

# 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.*

## Pastor

**Fr. Abraham Mupparathara, MCBS**  
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906-369-0028 (emergency only)

## 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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## **Holy Spirit Catholic School**

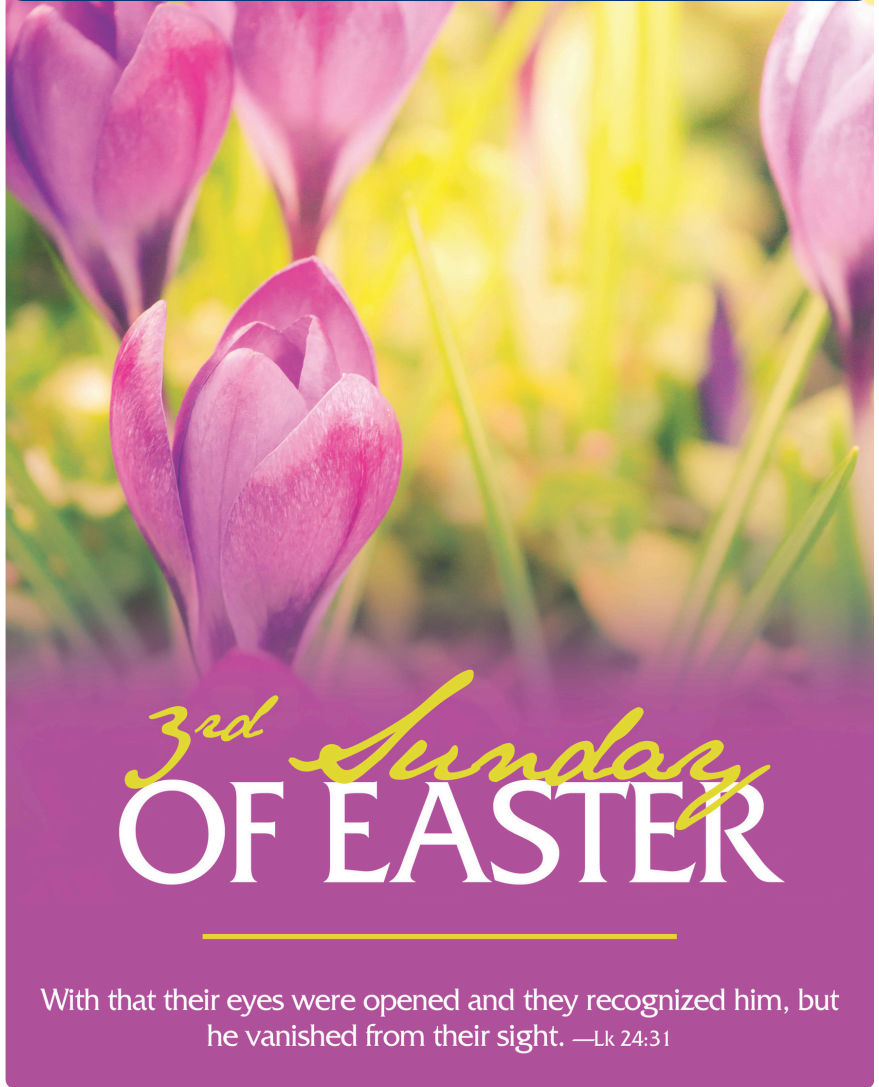
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**APRIL 19, 2026**



## **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday:** Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday:** Acts 7:51-8:1a/ Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35
- Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8/ Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40
- Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40/ Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
- Friday:** Acts 9:1-20/ Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
- Saturday:** 1 Pt 5:5b-14/ Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20
- Sunday:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

## MASS INTENTIONS

4/21 TUE - 5:00pm SM - John Radlinger  
 4/22 WED - 8:00am SM - Donna Smith  
 4/23 THUR - 8:00am SB - Marie Johnson  
 4/24 FRI - 8:30am SM - Glen Halloran  
 4/25 SAT - 4:00pm SM - Diane Palmcook and Geraldine Zychowski  
 4/25 SAT - 6:00pm SB - Donna Jensen  
 4/26 SUN - 8:00am SB - For the People of St. Mary and St. Barbara Parishes  
 4/26 SUN - 10:00am SM - Ron Arnoldi

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



## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, APRIL 19TH

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

### MONDAY, APRIL 20TH

6pm: SM Adult Choir Practice

### TUESDAY, APRIL 21ST

10am: AA Meeting, SM

*St. Joseph Center entrance in parking lot*

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

Mass

6pm: Finance Council Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22ND

3:20-4:30pm: Faith Formation 1st-6th grades, SM

4:30-5:00pm: Children's Choir Practice, SM

4:30-6pm: Holy Spirit Catholic School Open House

6pm: Women's Book Club, SM

7-8:30pm: "The Chosen", Youth Room at I.C., Iron Mountain

### FRIDAY, APRIL 23RD

6am: Men's Prayer Group, SM

6pm: Confirmation, American Martyrs (Kingsford)

### SATURDAY, APRIL 24TH

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

## 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:

**Christopher Zanon, Amelia Adams, Everly Schewe, Cathy Grenier, Jerry Gauthier, Mary Margaret Zanoni, Bill Falk, Chloe Conery, Bob Chartre, Missy Marcelini, Peyton & Paisley Pietrantonio, David Hoheisel, Sharon Harder, Joe Haferkorn, Gina Zanon and Ginger Moore.** If you need continued prayers or would like to request prayers for someone else, please email or call the parish office.

PRAY

## A NOTE FROM FATHER ABRAHAM

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Once in a while I hear this question, why should I register in a parish?

The answer is:

### Your Parish Needs You and You Need Your Parish!

A Catholic parish is the single most important part of our Catholic Church. This is where we continue the mission of Jesus Christ. This is where we publicly express our faith, joining together with others to give witness of our communion with God and with one another.

### There are many reasons to register.

- A sense of belonging and identity in a parish community.
- Registration enables the parish pastor and staff to get to know you better, to welcome you and to minister to you. This is especially important during a time of crisis so that the pastoral staff can attend to your spiritual needs and the needs of your family.
- In times of joy and in times of struggle, it is comforting to have the support of a faith family.
- In order to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, or Holy Matrimony you will need to be a registered member.
- Registered active members are eligible for sponsor/godparent validation.

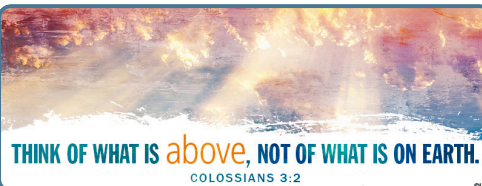
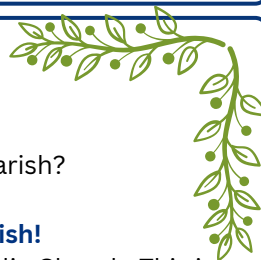
### What about children who are 18 Years of age or older?

Children are considered members with their parents until they turn 18 years old. Once they are 18, it is their responsibility to join a church family, participate in the Mass, and to register as a member independent of their parents.

By registering at a parish, you are declaring your desire to be part of a Catholic faith community. If you have recently moved to the area or if you are a long-time resident, please consider registering with the parish by contacting the parish office or myself.

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



### St. Mary's Collection APRIL 12, 2026

Envelopes	\$3,623.00
Loose	221.00
U.P. Catholic News	10.00
School Support	220.00
Maintenance	10.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$4,084.00</b>

### St. Barbara's Collection APRIL 12, 2026

Envelopes	\$2,511.00
Loose	231.00
School Support	225.00
Maintenance	60.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$3,027.00</b>

### 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



### Holy Spirit Catholic School

201 Saginaw St. Norway, MI

#### OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, April 22 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm

Enrolling for 2026-2027 K through 8th Grade

We are proud to provide a curriculum that balances tradition with innovation.

We warmly invite all families seeking an educational environment that supports strong academics, faith formation, and personal growth to come to our Open House

### Wednesday, April 22, 2026



#### COFFEE & DOUGHNUT SOCIAL

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



#### AMERICAN LEGION BREAKFAST

American Legion Post 145 will be hosting an all you can eat breakfast, **Sunday, April 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. Located at 612 Main Street, Norway



#### MAY CROWNING AT ST. BARBARA PARISH

St. Barbara's Women's League invites all girls (preschool-high school) to participate in the **May Crowning on Mother's Day, May 10, before the 8:00 AM Mass.** Practice will be held Saturday, May 9 (time TBD). Sign up in the church vestibule. Join us in honoring Mary and your mother on this special day.

#### GARAGE SALE TABLE SPACE AVAILABLE AT HSCS

The Norway City-Wide Garage Sale is **Saturday, May 16, 2026.** If you are looking for available space to display/sell your items, we offer space in the Holy Spirit Catholic School Gym area. \$10 for a table rental. If you are interested, please call the school office for additional information. 906-563-8817.



## VOCATIONAL VIEW

They recognized him in the breaking of the bread. How do I recognize Jesus? Am I being called to be a priest, deacon, sister or brother? (Luke 24:13-35)



### Sanctuary Lamp Intention

Week of April 19 - April 25

Saint Mary: **Frank & Agnes Kos**

Saint Barbara:

**Those affected by flooding**



SPIRITUAL LIFTERS

**Apr. 19th** - God sends trials not to impair us, but to improve us.

**Apr. 20th** - I believe in the sun even when it is not shining. I believe in love even when not feeling it. I believe in God even when He is silent.

**Apr. 21st** - We may find God's priorities difficult - but they are true wisdom.

**Apr. 22nd** - Blessed is he who has learned to admire but not to envy, to follow but not to imitate, to praise but not to flatter, and to lead but not to manipulate.

**Apr. 23rd** - Truth doesn't hurt unless it ought to.

**Apr. 24th** - If Christ is the way, why waste time traveling some other way.

**Apr. 25th** - Don't feel bad about growing old. Some people never get the chance.

## GENERAL REMINDERS

### GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION

On Good Shepherd Sunday, April 25th/26th, our Diocese will take up a special collection to support our priests' retirement and help remedy the shortfall in the St. Joseph Association. I hope you will consider using the envelope provided in your packets to support this important collection. Parishioners can also donate to the St. Joseph Association online by visiting: [osvhub.com/dioceseofmarquette/giving/funds/st-joseph-association](http://osvhub.com/dioceseofmarquette/giving/funds/st-joseph-association).

### 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.

#### APRIL PANTRY NEEDS:

- Ketchup
- Men's Shampoo
- Toilet Paper



**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.



#### SANCTUARY LAMP AVAILABLE

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.

**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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**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.




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and area families

Wednesday, April 22  
4:30 pm to 6:00 pm

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## 2026-2027 School Year

Enroll your children at  
the Open House on April 22  
for a \$50 Registration Discount

We ensure affordable tuition to all families who  
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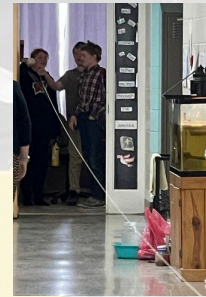
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## Music Field Trips and Selfies with Christian Singer-Songwriter Jason Gray



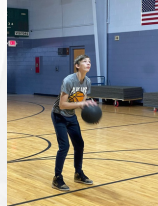
## Playground Fun



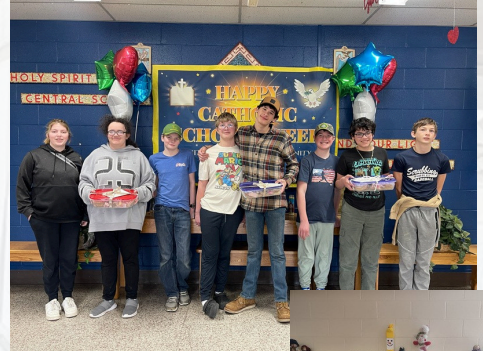
## Washington, DC Trip



## Competitions



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