

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.

YOU ARE
Welcome Here

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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, with Adoration

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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OCTOBER 11, 2026

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

COME
TO THE FEAST.

MATTHEW 22:4



Weekly Readings



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 11:29-32	Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48/Lk 11:37-41	Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:42-46	Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 11:47-54	Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13/Lk 12:1-7	Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 12:8-12	Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

MASS INTENTIONS

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

10/12 MON - 11:00am SM - Memorial Mass for Loretta Schultz
 10/13 TUE - 11:00am SM - Memorial Mass for Gerald Gauthier
 10/13 TUE - 5:00pm SM - John Pieropon
 10/14 WED - 8:00am SM - Clarence Castelaz
 10/14 WED - 11:00am SM - Funeral Mass for Mary Jean (Marchetti) Bacon
 10/15 THUR - 8:00am SB - MaryAnn Bronzyk
 10/16 FRI - 8:30am SM - Jean & Paul Wilcenski
 10/17 SAT - 4:00pm SM - William VanPeymbroek
 10/17 SAT - 6:00pm SB - For the People of St. Barbara and St. Mary Parishes
 10/18 SUN - 8:00am SB - Betty Morstad
 10/18 SUN - 10:00am SM - Mary Glanville

****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: **Mary Pontbriand, Richard LaValley, Russell Whitens, Theresa DeGroot, Grace Gurgall, 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 SEPTEMBER

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 SEPTEMBER:

Jim & Judy Ritzenhein, Barbara (Marchetti) DeSchepper, Teresa Moraska



A NOTE FROM FATHER ABRAHAM

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The month of October is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary under her title, Our Lady of the Rosary. Praying the Rosary is a beautiful way to grow closer to Christ and to unite families in prayer.

During his recent visit to Lourdes, Pope Leo invited all the people to pray the rosary. Just as the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to St. Bernadette in the Grotto of Lourdes with a Rosary and guided her in prayer, the Pope said he hopes all Christians will pray the Rosary especially during the month of October.

He called for them to pray the Rosary "with the particular intention that wars may cease and that peace may be established among peoples in conflict."

"With the Rosary, the Christian people sits at the school of Mary and are led to contemplate the beauty on the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love. Through the Rosary the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer." (Saint John Paul II)

As we honor Mary during this special month, may the Rosary draw us closer to her Son and strengthen our faith, hope, and love in our daily lives. Please consider joining in praying the rosary 30 minutes before the Mass. 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, OCTOBER 11TH

9:30-9:45am: Confession, SM

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12TH

6pm: SM Adult Choir Practice

8pm: Adoration for Cari Domini at I.C.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

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

5:45pm: K of C Rosary at Evergreen

6pm: Women's Book Club at SM

7pm: Knights of Columbus Meeting

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

3:30-4:30pm: Faith Formation, Grades 1-6

4:30-5:00pm: Youth Choir Practice, SM

5:30pm: Food, Fellowship & Faith with Faith Formation, Grades 7-11

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15TH

OCIA Classes Begin

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16TH

6am: Men's Prayer Group, SM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17TH

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

7pm: Cari Domini Youth Group (Visit caridomini.com to learn more)

Sanctuary Lamp Intention
 Week of Oct 11TH - 17TH

Saint Mary:
Ann & Jen Hicks

Saint Barbara:
Our beloved Religious Sisters



St. Mary's Collection OCTOBER 4TH, 2026

Envelopes	\$4,599.00
Loose	185.00
School Support	20.00
Maintenance	45.00
Total:	\$4,849.00

St. Barbara's Collection OCTOBER 4TH, 2026

Envelopes	\$2,709.00
Loose	207.50
U.P. Catholic News	20.00
Maintenance & School	120.00
Total:	\$3,056.50

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>

SPECIAL EVENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOOD, FELLOWSHIP & FAITH IS BACK

Join Father Abraham at St. Mary Parish Hall on Wednesday, **October 14 at 5:30pm**. Everyone is invited to join. Please sign up in the back of the church so we know how much food to prepare. All Faith Formation students grades 7-11 are required to attend (instead of class). Bring your families!

ST. BARBARA 50/50 RAFFLE WINNERS

SEPTEMBER

\$25	Beth Sturm	\$25	Dave Ivey
\$25	Dante Mendina	\$25	Austin Moraska
\$15	Paula Land	\$15	Rutta Zanon



MEETING

ST. BARBARA WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEETING

St. Barbara's Women's League will meet on **Tuesday, OCTOBER 27**. We will not have a formal meeting in November because of Bake Sale preparations and the parish hall will be in use by Norway Township. We hope to see you in October.



SAINT MARY LANDSCAPE CARETAKER NEEDED

If you like working outdoors with plants, flowers and shrubs, please consider this volunteer ministry opportunity. This can be an individual or shared responsibility. If you are interested, please contact Father Abraham, 906-369-0028.



JOIN THE MINISTRY TEAM

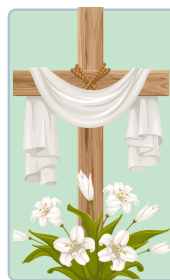
If you'd like to serve in ministry, we'd love to help you find the right place. Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister, Server and/or Lector. Please call the Parish Office to sign up. Thank you!



VOCATIONAL VIEW



The Lord is the shepherd who calls. Pray for an increase in vocations to priesthood and religious life. (Psalm 23)



Saint Mary and Saint Barbara Parish Families extend their sympathy to the family of **Richard Wetthuhn** (Father of Jan Cayemberg). May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. AMEN

SPIRITUAL LIFTERS

Oct. 11th - Love is like a bazaar. The admittance is free, but it costs you something before you get out.

Oct. 12th - The rich and poor gather together, the Lord is the maker of them all.

Oct. 13th - To lose your wealth is much, To lose your health is more, To lose your souls is such a loss that nothing can restore!

Oct. 14th - The preacher does better when you are there; 'Tis hard to preach to an empty chair.

Oct. 15th - Contentment consists not in great wealth, but in few wants.

Oct. 16th - Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see The distant scene, One step enough for me!

Oct. 17th - Don't walk before me I may not follow. Don't walk behind me I may not lead. Just walk beside me And be my friend.

GENERAL UPDATES & REMINDERS

PLEASE RETURN YOUR UPCSA PLEDGE CARDS

Thank you to everyone who turned in a pledge card! If you have not already done so, please complete and return your pledge card. Your help is needed. Second mailings have been sent.

St. Mary Parish Goal: **\$43,215.14** (increase of \$2,962.16 from 2025)
St. Barbara Parish Goal: **\$24,642.54** (increase of \$1,088.40 from 2025)

THANK YOU

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.

OCTOBER PANTRY NEEDS:

- Stuffing Mix
- Men's Shampoo
- Flour



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 OCTOBER 15th!

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:

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BULLETIN DEADLINE: Please have all bulletin announcements to St. Mary Parish Office by **MONDAY AT NOON**. Announcements need to be typed, emailed or written out. Thank you.

CARI DOMINI

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Join
Us!

Next Youth Group Event: October 17th @ 7pm

Visit caridomini.com to learn more



American Martyrs Fall Festival

American Martyrs in Kingsford will host their annual Fall Festival on **Sunday, October 18th**. The Fall Festival will feature their famous chicken dinner with all the trimmings. Dinner will be served from 11am - 1pm and again from 4pm - 6pm.



Youth Encounter Weekend

The Youth Encounter retreat weekends are **Nov. 6-8 and March 12-14** at Immaculate Conception parish in Iron Mountain. High school students are invited to this discipleship weekend led by their peers. Info and registration at yoopercatholic.org/youthencounter.



HSCS 50/50 Raffle Tickets

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 to purchase tickets. We thank you in advance for your support!

HUNTERS' Bake Sale AND MORE

St. Barbara's Parish Hall, Vulcan

November 12-14

9:00am - 4:00pm

featured items include:

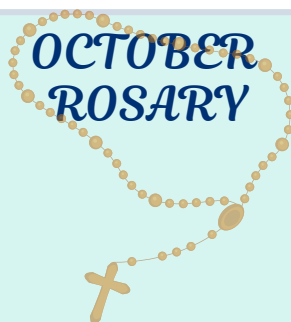
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- home baked goodies
- home canned items
- our famous polenta

*fresh bakery available daily



come try your **luck** in our **raffles**

sponsored by the St. Barbara's Women's League - proceeds to support community outreach opportunities



Please join us every Thursday for the month of October at 7:00p.m. at St. Mary & St. Joseph Parish (Iron Mountain) for Exposition, Rosary, Litany, Benediction along with confessions.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

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JEREMIAH 29:11



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TO NATURAL END



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Dr. Kristi Olson

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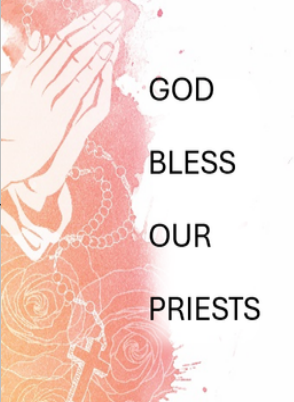
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