

First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023

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"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time
will come." - Mk 13:33

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Saturday:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday:	Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Mass Intentions

12/04 MON - No Mass
 12/05 TUE - 5:00pm SM - Clyde and Estelle
 12/06 WED - 8:00am SM - Mae and Walter Johnson
 12/06 WED - 8:00am SM - John Radlinger, Sr.
 12/06 WED - 1:00pm at Evergreen Meadow - Ann Giuliani
 12/07 THUR - 6:00pm SB Imm. Conception Vigil - James Neeck
 12/08 FRI - 8:30am SM Immaculate Conception - James Neeck
 12/09 SAT - 4:00pm SM - Pat Falk
 12/09 SAT - 6:00pm SB - For the People of St. Barbara & St. Mary Parishes
 12/10 SUN - 8:00am SB - Paul Cieslak, Sr.
 12/10 SUN - 10:00am SM - Stanley & Emily Kocarek
 When there is a funeral, daily Mass will NOT be cancelled



WELCOME TO

ST. MARY & ST. BARBARA PARISHES

We are happy that you decided to worship with us. If you are visiting just for today, we pray that God will be with you on your journey. If you are seeking a church to be part of, we would be honored to welcome you into our parish community. If you are interested in joining our parish family, call the parish office at 906-563-9845 or email: saintmary@norwaymi.com

Vocational View - At the beginning of Advent, watch and wait; be attentive to the ways in which God comes into your life. Be willing to be surprised. (Mark 13:33-37)



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 Church. 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 **November** are:
Andrew Neeck, Floris Groeneveld, Anna Groeneveld, John Guzzanato, Eulalie Guzzanato, Rosemary & Ronald Raiche, John & Mary Servia, Louis & Stella Wangles, and John & Stella Dlugas

We officially sold out of tickets for the Holy Spirit Catholic School Raffle the day before Thanksgiving! Once again, we have much to be thankful for.

The drawing will be held Wednesday, December 6th at 6 pm. at the Thirsty Whale Bar & Grill in Norway. All are welcome to attend. We will also be doing a live feed on Facebook.

Thank you to every single person who sold, bought or prayed for another sellout year. What a great community we are blessed to live in. Thank you all again!

X Due to a scheduling conflict, the 12/14 Catechism of the Catholic Church class is cancelled. We will meet again on Thursday, 12/28 at 6pm.

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.

St. Mary's

Collection - November 26, 2023

Envelopes & Holy Day	\$3,372.00
Loose	173.00
All Soul's	5.00
School Support	10.00
Christmas Flowers	840.00
Maintenance	40.00
Total:	\$4,440.00

***Thank you for sharing your Time, Talent, and Treasure in Building God's Kingdom!**

St. Barbara's

Collection - November 26, 2023

Envelopes	\$2,242.50
Loose	162.00
School Support	40.00
Christmas Flowers	610.00
Maintenance	50.00
Total:	\$3,104.50

***Thank you for sharing your Time, Talent, and Treasure in Building God's Kingdom!**

THANK YOU
 for your generosity

and continuing to support your parish financially, either dropping your envelope in the collection basket at Mass or mailbox by the office door, mailing it in, using online banking or tried our new e-Giving option:

<https://giving.stmarybarbara.org/give>



Pray the Holy Rosary with the Knights of Columbus before the 10a.m. Mass on **Sunday, December 17th** at St. Mary's, starting at 9:30 a.m.

ST. BARBARA'S CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT

Calling all children from preschool age through high school to participate in our Christmas Pageant as we welcome our newborn King. The pageant will be held prior to the 6pm Christmas Eve Mass on Sunday, December 24th. We are in need of a Mary, a Joseph, a choir of angels, and a group of shepherds. We will have one practice- date yet to be determined. A sign up sheet will be available in the vestibule of the church. Come and help us share the true meaning of Christmas. Thank you.



The Knights of Columbus will meet on Tuesday, 12/12/23 at 7:00pm.



St. Mary Queen of Peace Church in Kingsford is looking for a **part-time (19 hours per week) Secretary**. Must be proficient in Publisher, Excel, Word, and the Web. For a full job description, you may stop at the parish office during business hours and request a copy, or to drop off a resume.

St. Mary's card sender is Rosemary Haepers - 563-5071
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PRAYER REQUESTS

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:

Larry Bolek, Barb Mendina, Paul Cieslak, Julie Badini, Barbara Grenier, Joe Roberts and David Solda

If you need prayers or would like to request prayers for someone else in next week's bulletin, please email or call the parish office, 906-563-9845.

St. Mary and St. Barbara Conference of SVDP

NORWAY SVDP PREPARES FOR THE HOLIDAYS

As we prepare our hearts and homes for the coming of the Christ Child during this wonderful season of giving, St. Mary and St. Barbara Conference continues to prepare for the needs of those less fortunate. This past fiscal year (Oct.1, 2022---September 30, 2023) we were able to provide over \$28,506 of assistance for utility bills, rent, prescriptions, food, shoes for back-to-school, and other necessities. In addition, we spent almost \$2,000 on additional conference and operating expenses. When necessary, we may also refer individuals to other agencies when their needs exceed what we are able to provide.

The Conference Office for assistance is available on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday from 9-11 a.m., or by special appointment if needed.

Monetary or food donations may be brought to us at any time, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

During December, we will be in need of general household cleaning supplies such as bleach, surface cleaners, or toilet bowl cleaner.

We are truly appreciative of the ongoing monetary or pantry donations which have made such a difference in the lives of so many people and hope your continued generosity and prayers will help to provide for those in need.

Thank you and be assured you are in our prayers. May the Infant Jesus smile down on you and your loved ones during this Blessed Christmas Season. God Bless!



Every Saturday from 7-8am, St. Joseph's Mens Group meets, in the basement hall of St. Mary & St. Joseph Church. All men from our parishes are invited to attend. Catholic books, scripture, faith filled topics, videos and scripture are discussed. Email scott.pancheri@gmail.com or just show up if interested.

Women of St. Mary Christmas Cookie Ministry



The women of St. Mary's will be coordinating a Cookie Ministry whereby small packages of homemade Christmas cookies will be delivered to our parishioners in assisted living facilities, nursing homes and others who might need a little holiday joy due to recent circumstances in their lives.

We ask that all ladies of both parishes who are able to bake please provide **2-3 dozen (or more) homemade Christmas cookies (please no bars)** for use in these packages.

Cookies will be packaged **starting at 4pm on Monday, December 11th**. Please drop your cookies off in the church hall anytime that day. If you would like to assist us in packaging them, please feel free to join us!

What's happening this week:

12/3 Sun. 12:30pm, Koinonia Gathering, St. Mary Parish Hall
12/3 Sun. 3:00pm, Penance Service at St. Mary
12/3 Sun. 6:00pm, Ecumenical Advent Concert, St. Mary
12/5 Tue. 10:00am, AA Meeting in classroom, use St. Joseph Center entrance in parking lot
12/5 Tues. Noon, St. Barbara's Women's League Party
12/5 Tue. 5:30pm Women of St. Mary Meeting
12/6 Wed. 3-4:30pm, 1st-4th grade Faith Formation, SM
12/6 Wed. 4:30-5pm, Youth Choir practice, SM
12/6 Wed. 6-7pm, 5th-8th grade Faith Formation, SM
12/7 Thur. 2:00pm, Feeding America Food Distribution
12/8 Fri. 6-6:45am, Men's Prayer Group, St. Mary
12/9 Sat. 7-8am, St. Joseph's Men's Group in Iron Mountain
12/9 Sat. 11:00am-Noon, Confessions at St. Mary

Holy Day: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Times

Thursday, December 7th at 6pm, St. Barbara

Friday, December 8th at 8:30am, St. Mary



St. Barbara's Women's League CHRISTMAS PARTY

will take place on Tuesday, December 5, Noon at Mike's on Main. We will be ordering off of the menu. Don't forget to sign up in the vestibule of the church or the side entrance. We are looking forward to a great turnout. See you there!

Area Advent Penance Service Schedule

Sunday, Dec. 3rd @3pm - St. Mary's, Norway

Sunday, Dec. 1th @4pm - St. Cecilia's, Caspian

Thursday, Dec. 14th @6pm - St. Mary & St. Joseph, Iron Mt

Sunday, Dec. 17th @3pm - St. Mary Queen of Peace, Knsfrd

Wednesday, Dec. 20th @6pm - St. Rose, Channing

Thursday, Dec. 21st @6pm - Guardian Angels, Crystal Falls

Volunteers for the Feeding America Mobile

Food Pantry are needed for unpacking and distribution. **Thursday, December 7th** at the Grace United Methodist/Bethany Lutheran Facility. Please arrive at 2pm to assist. **Thank you.**



The Women of St. Mary will meet on Tuesday, 12/5 at 5:30pm.



NORWAY ECUMENICAL ADVENT CONCERT

SUNDAY, December 3rd at 6:00pm,

St. Mary Church

This is a time we come together to enjoy the wonderful voices in our community. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

******Holy Spirit Catholic School will be selling Saykly's Christmas Chocolates before and after the concert.******

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