

# 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 25, 2026

### 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

Website: [www.stmarybarbara.org](http://www.stmarybarbara.org)

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."  
- Mt 4:19

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday:	2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday:	2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25
Friday:	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41
Sunday:	Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

### Mass Intentions

1/26 MON - No Mass  
 1/27 TUE - 5:00pm SM - Nancy Bal  
 1/28 WED - 8:00am SM - Anna Motto and Stella Bal  
 1/29 THUR - 8:00am SB - Don Bal and Lemmy LaBonte  
 1/30 FRI - 8:30am SM - Leanna Palmer  
 1/31 SAT - 4:00pm SM - Charlotte & Edward Jasonowicz  
 1/31 SAT - 6:00pm SB - For the People of St. Barbara and  
 St. Mary Parishes  
 2/1 SUN - 8:00am SB - Jim & Judy Ritzenhein  
 2/1 SUN - 10:00am SM - Those Enrolled in St. Mary Memorial  
*When there is a funeral, daily Mass will NOT be cancelled*

### What's happening this week:

1/25 Sun. 9:15-9:45am, Confession before Mass, St. Mary  
 1/25 Sun. 10a-12:30p, Faith Formation, 7th-11th grades, SM  
 1/26 Mon. 6:00pm, SM Adult Choir Practice, SM Choir Loft  
 1/26 Mon. 6:30pm, Evangelization Training Class, SM Parish Hall  
 1/27 Tue. 10am, AA Meeting in classroom, use St. Joseph  
 Center entrance in parking lot  
 1/27 Tue. 4:30-4:50pm, Confession before Mass, St. Mary  
 1/28 Wed. 3:20-4:30pm, Faith Formation 1st-6th grades  
 1/28 Wed. 4:30-5:00pm, Children's Choir Practice  
 1/28 Wed. 6:00pm, Women's Book Club, SM Parish Hall  
 1/29 Thu. 5:30pm, Food, Fellowship & Faith, St. Barbara  
 1/30 Fri. 6:00am, Men's Prayer Group, St. Mary  
 1/30 Sat. 11am-12pm, Confession/Eucharistic Adoration, SM

**Vocational View:** The Lord Jesus proclaimed that the kingdom of heaven is at hand. We need, in our own time, to proclaim that same message. Are we bold enough to reform our lives and proclaim the Good News? (Matthew 4:12-23)

### Spirit Lifters

Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> - The secret of life is to know who you are and where you are going.  
 Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> - Where there is great love there are always great miracles.  
 Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> - Others, Lord, yes others, Let this my motto be, Help me to live for others, That I may live like Thee!  
 Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> - Happiness is not a station you arrive at, but a manner of traveling.  
 Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> - Humility is a strange thing - when you think you've gained it, you've lost it.  
 Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> - Bibles that are falling apart usually belong to people who are not.  
 Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> - A smooth sea never made a skillful mariner.

**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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### St. Mary's

#### Collection - January 18, 2026

Envelopes	\$3,102.00
Loose	297.00
School Support	335.00
First Offering	10.00
Maintenance	45.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$3,789.00</b>

### St. Barbara's

#### Collection - January 18, 2026

Envelopes & Holy Day	\$1,901.00
Loose	125.00
School Support	175.00
First Offering	2.00
Maintenance	10.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,213.00</b>

*Diocesan Collection \$95.00*

### 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 families of **Cory Groeneveld** and **Arthur Marcell** (brother of Charlene McCarthy). May their souls 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: Sue Gedvick, Bill Falk, Stephen Amond, Chloe Conery, Mike Opolka, Bob Chartre, Marjie Corozolla, Peyton & Paisley Pietrantonio, David Hoheisel, Sharon Harder, Joe Haferkorn, Gina Zannon and Ginger Moore. If you need continued prayers or would like to request prayers for someone else, 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.

The Conference Office 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 during regular store hours, Monday through Friday, 9am-3:30pm. Monetary donations may also be mailed to St. Mary/St. Barbara Conference of SVDP at 421 Main Street, Norway, MI.

During **February** we would appreciate donations of: **Hamburger Helper, cake mixes or canned tomatoes.**

Thank you and be assured you are in our prayers with gratitude. God Bless!

**The world is changed by your example, not your opinion.**  
 ~ Mother Teresa ~

**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 to be added to our Communion Call list.



### A note from Fr. Abraham

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus at the Temple, 40 days after Christmas.

At the heart of this celebration is the encounter of Simeon and Anna with the Christ Child in the Temple. It is in that holy encounter that Jesus' divinity is manifested by a human prophet for the first time. At His birth, the angels proclaimed His divinity to the shepherds, but in the Temple, Simeon was the first to understand and proclaim Jesus as the Savior of the World. During the Presentation at the Temple, the elderly Simeon, who is the first to recognize Jesus as the light of the world.

"Candlemass" is also a traditional name given to today's feast because as early as the fifth century, the custom of celebrating this feast with lighted candles had developed. The lit candles symbolized Simeon's prophecy that Jesus would be "a light for revelation to the Gentiles."

Come and Join the Candlemass on Monday February 2nd at St. Mary Church at 6:00PM. You are invited to bring your personal candles (such as baptismal candles or home prayer candles) to be blessed.

#### Let Christ be our Light.

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



**American Legion Post 145 will be hosting an all you can eat breakfast, Sunday, Jan. 25, 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. Post is located at 612 Main Street, Norway



### WALK FOR LIFE 2026

The Walk For Life, an annual event held in support of the rights of the unborn, will take place on **Sunday, January 25, 2026**. The walk will begin at **1:30PM** and is sponsored by the Dickinson County Right to Life. Participants begin gathering at 1:15PM in the parking lot near St. Vincent dePaul and Kingsley North on West B Street in Iron Mountain. Walkers will proceed down South Stephenson Avenue and conclude at Hardee's. Refreshments will be available for walkers and all are welcome.

**We must continue to pray constantly for an end to this evil and for an end to euthanasia and assisted suicide since they take so many lives each year. We must not get discouraged because strides have been made so we must keep on doing everything we can to help save lives.**



### Coffee Doughnut Social

Join us on **Sunday, February 1**, after the 10am Mass in St. Mary's Parish Hall. All are welcome!



### Youth Popcorn Fundraiser!

**Support Our Parish Teens!** After *all Masses* the weekend of **January 24-25**, our youth will be selling delicious popcorn for a **free-will donation** to raise funds for their trip to the **Steubenville North Conference in St. Paul, MN**.



Your generosity helps our teens grow in faith, community, and discipleship. Every bag brings them one step closer to an unforgettable encounter with Christ.

**Stop by after Mass, grab a treat, and support our young Church!**

### UPCOMING TEEN RETREATS

Teens from around the U.P. are invited to register for upcoming retreats:

A retreat for **7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders** at St. Joseph parish in Ishpeming on Saturday, Feb. 28: [ishpemingcatholic.com/](http://ishpemingcatholic.com/).

The **Youth Encounter Weekend** for high school students Friday, March 20 – Sunday, March 22: [yoopercatholic.org/you](http://yoopercatholic.org/you).

A **NET Team** is coming Wednesday, April 1 (Spring Break week) to offer a retreat for **7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders** at St. Mary Queen of Peace parish in Kingsford: [yoopercatholic.org/net](http://yoopercatholic.org/net).

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Please have all bulletin announcements to St. Mary Parish Office by Tuesday at 12 Noon. Announcements need to be typed, emailed or written out. Thank you.

### Tuesday, February 3rd

St. Barbara Women's League will meet at **1:00pm** in the St. Barbara Parish Hall.

**The Women of St. Mary** will meet at **5:30pm** in the St. Mary Parish Hall.



Please bring your old blessed palms and place in the bins labeled "palms". Thank you.



### ATTENTION LADIES OF SAINT MARY & BARBARA

Attached to the bulletin is an envelope for the Women's Groups' annual dues. Whether you are active with one of the ladies groups or not, we request the **\$5.00 dues** from all women of both parishes. You may designate your dues go to either the Women of St. Mary or the St. Barbara Women's League by circling the appropriate group on the envelope. Be sure to put your name on the envelope before returning (drop in the collection or at the church office). Your dues help us with the expenses our two groups incur for altar and kitchen supplies, along with several worthwhile ministries we coordinate each year.

Thank you for your continued support!



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