

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.

October 5, 2025

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 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

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jon 1:1-2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28
Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

Mass Intentions



10/6 MON - No Mass
 10/7 TUE - 5:00pm SM - Ron Willman
 10/8 WED - 8:00am SM - Louis Bal
 10/9 THUR - 8:00am SM - Clarence Castelaz
 10/10 FRI - 8:30am SM - Edward Bolek
 10/10 FRI - 11:00am SB - Memorial Mass for Ron Matonich
 10/11 SAT - 4:00pm SM - Charlotte & Edward Jasonowicz
 10/11 SAT - 6:00pm SB - Mary Corozolla
 10/12 SUN - 8:00am SB - For the People of St. Barbara and St. Mary Parishes
 10/12 SUN - 10:00am SM - Don Siegler and George Servia
 When there is a funeral, daily Mass will NOT be cancelled

What's happening this week:

10/5 Sun. 9:15-9:45am, Confession before 10am Mass, SM
 10/5 Sun. 10am-12:30pm, Faith Formation, 7th-11th grades
 10/5 Sun. 11am, Coffee Doughnut Social after Mass, SM
 10/6 Mon. 5:30pm, Women of SM Meeting, SM St. Joseph Cntr
 10/6 Mon. 6:00pm, SM Adult Choir Practice, SM Choir Loft
 10/7 Tue. ****PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**workshop-Marquette**
 10/7 Tue. 10am, AA Meeting in classroom, use St. Joseph Center entrance in parking lot
 10/7 Tue. 1:00pm, SB Women's League Meeting, SB Parish Hall
 10/8 Wed. 3:30-4:30pm, Faith Formation, 1st-6th Grades, SM
 10/8 Wed. 4:30-5:00pm, Children's Choir Practice, SM
 10/8 Wed. 6:00pm, Women's Book Club, St. Mary
 10/9 Thu. 6:30pm, OCIA Class
 10/10 Fri. 6:00am, Men's Prayer Group, St. Mary
 10/11 Sat. 11am-12pm, Confession/Eucharistic Adoration, SM

Vocational View - If today you hear God's voice harden not your hearts. Listen for the voice of God. Are you being called to be a priest or religious? (Psalm 95)

Spirit Lifters

Oct. 5th - An atheist cannot find God for the same reason that a thief cannot find a policeman.
 Oct. 6th - I will do my best and trust my Heavenly Father for the rest.
 Oct. 7th - Waste of time is the most extravagant and costly of all expenses.
 Oct. 8th - True obedience neither procrastinates nor questions.
 Oct. 9th - It requires moral courage, Christian maturity, And spiritual strength To show others our weakness.
 Oct. 10th - The man who pays an ounce of principle for a pound of popularity gets badly cheated.
 Oct. 11th - Love is like a bazaar. The admittance is free, but it costs you something before you get out.

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:

The Long Branch
 906-438-2377

St. Mary's

Collection - Sept. 28, 2025

Envelopes	\$3,899.00
Loose	342.00
School	70.00
U.P. Catholic News	50.00
Maintenance	82.00
Total:	\$4,443.00



St. Barbara's

Collection - Sept. 28, 2025

Envelopes & Holy Day	\$2,301.00
Loose	227.66
School	100.00
U.P. Catholic News	20.00
Christmas Flowers	115.00
All Soul's	15.00
Maintenance	106.00
Total:	\$2,884.66

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 family of **Loren Poquette** (Father of Kelly Casanova, Brother of Gail Cater). May his soul 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: Sharon Harder, Art Marcell, Joe Haferkorn, Gina Zanon, Missy Marcelini, Cathy Baciak, Richard Wetthuhn, Cathy Grenier, 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.

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 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 anytime during regular store hours, Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monetary donations may be mailed to St. Mary/St. Barbara Conference of SVDP located at 421 Main Street in Norway.

During **October** we would appreciate donations of **Hamburger Helper**, bar soap and **men's shampoo**. Thank you and be assured you are in our prayers with gratitude. God Bless!



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



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We will begin the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) classes on **Thursday, October 9th at 6:30 pm at St. Mary Parish** (at St. Joseph Center). The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults 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 those who are **not baptized** or **baptized in another Christian tradition** or for those **baptized, but have not received the sacraments of Penance, Confirmation and Eucharist**. If you or anyone whom you know would like to join this faith journey, please contact me by calling at 906-369-0028 or email at smuppara@hotmail.com. Anyone who wishes to learn more about the Catholic faith are also welcome to attend. Please keep me and all the people who are joining in this faith journey in your prayers.

I also welcome all the people who are leading and participating in the **Koinonia Retreat** which will be held at Holy Spirit Catholic School, Norway on **October 10-12, 2025**. May it help to know Jesus better, follow him closely and strengthen our fellowship.

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



Coffee Doughnut Social

Join us on **Sunday, October 5th** after the 10am Mass in St. Mary's Parish Hall. All are welcome!

The **WOMEN of ST. MARY** will meet in the **St. Joseph Center** at St. Mary on **Monday, October 6, at 5:30pm**.



St. Barbara's Women's League will meet on **Tuesday, October 7, at 1:00pm** in the Parish Hall. We encourage as many women as possible to attend since we will be finalizing our plans for the Hunters Bake Sale (our only major fund raiser). We hope to see you there! Thanks.



2025 AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE

Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother. Please join us in praying for our nation on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11th at 12 NOON**.

NORWAY, Viking Park, corner of US 2 and Main St.
Contact: Michelle Richards, 906-221-0012



Upper Peninsula Catholic Service Appeal (UPCSA) Update

St. Mary: 34% pledge cards have been returned
214 second letters sent
St. Barbara: 36% pledge cards have been returned
109 second letters sent

Our parish goals for this year, along with 100% parishioner participation, are:

St. Mary: \$40,253.00 / St. Barbara: \$23,554.00

We appreciate and thank you for your continued support and generosity!



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 September: **Ed & Charlotte Jasonowicz**

Food, Fellowship and Faith is back!

Join Father Abraham at St. Barbara Parish Hall on **Thursday, October 16th, 5:30pm** for a meal, followed by faith discussion. ALL are welcome.

Please sign up in the back of church so we know how much food to prepare. Thank you.



50-50 tickets to support the Holy Spirit Catholic School will be available in the vestibule after the Sunday 8am Masses at St. Barbara's and the 10am Masses at St. Mary's through the end of October. Tickets are \$10 each. You could win 10k, 4K, 3k, 2k & 1k! Remember to buy early and often! **IT'S FOR THE KIDS!**

Tickets are now available to purchase in the Parish Office.

KOINONIA RETREAT



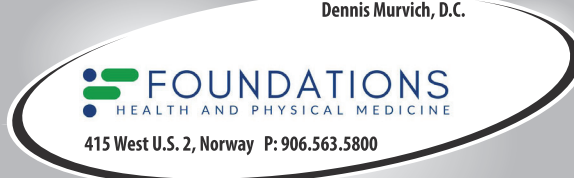
"An Encounter With Christ in Community"

Are you in need of a "Spiritual boost?" Does your life seem to be too busy? What is really the most important thing, in my daily life? All good questions that we should ask ourselves. Maybe, a Koinonia retreat can provide some answers, for you? These retreats are approved by your Bishop and you have probably heard your parish priest giving his approval. Attendees can be single or married. The time is coming up soon, **October 10 - 12, 2025**, at Holy Spirit Catholic School, Norway, MI. For your application or additional information, please contact your parish office, Scott Rybarczyk @ 906-396-4899, or Larry Neuens @715-589-3379. Hope to see you there and God Bless.



The Holy Rosary in devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus, will meet **Sunday, October 12th** at St. Mary Parish, after the 10am Mass

EXPOSITION OF THE RELICS ~ October 8, 2025 at 3:30pm
Immaculate Conception Parish, Iron Mountain
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