

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.



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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: 9:30-9:45am, before 10:00am Mass

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

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9:00am-4:00pm

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SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MOVED

WITH COMPASSION.

— MATTHEW 18:27 —



WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14/Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

MASS INTENTIONS

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

9/15 TUE - 5:00pm SM - Chester & Elsie Arnoldi
 9/16 WED - 8:00am SM - Thomas Couch
 9/17 THUR - 8:00am SB - Henry & Stella Bal
 9/18 FRI - 8:30am SM - Lenore Waeghe
 9/19 SAT - 4:00pm SM - George Servia
 9/19 SAT - 6:00pm SB - Alvina Tomasi
 9/20 SUN - 8:00am SB - Joseph & Catherine Driedric
 9/20 SUN - 10:00am SM - For the People of St. Mary and St. Barbara Parishes

****Please join in praying the rosary 30 minutes before Mass.***



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: **Grace Gurgall, Mary Hoheisel, Michael Dapoz, Kindy Gingrass, Bob Chartre and Duane Lombardini.** If you need continued prayers or would like to request prayers for someone else, please email or call the parish office.



ST. BARBARA MEMORIAL | MONTH OF AUGUST

Each month we list in our Memorial Book the names of those in whose name Memorial gifts have been made to St. Barbara Parish. They are remembered at our Masses on the second Sunday of each month for one year. 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 AUGUST: **Patricia Heisenfeldt**



A NOTE FROM FATHER ABRAHAM

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Warm Welcome: Let us give a warm welcome to Rev. Sisters who will be teaching at Holy Spirit and Bishop Baraga schools. They will be staying at St. Barbara Parish Rectory and let us help them to feel at home. I thank all who helped to make the rectory a home for the sisters. We are truly blessed because of you.

UPCSA: Thank you to all families who have responded to the U.P. Catholic Services Appeal. If you have not yet made your pledge, it is not too late. Please spend some time in prayer and ask the Lord how He is calling you to join in the mission with gifts of time, talent, and treasure. The pledge envelope can be placed in the collection basket, brought to the parish office, or mailed to the parish office. Thank you for your generosity.

Faith Formation: Next Sunday is Catechetical Sunday and we officially begin our Faith Formation for the year 2026-2027. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me... to bring good news to the poor" is the theme for this year.

Faith Formation is important for Catholic children for several reasons. Faith formation is about nurturing a child's spiritual, moral, and ethical development, guiding them to live according to the teachings of Jesus, and preparing them to be active, compassionate, and informed members of the Church and society. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) highlights the essential role of parents as the primary educators of their children in matters of faith (CCC 2221-2226) and that parents should begin education in the faith in the child's earliest years. This is a lot of responsibility; faith formation classes can help you. **I invite and encourage all parents to register their child/children in our Faith Formation Program** and help them grow in Faith, Hope, and Charity.

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



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

Noon - 3pm: Carmelite Fall Festival

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

6pm: SM Adult Choir Practice

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th

10am: AA Meeting, SM St. Joseph Center
entrance in parking lot

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

6pm: Finance Council Meeting, SM

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

6am: Men's Prayer Group, SM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

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

St. Barbara's Women's League will meet on Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 29, at 1:00 PM in the Parish Hall. This meeting is in place of the regular October meeting. We may have a meeting later in October if necessary to work on plans for the Hunter's Bake Sale. All women of the parish are invited and encouraged to attend on September 29. See you then.



Sanctuary Lamp Intention

Week of Sept 13th - 19th

Saint Mary:

Bob Johnson

Saint Barbara:

Len & Arlene Trudeau

60th Wedding Anniversary



NEW! Caridomini High School Youth Group Website: caridomini.com

SCHEDULE

The **Ministry Schedule** has been sent.

If you did not receive your copy, please call the Parish Office. You may also view the schedule on our website.

St. Mary's Collection SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

Envelopes & Holy Day	\$5,650.00
Loose	270.05
Youth Activity & School	245.00
U.P. Catholic News	25.00
Maintenance	20.00
Total:	\$6,210.05

St. Barbara's Collection SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

Envelopes	\$1,996.00
Loose	212.00
School	205.00
Maintenance & U.P. Catholic	250.00
Total:	\$2,663.00

Thank you for sharing your time, talents and treasure in building God's Kingdom.
<https://giving.stmarybarbara.org/give>

SPECIAL EVENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH & ADULT CHOIR NEWS

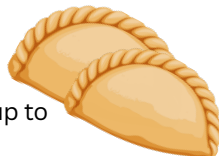
Adult Choir rehearsals are on Monday's at 6:00 p.m. **Children's Choir, open to students in 3rd-11th grade, will begin rehearsals on September 30 from 4:30-5:00 p.m.**, with children singing at Mass on the 3rd Sunday of each month. All rehearsals will be held in the Choir Loft at St. Mary's.

HSCS 50-50 RAFFLE TICKET SALES

Feeling Lucky? There's still time to buy a 50-50 raffle ticket to support the Holy Spirit School! Top winner is \$10,000. We give away a total of \$20,000. This is our seventh year and we've sold out every year. Tickets are \$20 each. Contact Paula Land 906-458-8847 or purchase tickets from the Parish Office. We thank you in advance for your support!

HSCS PASTY SALE | OCTOBER 3RD

Call the Holy Spirit Catholic School Office **now** to order before the cutoff. And don't forget to sign up to volunteer as well!



VOCATIONAL VIEW

We neither live nor die as ruler of our own lives. That is a scary, but freeing, thought. What does God free us from? What does God free us for? (Romans 14:7-9)

DID YOU RECEIVE YOUR UPCA LETTER?

Please review the materials that we provided and prayerfully consider your response. Return your pledge card from this mailing as soon as you can to the parish office. Using the pledge card in this mailing helps our parish in several ways: 1) advance gifts help us meet our goal sooner, and 2) it helps us to process your pledge faster because the pre-printed card is easy to read. Please drop off your pledge card in the Sunday collection, at the parish office or mail it to the parish office.

GENERAL UPDATES & REMINDERS

ST. BARBARA 50/50 RAFFLE WINNERS

\$25 Larry Jensen	\$25 Neil Meneghini
\$25 Mary Kay Zanoni	\$25 Pat & Steve Spera
\$25 Derald Harder	\$25 Don Curran



RESCHEDULE FALL FAMILY FUNDAY - RESCHEDULED

The Fall Family Fun Day **will not be** in September. We are planning for a parish wide event at a later date.

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.

SEPTEMBER PANTRY NEEDS:

- Chicken Broth
- Ladies & Men Shampoo



FOCUS ON LIFE | BENEFIT DINNER

September 28, 2026, Knights of Columbus Hall, Kingsford, MI
Doors Open at 5:30pm ~ Dinner & Program at 6:00pm
Guest Speaker, Carrie Hutchinson
\$25 Individual / \$200 Table of 8



MEN'S RETREAT | COMING DECEMBER 2026

December 4-6, 2026

Fortune Lake Retreat Center, Crystal Falls, MI

"Out of the Cave: From Isolation to Influence"

| 1 Kings 19:11-13

Led by: Fr. Ryan Ford

For Men 18+ who want to grow spiritually, connect with others, enjoy rest, and pray.

Cost: \$150 (pay as able)

Register now at: <https://yoopercatholic.org/wise-men>



FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Registration is now open for the upcoming Faith Formation year for students in Grades 1-11. Please contact Jen Murvich at faithformation1878@gmail.com for a registration form.

SPIRITUAL LIFTERS

Sept. 13th - Good, better, best; never let it rest till your good is better and your better is best.

Sept. 14th - Help me overlook others faults in the hope that they will overlook mine.

Sept. 15th - ...We know that he hears us in whatever we ask. I John 5:14

Sept. 16th - The Christian faith is never a guarantee against trouble, but it is a guarantee against defeat when trouble comes.

Sept. 17th - He that will not command his thoughts will soon lose command of his actions.

Sept. 18th - the world has weary hearts That we may bless and cheer, And a smile for every day Makes sunshine all the year.

Sept. 19th - If you find it hard to say, "Thank you," make up your mind that there is something wrong with you.

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.



ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA) CLASSES BEGIN IN OCTOBER

A faith journey for those desiring to enter the Catholic Church or for those who wish to complete their initiation into the Church. If you would like to join, please contact Fr. Abraham at 906-369-0028 or smuppara@hotmail.com.

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:

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC SCHOOL
906.563.8817

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.

Dear Saint Mary and Saint Barbara Parishioners,

Holy Spirit Catholic School's 2026-2027 school year is off to a wonderful start! We are blessed to have grades K-8 this year.

Just this week, three teaching Sisters from the religious order Sisters of the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (SABS) arrived from their motherhouse in Kenya with their Provincial Superior, Sr. Mercy. Sr. Angel will be joining us at Holy Spirit as our religion and part-time kindergarten teacher, while Sr. Therese will be teaching religion at Bishop Baraga Catholic School in Iron Mountain. The two schools will share Sr. Sharon, who will teach art and music. Sr. Mercy will stay two weeks, until our new teachers are acclimated, before heading back to Kenya.

Our new sisters arrived in the United States on Tuesday and stayed at their SABS sisters' house in Milwaukee before driving to Vulcan on Thursday. On Friday, they traveled to Marquette to meet the bishop and take in some beautiful Upper Peninsula scenery. Next, they had their first Mass on Saturday, followed by the blessing of their chapel and residence, and enjoyed a catered luncheon.

The Sisters will reside at the rectory at St. Barbara Parish. Because it was last updated when Fr. Bill Calari lived there, it was time for some much-needed renovations.

Several of our parishioners, along with others from Immaculate Conception, spent countless hours working together to clean, paint, repair, furnish, stock, and decorate the rectory. Immaculate Conception Parish provided living room furniture and new mattresses, pillows, and sheets. St. Mary & St. Joseph Parish donated the altar for their small chapel (a required part of their residence). Fr. Ryan Ford and Fr. Dustin Larson donated a tabernacle, monstrance, sanctuary lamp, crucifix, and candlesticks. An Amazon wish list to provide household essentials was set up and is already complete. Other items have been donated or purchased by anonymous donors from our two parishes. The cost to repair a car, donated from Catholic Social Services for the Sisters, will be paid for by Queen of Peace and American Martyrs Parishes.

As part of the needed upgrades, we purchased a new refrigerator, had the carpets professionally cleaned, and installed new blinds and curtains. If you would like to donate money to help our parishes cover these expenses, we would greatly appreciate it.

As the sisters teach at our schools, please pray that they will acclimate easily and feel at home. Their teaching experience, culture, and joy in serving the Lord will be a priceless part of our children's education.

Many Blessings,

Cathy Menghini



Welcome to Our New Sisters in the Renovated Rectory!



Holy Spirit Catholic School Fall 2026



Walking back to school from our first Mass of the year



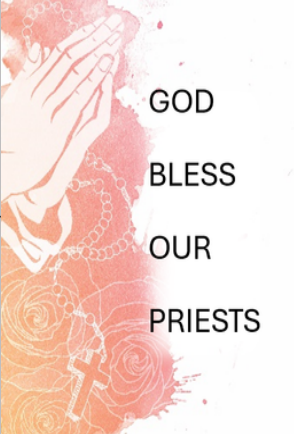
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