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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

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00pm Sunday: 10:00am

Saint Barbara Parish

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 6:00pm Sunday: 8:00am

Confessions at St. Mary

Saturday: 11:00am-Noon

Sunday: 9:15-9:45am, 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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MARCH 29, 2026



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.” - Mt 21:9

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2 and 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17 and 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday: Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/ Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/ Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/ Ex 14:15-15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/ Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/ Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/ Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4

MASS INTENTIONS

3/31 TUE - 5:00pm SM - Richard Schalow
 4/1 WED - 8:00am SM - Loren Poquette
 4/1 WED - 1:00pm Evergreen - For the safety and protection for Aaron, Christina and Azrea Daugherty
 4/2 THUR - **7:00pm SB, HOLY THURSDAY** - For the Living Priests & Bishops of the Diocese of Marquette
 4/3 FRI - **12:00pm SM - GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**
 4/3 FRI - **3:00pm SB - GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**
 4/4 SAT - **8:00pm SM EASTER VIGIL** - For the People of St. Mary & St. Barbara Parishes
 4/5 SUN - 8:00am SB, **EASTER** - Joseph Zychowski
 4/5 SUN - 10:00am SM, **EASTER** - Those Enrolled in St. Mary Memorial
**When there is a funeral, daily Mass will NOT be cancelled.*

JOIN US THIS HOLY WEEK

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 29th
 9:30-9:45am, Confession before Mass, SM

MONDAY, MARCH 30th
 6pm: SM Adult Choir Practice
 6:30pm: Evangelization Training Class, SM Parish Hall

TUESDAY, MARCH 31st
 10am: AA Meeting, SM
St. Joseph Center entrance in parking lot
 4:30-4:50pm: Confession, SM before mass

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1ST
 8am: Stations of the Cross after daily Mass, SM
 6pm: Women's Book Club, SM

THURSDAY, APRIL 2ND
 2pm: Feeding America Food Distribution

FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD
 6am: Men's Prayer Group, SM
 4:30-7pm: Kingsford KC's Fish Bake

SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH
 11am-12pm, Confession only, SM

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: **Amelia Adams, Everly Schewe, Cathy Grenier, Wayne Hulce, Jerry Gauthier, Jon Schwamlien, Mary Margaret Zanoni, Chloe Conery, Bob Chartre, 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.



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

A NOTE FROM FATHER ABRAHAM

Today we enter the Holy Week, by commemorating the triumphant entry of Christ the Lord into Jerusalem to accomplish his Pascal Mystery. I invite you to come celebrate these holiest days here at St. Barbara and St. Mary Parishes.

Did you know when Lent officially ends? It ends on the evening of Holy Thursday, as we begin the liturgies of the Triduum – which is Latin for the 'Three Days.' They are so called because on these days, we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday), the Passion and Death of the Lord (Good Friday), and the Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday).

At 7:00PM on Holy Thursday, the Mass of the Lord's Supper is celebrated at St. Barbara Church. The Holy Oils blessed by the Bishop at the Chrism Mass will be received at this Mass. At the conclusion of this liturgy the Blessed Sacrament will be transferred in Solemn procession to an altar of repose and you are invited to pray before the Eucharist for an hour and depart in silence.

At 12:00PM at St. Mary and at 3:00 PM at St. Barbara on Good Friday, we join together in silence as the Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord begins. We look to the Cross as the visible symbol of Christ's suffering, knowing He gave His life for us.

At this liturgy, we hear the Passion of the Lord, from John's Gospel. Our Prayer of the Faithful includes petitions that are universal to our Church. Then, we come forward to venerate the Cross, which is held before us. There is no celebration of Eucharist on this day, but Communion which was reserved from Holy Thursday is distributed, and the people depart once again in silence...

The Easter Vigil is celebrated at 8:00PM on Holy Saturday at St. Mary Church. It is a celebration that begins in darkness and is illuminated through Christ's triumph over death with the light of new life. We enter a Church that is both quiet and dark. The Easter fire is lit for all to see, and from it the Easter candle.

A special song of praise, the Exsultet, is proclaimed. We listen to Scripture readings which highlight the history of our faith. Two candidates will be received into full Communion during the Liturgy. We will renew our baptismal promises and celebrate the Eucharist in joyful communion with one another.

On Easter Sunday the Mass will be celebrated at 8:00AM at St. Barbara and at 10:00AM at St. Mary. We will renew our baptismal promises and celebrate the Eucharist in joyful communion with one another.

The Paschal Mystery has been made real for us – Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. **Come and celebrate these holiest days.** 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 Holy Week.

With love and prayers, Fr. Abraham, MCBS



Sanctuary Lamp Intention Week of March 29 - April 4

Saint Mary for:
John Radlinger

Saint Barbara for:
Bill Zanona



St. Mary's Collection March 22, 2026

Envelopes	\$3,608.00
Loose	192.00
Easter Flowers	175.00
School Support	20.00
Maintenance	401.00
Total:	\$4,396.00

St. Barbara's Collection March 22, 2026

Envelopes	\$2,741.00
Loose	145.00
Easter Flowers	70.00
School Support	10.00
Maintenance	292.00
Total:	\$3,258.00

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



The Women of St. Mary's Easter Bake Sale & Raffle

~ Saturday, April 4th, 9:30-11:30am ~

Baked goods & pies may be dropped off in St. Mary's Parish Hall on Good Friday afternoon or by 8:30am Saturday morning for pricing. The bake sale runs from 9:30 to 11:30am on April 4th. We always have a large assortment of baked goods and sweets as well as beautifully themed raffle baskets. Please stop down & see us, have a cup of coffee and a piece of coffee cake or dessert on us. We are proud to continue this traditional event at St. Mary's Parish. We hope to see you there!



Knights of Columbus Council 1585 - Lenten Fish Bake

The Iron Mountain-Kingsford Knights of Columbus Bishop Baraga Council 1585 will hold a Lenten Fish Bake on Friday, April 3rd, 2026 at the hall located at 520 W. Breitung Avenue. Dinners served from 4:30pm to 7:00pm. Dine In or Carry Out. Dinner includes Baked Cod, Masked or Baked Potato, Coleslaw Dinner Roll and Dessert. Cost is \$17.00 for Adults, \$9.00 for Children 6-12 years of age and no charge for those under 6 years of age.



All preschoolers through fifth graders from both St. Mary's Parish and St. Barbara's Parish are invited to participate in the annual Easter Egg Hunt following the 8:00am Mass. The hunt will be held in St. Barbara's Parish Hall. For those children who are planning to attend the 10:00am Mass at St. Mary's, you will have enough time to participate in the hunt and make it to Mass. We hope to see all of you at the hunt. Join us for a great time!!

VOCATIONAL VIEW

Blest are they who come in the name of the Lord! Am I being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest deacon, brother, or sister? (Matthew 21:1-11)



The **Ministry Schedule** for both parishes has been sent. If you did not receive a copy, please call the Parish Office. You may also find the schedule on our website. Thank you.

SPIRITUAL LIFTERS

Mar. 29th - Life is too short - to remember slights and insults. To cherish grudges that rob me of happiness. To waste time in doing things that are of no value.

Mar. 30th - Ask, and it shall be given you; Seek, and ye shall find; Knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Matthew 7:7

Mar. 31st - Wear a smile - One size fits all.

Apr. 1st - Selfish ambition closes our hearts to Jesus and to one another.

Apr. 2nd - God always gives His best to those who leave the choice with Him.

Apr. 3rd - The only way to help yourself is to help others.

Apr. 4th - The curse of the cross was changed by Christ into a blessing for us.

GENERAL REMINDERS



SANCTUARY LAMP AVAILABLE

Anyone wishing to have the Sanctuary Lamp lit in memory or honor of a loved one, or for any of your special intentions, at either of our Parishes, may contact the Parish Office at 906-563-9845. Donation of \$20 for 1 week, listed in the bulletin weekly.

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.

During April, we welcome donations of Ketchup, Men's Shampoo and Toilet Paper.

Thank you, and please be assured of our prayers and gratitude. God bless.

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers for the Feeding America Mobile Food Pantry are needed for unpacking and distribution, **Thursday, April 2nd**, at the Grace United Methodist/Bethany Lutheran Facility. **Please arrive at 2:00pm to assist.** ~ 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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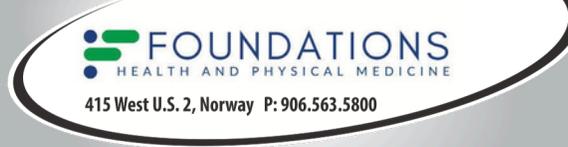
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