

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

Office Contact Details

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday
9:00am-4:00pm

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SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LOOSED IN HEAVEN.

— MATTHEW 18:18 —



WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/ Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49

Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

MASS INTENTIONS

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

9/8 TUE - 5:00pm SM - Nazereno, Dorothy & Michael Tinti
 9/9 WED - 8:00am SM - Stanley & Emily Kocurek
 9/10 THUR - 8:00am SB - Barbarba Marchetti DeSchepper
 9/10 THUR - 11:00am SM - **Memorial Mass for Carol Gauthier**
 9/11 FRI - 8:30am SM - Ron Arnoldi
 9/12 SAT - 4:00pm SM - Floris & Violet DeGroot
 9/12 SAT - 6:00pm SB - Edward Jasonowicz
 9/13 SUN - 8:00am SB - Betty Morstad
 9/13 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: **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 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 AUGUST: **John Degnan, Matt August, Mark Mortier, Darlene (Mortier) Domres**

A NOTE FROM FATHER ABRAHAM

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

First of all, I thank you for your prayers. I had a safe journey and great time with my mom, family, and friends. My mom was so happy to see me. She says 'thank you' to all of you and shares her love and prayers with you.

During my visit I was able to celebrate my mom's 93rd birthday and to bless the wedding of my niece. My mom's sister, who was 103 years old, passed away and I was able to participate in her funeral liturgy. I was able to visit some of my friends whom I have not met for the last 40 years. The days went by so fast, and I enjoyed every moment of it.

Let me also thank our visiting priests who ministered our parishes while I was gone: Fr. Peter, Fr. Mark, Fr. Ryan and Fr. Daniel. Thank you.

I missed all of you and I am glad to be back to our parishes and serve you. 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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH

Parish office closed. Have a bless & safe Labor Day



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th

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

5:45pm: K of C Rosary at Evergreen

7pm: Knights of Columbus Meeting, St. Joseph Center



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

6am: Men's Prayer Group, SM

9am - 3pm: Eucharistic Adoration, SM

Before Noon: Bring Carmelite Festival Baked goods to SM or SB Parish Halls

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

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

Noon - 3pm: Carmelite Fall Festival

Noon - 4pm: Day of Reflection Celebrating Bishop Baraga, Escanaba

Cari Domini Bonfire & Backyard Football

Sanctuary Lamp Intention
 Week of Sept 6th - 12th

Saint Mary:
David Hoheisel

Saint Barbara:
Ron Matonich



MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT JULY 2026

St. Mary's Summary Report for July 2026

Total Receipts:	\$ 34,477.32
Total Expenses:	\$ 28,521.21
Receipts Over (Under) Expenses:	\$ 5,956.11

St. Barbara's Summary Report for July 2026

Total Receipts:	\$ 12,821.07
Total Expenses:	\$ 16,166.74
Receipts Over (Under) Expenses:	(\$ 3,345.67)

St. Mary's Collection AUGUST 30, 2026

Envelopes & Holy Day	\$4,087.00
Loose	297.00
Youth Activity & School	120.00
Maintenance & Financial Aid	46.00
Total:	\$4,550.00
Diocese \$15.00	

St. Barbara's Collection AUGUST 30, 2026

Envelopes	\$3,152.00
Loose	287.00
Youth Activity & School	35.00
Maintenance	70.00
Total:	\$3,544.00

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

SPECIAL EVENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

VISIT THE HSCS FOOD BOOTH AT THE FAIR

Don't forget to support the Holy Spirit Catholic School Food Truck at the Dickinson County Fair!



YOUTH & ADULT CHOIR NEWS

Choir Rehearsals have started! **Adult Choir kicked off rehearsals on August 31 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.

GERMAN FEST FUNDRAISER THANK YOU!

The word thankful...seems so over used. But it's what we are! Thankful for all the support from our parish and community for the German Fest fundraiser for HSCS last Friday at Sandstone Rooftop. We sold out of brats before the band even started playing. Now that's what I call a blessing! Thank you all who helped in any way.



VOCATIONAL VIEW

If two of you join your voices on earth to pray for anything whatever, it shall be granted you by my Father in heaven. Pray for an increase in vocations to priesthood and religious life. (Matthew 18:15-20)



Saint Mary and Saint Barbara Parish Families extend their sympathy to the family of **Carol Gauthier**. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. AMEN

GENERAL UPDATES & REMINDERS

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



ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

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. Classes begin in October.

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



CARMELITE FALL FESTIVAL | SEPTEMBER 12-13TH



Sign-up sheets are in the back of both churches to solicit baked goods (bars, cookies, quick breads, pies, etc.) for use at the Carmelite Fall Festival which is NEXT weekend, Sept. 12-13th. **All baked goods should be brought to the parish hall at St. Mary's by noon on Friday, Sept. 11th. Tables are labeled St. Mary or St. Barbara and bakery is to be placed on respective tables.** The bakery will then be transported/delivered to the Monastery for you.

And don't forget to mark your calendar to attend the **Carmelite Fall Festival, Saturday, September 12 & Sunday, September 13, noon-3:00 pm both days.** Lots of crafted items, a huge basket raffle, bake sale & delicious luncheon, and the Sister's famous homemade bread. This is always a special event and the Sisters appreciate our support.

SPIRITUAL LIFTERS

Sept. 6th - Never let a difficulty stop you; it may be only sand on your track to prevent your skidding.

Sept. 7th - Oh, never say that there is nothing you can give, Through all the years you live, You can bestow the fair and healing gift of prayer.

Sept. 8th -whatever you do in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus....Colossians 3:17

Sept. 9th - Speak out for the Lord; remember silence isn't always GOLDEN; on occasions it may be just plain YELLOW!

Sept. 10th - It is good to be saved and KNOW IT; But it's better to be saved and SHOW IT.

Sept. 11th - Those who walk with God always get to their destination.

Sept. 12th - Nothing we wear makes as much difference as the expression on our faces.

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.



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Services Appeal

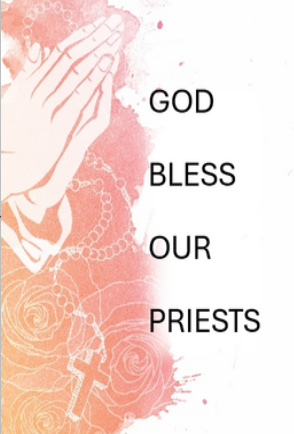
UPCSA GIVING UNDERWAY

The Upper Peninsula Catholic Service Appeal (UPCSA) letters have been sent. Please prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift. All funds collected beyond our parish goal come back to our parishes. Thank you!

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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