

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 11, 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

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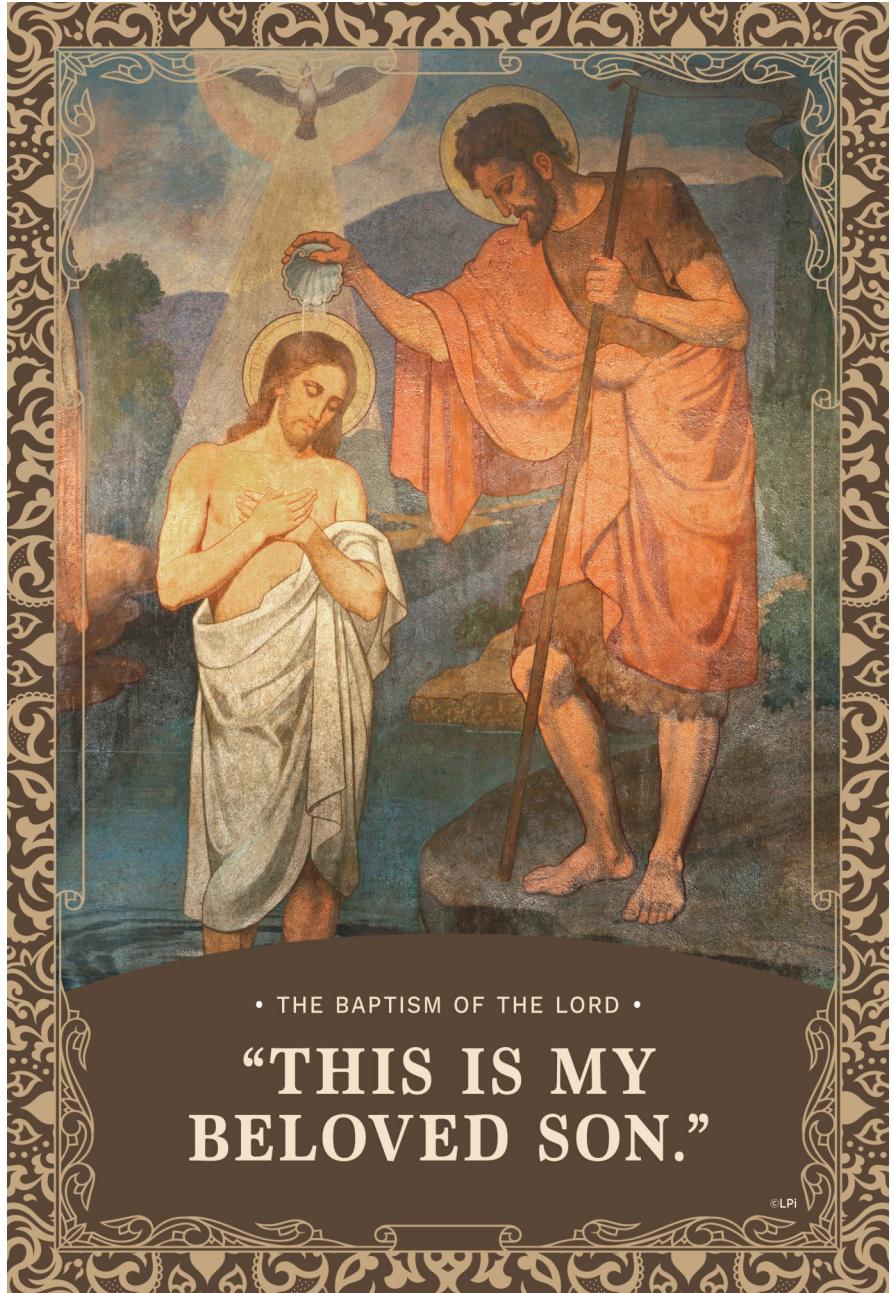
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• THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD •

**"THIS IS MY
BELOVED SON."**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17
Sunday:	Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/ Jn 1:29-34

Mass Intentions

1/12 MON - No Mass
 1/13 TUE - 5:00pm SM - Nick Burkland
 1/14 WED - 8:00am SM - Gabriella Cescolini
 1/15 THUR - 8:00am SB - Irene Solfanelli Opolka
 1/16 FRI - 8:30am SM - James & Andrew Neeck
 1/17 SAT - 4:00pm SM - Adeline & George DeRidder
 1/17 SAT - 6:00pm SB - For the People of St. Barbara and St. Mary Parishes
 1/18 SUN - 8:00am SB - Bruno and Donald Solda
 1/18 SUN - 10:00am SM - Benjamin Determan

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



St. Mary's

Collection - January 4, 2026

Envelopes & Holy Day	\$5,708.00
Loose	285.00
First Offering	879.00
Total:	\$6,872.00

A note from Fr. Abraham

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This weekend, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Lord's Baptism by John in the Jordan River. As Jesus emerges from the water, a voice is heard. That voice is that of God, the Father. He proclaims: "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." These are the words that were distinctly heard as Jesus emerged from the water after John had baptized Him. Who among us would not love to hear these words? To hear that we are beloved children of God would be enough to warm our hearts and shatter any darkness that may surround us.

Liturgically, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord brings the Christmas season to a close. It transitions us from the celebration of Jesus' birth to the contemplation of His mission and ministry. The readings and prayers of the day emphasize themes of renewal, purification, and the call to discipleship. The feast invites us to reflect on our own baptismal promises and the implications of being baptized into Christ.

As we celebrate this feast, let us recall the day of our own baptism and renew our pledge to live faithfully as a member of God's chosen people.

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. Barbara 50/50 Raffle Winners for December



\$25 - Nancy Gyselinck \$25 - Derald Harder
\$25 - Beth Sturm \$15 - Jerry Cieslak
\$15 - Ed Giesen

Norway High School Proudly Sponsors the
Norway Blood Drive - NHS Gym, Wednesday, January 14th, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



For an appointment go to RedCrossBlood.org and enter
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Blessing for Baptismal Graces

Dear God,

Through Baptism, You
called and claimed us as
Your own, chosen and loved.

Pour Your blessing upon us
as we remember our
Baptism.

Plant Your identity in our
hearts.

Help us to live as Your
beloved.

Amen.



The Holy Rosary in devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus, will meet **Sunday, January 11th** at St. Mary Parish, after the 10am Mass

St. Barbara Memorial

Each month we list in our Memorial Book the names of those in whose name Memorial gifts have been made to St. Barbara Church. They are remembered at our Masses on the second Sunday of each month. The names are inscribed in the St. Barbara Memorial Book, which is on display in the vestibule. Contact the parish office for more information. Inscribed for the month of DECEMBER:

Anton Opolka, Irene Solfanelli Opolka, Jerry DeBernardi



There is a small library of recommended books located in the entrances of both parishes. These were donated to be shared with everyone; therefore when you have completed reading a book, please return it so someone else may enjoy it. Thank you.



All are welcome in joining the Knights of Columbus to pray the Holy Rosary at Evergreen Meadows on Tuesday, January 13th at 5:45pm.

Please welcome to the Catholic family through the Sacrament of Baptism **Ellis Donald Nelson**, son of Greg and Lexi Nelson. May you and your family grow in the faith. Congratulations!



Join our Evangelization Training Group!

Beginning in late January

What? Twelve 90-minute sessions that will equip you with the heart and habits of mission. Each session has a Scripture reflection, formation video, group discussion, a habit to put into practice, and prayer.

Why? To grow in your prayer life, in Christ-centered community, and in practical skills to strengthen friendships, take friendships deeper, and help friends take next steps toward Jesus.

Who? The training is open to everyone who wants to be formed for mission. It will be led by Fr. Ryan Ford, with the support of Fr. Abraham.

When? The group will meet on a weeknight that works for participants.

Where? The group will meet at a comfortable location, either at the parish or in someone's home.

How? Let one of the people below know you're interested and give them your contact information. Fr. Ryan will call you, give you more information, and invite you to commit to the group:

- Fr. Ryan at rford@dioceseofmarquette.org or (906) 399-0553
- Fr. Abraham at smuppara@hotmail.com or (906) 369-0028
- Sharon Halloran at saintmary@norwaymi.com or (906) 563-9845

For more information: Visit yoopercatholic.org/evangelization



Ministry Opportunity: We are looking for volunteers to host our monthly Coffee Doughnut Social, the first Sunday of the month (excluding summer months). As a host, you would be responsible for getting the doughnuts (the church will pay for), set up and clean up. Please call the Parish Office if interested. Thank you.



Adoration Hour for the Unborn at Immaculate Conception Parish in Iron Mountain

We will have adoration from 6-7 pm on Thursday, January 22nd for prayers for the legal protection of the unborn. Please consider coming to pray for those who don't have a voice and have a right to life. There will be pizza and time to socialize in the parish hall following.

FREE REFRIGERATOR! St. Barbara's Women's League is in the process of purchasing a new refrigerator for our kitchen. We are offering our old commercial - size refrigerator at no cost to anyone who wants it and is willing to remove it from our kitchen. You may call Judy Ball at 563-9408 if you are interested.

The League will gladly accept DONATIONS toward the cost of the purchase of our new refrigerator. You may place your donation in an envelope with the word REFRIGERATOR and your name on it into the collection basket. Thank you for your help and thoughtfulness.

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.

~ *Someday history and the judgment of a just God will ask of our times: "Who spoke up for life?" Will you be able to say I did, Lord? Join pro-life today. ~*



Jesus shares the plight of us sinners, he descends into the river, and into the wounded history of humanity.

~ Pope Francis



St. Barbara Christmas Flowers 2025



Sigmund & Beatrice Zychowski, John Baciak, Sr.
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Baciak, Sr., Deceased Family Members of Frank &
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The Black and Indian Mission Collection exists to help local African American and Native American diocesan communities throughout the United States spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and respond to real and pressing needs. This collection advances causes important to native and African American Catholics. To learn more, visit blackandindianmission.org.

Catholic Home Missions (1/11/2026)

“Home Missions” is the name for dioceses and parishes in the United States, including its territories and former territories, which cannot provide basic pastoral services to Catholics without outside help. Basic pastoral services include Mass and sacraments, religious education, and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters, and lay people. For more information, visit usccb.org/committees/catholic-home-missions.

Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa (1/11/2026)

While the Church in Africa is growing, many still lack access to basic resources and pastoral care. Many suffer due to high rates of poverty and unemployment, illiteracy, and poor education. The Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa supports pastoral projects that foster lasting peace and reconciliation in a continent often marked by division and tension. To learn more about this ministry, visit usccb.org/committees/church-africa.

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith (1/11/2026)

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith is vital to the missionaries serving in 1,111 dioceses throughout Asia, Africa, parts of Latin America and Europe, and on the Islands of the Pacific. Your generosity makes it possible for local priests, religious, and catechists to reach out to communities, families, and children in desperate need, bringing the light of Christ to the darkest of circumstances covering more than half the globe.

For more information, visit onefamilyinmission.org.

Plan Ahead

Sunday, January 25th: American Legion Post 145 Breakfast, 8:00 to 11:30am

Sunday, January 25th-Saturday, January 31st: Catholic Schools Week

Sunday, February 1st: Coffee Doughnut Social after 11am Mass

Thursday, February 5th: Feeding America Mobile Food Pantry, 2:00pm

Wednesday, February 18th: Ash Wednesday

Friday, February 27th: Knights of Columbus Fish Fry



Hello... Did you change your home number, drop your land line, cell phone number, or change your address, and forget to let us know? Please contact the Parish Office to update your information. Thank you.



Please note: If you are an adult & no longer in college you will need to register in your own name, as you are no longer registered under your parents name in the church. Also, if you have been away for some time and have come back, and do not have envelopes or get church communications, you may need to re-register or update your information. Please contact Sharon (906-563-9845) in the parish office to check on your status. ~Thank you, it's nice to have you here.



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