

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 considering joining our church family. Please reach out to us to learn more about our faith community.

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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: 9:15-9:45am, before 10:00am Mass

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

Office Contact Details

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9:00am-4:00pm

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February 22, 2026



1st SUNDAY OF LENT

Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." - Mt 4:8-9

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-4

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-1

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-3

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-2

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-4

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

MASS INTENTIONS

2/24 TUE - 5:00pm SM - Bob Rossato
2/25 WED - 8:00am SM - Kathleen Anderson
2/26 THUR - 8:00am SB - Jim & Judy Ritzenhein
2/27 FRI - 8:30am SM - Holy Spirit Catholic School
2/28 SAT - 4:00pm SM - Marilyn Radlinger and Amy Jo Schultz
2/28 SAT - 6:00pm SB - For the People of St. Barbara and St. Mary Parishes
3/1 SUN - 8:00am SB - Paul Cieslak, Jr. and Robert Toretta
3/1 SUN - 10:00am SM - Those Enrolled in St. Mary Memorial

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



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY, FEB 22ND

9:15-9:45am: Confession, SM

MONDAY, FEB 23RD

6pm: SM Adult Choir Practice
6:30pm: Evangelization Training Class, SM Parish Hall

TUESDAY, FEB 24TH

10am: AA Meeting, SM
St. Joseph Center entrance in parking lot
4:30-4:50pm: Confession, SM

WEDNESDAY, FEB 25TH

8am: Stations of the Cross after daily Mass, SM
3:20-4:30pm: Faith Formation 1st-6th grades, SM
4:30-5:00pm: Children's Choir Practice, SM

THURSDAY, FEB 26TH

8am: Stations of the Cross after daily Mass, SB
6:30pm: OCIA, SM St. Joseph Center

FRIDAY, FEB 27TH

6:00am: Men's Prayer Group, SM
4:30-7:00pm, KC Fish Fry, SM

SATURDAY, FEB 28TH

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

St. Mary's Collection February 15, 2026

Envelopes	\$3,678.00
Loose	191.00
Easter Flowers	10.00
U.P. Catholic News	35.00
Fuel/Utility	10.00
Maintenance	356.00
Total:	\$4,280.00

Diocesan Collection \$20.00

St. Barbara's Collection February 15, 2026

Envelopes	\$1,941.00
Loose	111.00
School Support	40.00
Easter Flowers	75.00
U.P. Catholic News	50.00
Fuel/Utility	100.00
Maintenance	450.00
Total:	\$2,767.00

Diocesan Collection \$10.00

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>

May God continue to bless our parishes, families, friends and the community and may He keep all of us in His loving care. Wishing you all a Blessed Lent.

With love and prayers,

Fr. Abraham, MCBS

SPECIAL EVENTS /ANNOUNCEMENTS



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.
14th Annual Fundraiser

FRIDAY NIGHT FISH FRY

February 27th

Norway Saint Mary's Hall

DINNER SERVED FROM 4:30 PM TO 7:00 PM

Dine in or carry out

Choice of baked or batter fried cod

Choice of baked potato or French fries

Fish dinners include roll and coleslaw

Cheese ravioli dinner with Salad and garlic bread

½ order for kids 12 and under \$10.00

½ pound of cod or ravioli regular meal \$15.00

Double order –1 pound of cod or double ravioli \$20.00

Coffee, milk, Kool-Aid and dessert come with the dinner served at St. Mary's.
BEER AND SODA WILL BE AVAILABLE

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE BACK OF CHURCH AT
SAINT MARY'S NORWAY AND SAINT BARBARA'S VULCAN OR AT
THE DOOR THE NIGHT OF THE DINNER!



LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Sunday, March 8th

3:00pm

St. Mary, Norway

Sunday, March 15th

3:00pm

St. Mary Queen of
Peace, Kingsford

Friday, March 27th

6:15pm

Immaculate
Conception, Iron
Mountain



YOUTH ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

The Youth Encounter Weekend for high school students at Immaculate Conception Parish & Holiday Inn Express in Iron Mountain, March 20th - 22nd: yoopercatholic.org/youthencounter

COFFEE & DOUGHNUT SOCIAL

All are welcome!

Join us on **Sunday, March 1st**, 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, Feb. 22, 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



Saint Mary and Saint Barbara Parish
Families extend their sympathy to the family of **Dennis Bilski**. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. AMEN.

VOCATIONAL VIEW

We do not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Who will proclaim that word to us? Pray for an increase of vocations to priesthood and religious life.
(Matthew 4:1-11)

SPirituAL LIFTERS

Feb. 22nd - While some books inform and others reform, only the Bible transforms.

Feb. 23rd - The world is full of beauty when your heart is filled with love.

Feb. 24th - Christianity is bread for daily use, not cake for special occasions.

Feb. 25th - The best and most beautiful things in this world cannot be seen or even touched, they must be felt with the heart.

Feb. 26th - Take time to live because the world has so much to give.

Feb. 27th - No atheist can hinder the bible's influence more than a Christian who disregards it in his life.

GENERAL REMINDERS

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.

During February, we welcome donations of Hamburger Helper, cake mixes, and canned tomatoes.

Thank you, and please be assured of our prayers and gratitude. God bless.



CHILDREN'S BULLETIN

Parents! Want to make the Mass and Gospel come alive for your kids? Don't forget to pick up a Children's Bulletin in the vestibules of both churches—faith made fun!

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.



Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, March 6th at St. Mary's starting at 9:00am with Benediction at 3:00pm. Please sign-up in back of St. Mary Parish.

1st Tuesday Monthly Meeting

Women of St. Mary's
3/3 @ 5:30pm, SM Parish Hall

St. Barbara's Women's League
3/3 @ 1pm, SB Parish Hall

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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(906) 774-4441

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.

Youth Host St. Valentine's Celebration to Thank Parish Community

Saint Mary and Saint Barbara Parishes youth came together last weekend to host a St. Valentine's Party as a heartfelt expression of gratitude for the steady support and encouragement they receive from the parish community. The party served not only as a festive gathering, but also as a reminder of the vibrant connection between the younger generation and the wider parish family. In offering this celebration, the youth hoped to give back a small portion of the love they experience year round; an appreciation that continues to inspire their service and spiritual growth. Thank you.



Lenten Blessing

Bless us in your mercy, Lord, as we enter these 40 Days of Lent. Use this time to call, anoint, bind, strengthen, and inspire us anew. Like a good shepherd, teach us Your voice, and give us the strength to follow. Amen



An Evening for Teens and Parents

Do you know the meaning of your life?
Come, be surprised!

Teens 6th-12th
Parents
Grandparents
Teachers
Catechists



Date
Wed., March 25th
6:30pm-8:30pm
central time
Location
American Martyrs
Kingsford

6:30pm: All students & adults together (no mention of sexuality).
6:50pm: MS students snacks, discussion, fun.
HS students & adults together (the sacredness of sexuality).
7:40pm: HS students snacks & discussion.
Adults together (Q & A).
8:00pm: Conclude.

Presenter: Monica Ashour, Founder
Theology of the Body Evangelization Team

Named as one of the top Catholic women speakers, **Monica Ashour** has authored 28 books and travels around the world speaking about John Paul II's Theology of the Body. Monica taught middle and high school theology and literature for 25 years, then served as a campus minister at Texas A&M University before founding the TOB Evangelization Team (tobet.org).

MONTH OF ST. JOSEPH

March 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1 Confess. 9:15-9:45am Adult Choir at 10am Mass Coffee Donut Social after Mass	2 No Daily Mass	3 Confession 4:30-4:50pm, Daily Mass 5pm-SM 1:00pm - SB Women's League Meeting 5:30pm - Women of SM Meeting	4 Daily Mass 8am-SM followed by Stations of the Cross Mass at Evergreen, 1pm Faith Formation 1st-6th 3:20-4:30PM at S.M. CHILDREN'S CHOIR Practice 4:30-5:00pm, St. Mary Women's Book Club, 6pm	5 Daily Mass 8am-SB followed by Stations of the Cross OCIA, 6:30pm-St. Mary St. Joseph Center	6 6am Men's Prayer Group Daily Mass 8:30am-SM ADORATION, St. Mary 9:00am - 3:00pm 	7 Confessions & Adoration, 11a-12p Don't Forget: DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME!	
8 Confess. 9:15-9:45am Youth Choir & Mass, 10am FF 7th-11th, 10a-12:30p Youth Breakfast & Raffle at SB, 8a-12p Holy Face Rosary, 11:15a Lenten Penance Service, 3pm, St. Mary	9 No Daily Mass	10 Confession 4:30-4:50pm, 5pm - Anointing of the Sick Mass, St. Mary 5:45pm - K of C Rosary at Evergreen K of C Meeting, 7pm	11 Daily Mass 8am-SM followed by Stations of the Cross Faith Formation 1st-6th 3:20-4:30PM at S.M. CHILDREN'S CHOIR Practice 4:30-5:00pm, St. Mary Women's Book Club, 6pm	12 Daily Mass 8am-SB followed by Stations of the Cross OCIA, 6:30pm-St. Mary St. Joseph Center	13 6am Men's Prayer Group Daily Mass 8:30am-SM 	14 Confessions & Adoration, 11a-12p The Season of Lent	
15 Confess. 9:15-9:45am Adult Choir at 10am Mass 	16 No Daily Mass	17 Confession 4:30-4:50pm, Daily Mass 5pm-SM 	18 Daily Mass 8am-SM followed by Stations of the Cross FF: 1st-6th 3:20-4:30PM at S.M. CHILDREN'S CHOIR Practice 4:30-5:00pm, St. Mary Vocations Night, 5:30pm Grades 6-8, Am. Martyrs Women's Book Club, 6pm	19 Daily Mass 8am-SB followed by Stations of the Cross 5:30pm Food, Fellowship & Faith at St. Barbara	20 6am Men's Prayer Group Daily Mass 8:30am-SM 	21 Confessions & Adoration, 11a-12p Youth Encounter Weekend at Immaculate Conception Parish & Holiday Inn, I. M.	
22 Confess. 9:15-9:45am Youth Choir, 10am Mass Knights of Columbus Rosary, St. Barbara, 8am Faith Formation 7th-11th 10a-12:30p Youth Encounter Weekend	23 No Daily Mass	24 Confession 4:30-4:50pm, Daily Mass 5pm-SM	25 Daily Mass 8am-SM followed by Stations of the Cross FF: 1st-6th 3:20-4:30PM at S.M. CHILDREN'S CHOIR Practice 4:30-5:00pm, St. Mary Evening for Teens & Parents 6:30-8:30pm, 6th-12th grade Women's Book Club, 6pm	26 No Daily Mass Chrism Mass & Spring Study Day at Cathedral, Marquette	27 6am Men's Prayer Group Daily Mass 8:30am-SM 	28 Confessions & Adoration, 11a-12p 	
29 Confess. 9:15-9:45am Adult Choir, 10am Mass 	30 No Daily Mass	31 Confession 4:30-4:50pm, Daily Mass 5pm-SM	Fr. Abraham Mupparathara MCBS smuppara@hotmail.com Parish Office saintmary@norwaymi.com 906-563-9845 Fax: 906-563-7623	Weekend Mass SATURDAY 4pm-St. Mary SUNDAY 6pm-St. Barbara 8am-St. Barbara 10am-St. Mary	Holy Spirit Catholic School 906-563-8817	Saint Mary Card Sender Rosemary Haepers 906-563-5071	Saint Barbara Card Sender Shirley LaValley 906-563-5011

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