336 to reserve a table.**

AMERICAN LEGION BREAKFAST - NORWAY



American Legion Post 145 will be hosting an all you can eat breakfast, **Sunday, July 26th, 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.

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.



HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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KINDERGARTEN - 8TH GRADE

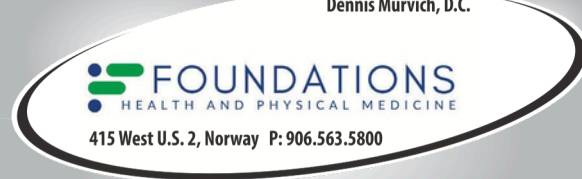


201 Saginaw Street | Norway, MI **906.563.8817**

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