

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.

February 15, 2026

Pastor

Fr. Abraham Mupparathara MCBS

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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

Website: www.stmarybarbara.org

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6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors,
Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all
that you vow.” - Mt 5:33

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

Mass Intentions

2/16 MON - No Mass
 2/17 TUE - 5:00pm SM - Nancy Bal
ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES
 2/18 WED - 8:00am SM - Frank & Agnes Kos
 2/18 WED - 6:00pm SB - Judy Opolka
 2/19 THUR - 8:00am SB - Anton Opolka
 2/20 FRI - 8:30am SM - Gabriella Cescolini
 2/21 SAT - 4:00pm SM - Lenore Waeghe
 2/21 SAT - 6:00pm SB - For the People of St. Barbara and
 St. Mary Parishes
 2/22 SUN - 8:00am SB - John & Bernice Simonetti
 2/22 SUN - 10:00am SM - Mary Glanville
When there is a funeral, daily Mass will NOT be cancelled



St. Mary's

Collection - February 8, 2026

Envelopes	\$4,178.50
Loose	138.00
School Support	20.00
Easter Flowers	20.00
U.P. Catholic News	445.50
Fuel/Utility	175.00
Maintenance	40.00
Total:	\$5,017.00

Diocesan Collection \$20.00

St. Barbara's

Collection - February 8, 2026

Envelopes	\$2,377.00
Loose	154.00
Flowers	90.00
First Offering	20.00
U.P. Catholic News	398.00
Fuel/Utility	45.00
Total:	\$3,084.00

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>



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: Jerry Gauthier, Jon Schwamlien, Peter Kivisarri, Mary Margaret Zanoni, Sue Gedvick, Bill Falk, Stephen Amond, Chloe Conery, Mike Opolka, Bob Chartre, Missy Marcelini, Peyton & Paisley Pietrantonio, David Hoheisel, Sharon Harder, Joe Haferkorn, Gina Zanon and Ginger Moore. If you need continued prayers or would like to request prayers for someone else, please email or call the parish office.

What's happening this week:

2/15 Sun. 9:15-9:45am, Confession before Mass, St. Mary
 2/15 Sun. 11:30am-1:00pm, Valentine Party, HSCS
 2/15 Sun. 1:00PM, Koinonia Potluck Gathering, St. Mary
 2/16 Mon. 6:00pm, St. Mary Adult Choir Practice
 2/16 Mon. 6:30pm, Evangelization Training Class, SM Parish Hall
 2/17 Tue. 10am, AA Meeting in classroom, use St. Joseph Center entrance in parking lot
 2/17 Tue. 4:30-4:50pm, Confession before Mass, St. Mary
 2/18 Wed. 3:20-4:30pm, Faith Formation 1st-6th grades
 2/18 Wed. 4:30-5:00pm, Children's Choir Practice
 2/19 Thu. 8am, Stations of the Cross after daily Mass, SB
 2/19 Thu. 6:30pm, OCIA, St. Mary's St. Joseph Center
 2/20 Fri. 6:00am, Men's Prayer Group, St. Mary
 2/21 Sat. 11am-12pm, Confession/Eucharistic Adoration, SM

Vocational View: The Lord has a plan for each one of us; we have the ability to say yes or no. Don't be afraid to say yes if the Lord is calling you to priesthood or religious life. (1 Corinthians 2:6-10)

Spirit Lifters

Feb. 15th - "I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do or any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature, let me know it now...for I shall not pass this way again."
Feb. 16th - Let each day be your masterpiece.
Feb. 17th - there is no greater invitation to love than in loving first.
Feb. 18th - Some people have strong will power, and some have strong won't power.
Feb. 19th - The smallest good deed is better than the grandest good intention.
Feb. 20th - It is a great experience to walk where Jesus walked, but it is better to walk like Jesus walked.
Feb. 21st - Real love begins where nothing is expected in return.

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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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 etc. 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 during regular store hours, Monday through Friday, 9am-3:30pm. Monetary donations may also be mailed to St. Mary/St. Barbara Conference of SVDP at 421 Main Street, Norway, MI.

During **February** we would appreciate donations of: **Hamburger Helper, cake mixes or canned tomatoes.**

Thank you and be assured you are in our prayers with gratitude. God Bless!

Lenten Penance Service

Sunday, March 8th at 3:00pm, St. Mary, Norway
 Sunday, March 15th at 3:00pm, St. Mary Queen of Peace, Kingsford
 Friday, March 27th at 6:15pm, Immaculate Conception Parish, Iron Mountain

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 Father Abraham

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We begin Lent on Ash Wednesday. Lent is a 40-day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully.

The purpose of Lent is not merely to engage in these practices for the sake of themselves. Lent is about fostering ongoing conversion and renewal of our life in Christ. It is a means of preparation for the celebration of Easter, and it is a means of preparing for the Paschal feast of heaven.

We, as Catholics are asked to observe certain practices:

- Fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- Receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday.
- Abstaining from meat on Fridays.

During Lent, there are many ways to take up the challenge of prayer. Many people commit to attending Mass more frequently (perhaps attending daily Mass) and joining the devotional practices such as the Stations of the Cross and eucharistic exposition and adoration.

The journey of Lent provides an opportunity to walk more closely with Jesus. In our lifting up, giving up, and taking up, may we be vigilant in our sacrifices and strong in resisting temptation, and so get all the more "caught up" in the love of God through his Son's cross and resurrection.

May God continue to bless our parishes, families, friends and the community and may He keep all of us in His loving care. Wishing you all a Blessed Lent.

With love and prayers,
Fr. Abraham, MCBS



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

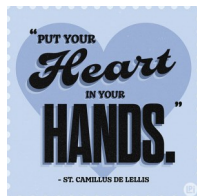
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Saint Mary: Wednesdays after the 8:00am Mass

Saint Barbara: Thursdays after the 8:00am Mass

Blessing of Love

Heavenly Father, Ignite us with Your love. Reveal to us Your will, guide us in Your path. Pour Your blessings upon us, You who are the giver of every good thing. Help us to live, work, act, and speak in ways that bring honor and glory to You. Amen.



BULLETIN DEADLINE: Please have all bulletin announcements to St. Mary Parish Office by Tuesday at 12 Noon. Announcements need to be typed, emailed or written out. Thank you.

St. Valentine Party

Sunday, February 15, 11:30am - 1:00pm
Holy Spirit Catholic School

Lunch: Hot dogs, Coney dogs, Sloppy Joe, Mac & Cheese, Chips & Valentine cupcakes
Games & Prizes led by the Youth Group
Relic of St. Valentine and special opportunity to make a 3rd class relic.
A joyful celebration for the whole family!

American Legion Post 145 will be hosting an all you can eat breakfast, Sunday, Feb. 22, from 8:00 to 11:30 a.m. Menu includes eggs, sausage, pancakes, french toast, hash brown potatoes, toast, fruit salad, coffee, milk and juice. **Cost is \$10.00 per person** with children 6 and under free. Everyone is welcome. Post is located at 612 Main Street, Norway



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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14th Annual Fundraiser

FRIDAY NIGHT FISH FRY

February 27th

Norway Saint Mary's Hall

DINNER SERVED FROM 4:30 PM TO 7:00 PM

Dine in or carry out

Choice of baked or batter fried cod

Choice of baked potato or French fries

Fish dinners include roll and coleslaw

Cheese ravioli dinner with Salad and garlic bread

½ order for kids 12 and under \$10.00

½ pound of cod or ravioli regular meal \$15.00

Double order – 1 pound of cod or double ravioli \$20.00

Coffee, milk, Kool-Aid and dessert come with the dinner served at St. Mary's.
BEER AND SODA WILL BE AVAILABLE

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE BACK OF CHURCH AT SAINT MARY'S NORWAY AND SAINT BARBARA'S VULCAN OR AT THE DOOR THE NIGHT OF THE DINNER!

THE PSYCHOLOGY OF AUTHENTIC DETACHMENT FOR LENT - Join Dr. Patrick Richardson February 19th at 6:30pm at St. Mary & St. Joseph Parish, Iron Mountain, downstairs in the Parish Hall. This inspiring Lenten talk will explore how psychological insights into healthy, secure relationships can actually deepen true spiritual detachment, and help our Lenten journey to build stronger, more loving bonds with God and one another.

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