

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.

September 21, 2025

Pastor

Fr. Abraham Mupparathara MCBS

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906-369-0028, emergency only

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

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25th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth?" - Lk 16:11

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

Mass Intentions

9/22 MON - No Mass
 9/23 TUE - 5:00pm SM - Bill Asselin
 9/24 WED - 8:00am SM - **No Mass**
 9/25 THUR - 8:00am SB - **No Mass**
 9/26 FRI - 8:30am SM - George Bousley and Verle Ball
 9/27 SAT - 4:00pm SM - Pat Falk
 9/27 SAT - 6:00pm SB - Jennie Cieslak
 9/28 SUN - 8:00am SB - For the People of St. Barbara and St. Mary Parishes
 9/28 SUN - 10:00am SM - Jim & Winnie Kelly
*When there is a funeral, daily Mass will **NOT** be cancelled*



St. Mary's

Collection - Sept. 14, 2025

Envelopes	\$3,708.00
Loose	165.00
Fuel/Utility	1.00
Youth Activity	30.00
U.P. Catholic News	277.00
School Support	31.00
Total:	\$4,212.00

St. Barbara's

Collection - Sept. 14, 2025

Envelopes	\$2,131.00
Loose	224.00
U.P. Catholic News	333.00
School Support	100.00
Total:	\$2,788.00

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>

What's happening this week:

9/21 Sun. 9:15-9:45am, Confession before 10am Mass, SM
 9/21 Sun. 11:15am, Rosary for Children, St. Mary
 9/22 Mon. 6:00pm SM Adult Choir Practice, SM Choir Loft
 9/23 Tue. 10am, AA Meeting in classroom, use St. Joseph Center entrance in parking lot
 9/24 Wed. 3:30-4:30pm, Faith Formation, 1st-6th Grades, SM
 9/24 Wed. 4:30-5:00pm, Children's Choir Practice, SM
 9/24 Wed. 6:00pm, Women's Book Club, St. Mary
 9/26 Fri. 6:00am, Men's Prayer Group, St. Mary
 9/27 Sat. 11am-12pm, Confession/Eucharistic Adoration, SM



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: Gabriella Cescolini, Missy Marcelini, Cathy Baciak, Richard Wetthuhn, Cathy Grenier, Cory Groeneveld, Danielle Ball, Georgeanne Van Wolvelaere and Ginger Moore. If you need continued prayers or would like to request prayers for someone else, please email or call the parish office.

Vocational View - We cannot serve two masters. Which one are you willing to follow? (Luke 16:1-13)

Spirit Lifters

Sept. 21st - Keep looking up; Remember there is only mud under your feet.
Sept. 22nd - Some folks carry their religion on their shoulder like a burden, instead of in their hearts like a song.
Sept. 23rd - Some husbands know all the answers. They've been listening for years.
Sept. 24th - When I get discouraged and want to give in, Remind me, Lord, That winners don't quit and quitters don't win.
Sept. 25th - While faith makes all things possible, It is love that makes all things easy.
Sept. 26th - You are young and useful at any age if you are still planning for tomorrow.
Sept. 27th - Knowledge is folly unless grace guides it.

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 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 anytime during regular store hours, Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monetary donations may be mailed to St. Mary/St. Barbara Conference of SVDP located at 421 Main Street in Norway.

During **September** we would appreciate donations of **canned tomatoes, dish soap and women's shampoo**. Thank you and be assured you are in our prayers with gratitude. God Bless!



2025 AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE



Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother. Please join us in praying for our nation on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11th at 12 NOON.** NORWAY, Viking Park, corner of US 2 and Main St. Contact: Michelle Richards, 906-221-0012

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This week's feature ad is:

Loretta's Catering
(906) 563-9728

Upper Peninsula Catholic Service Appeal (UPCSA) Update



St. Mary: 21% pledge cards have been returned

St. Barbara: 28% pledge cards have been returned

Our parish goals for this year's appeal, along with 100% parishioner participation, are:

St. Mary: \$40,253.00 / St. Barbara: \$23,554.00

We appreciate and thank you for your continued support and generosity!

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

An Invitation to Serve: Become a Liturgical Minister

We invite you to prayerfully consider serving our community as a **Liturgical Minister**. This is a meaningful opportunity to deepen your faith and actively participate in our Sunday and weekday Masses. Currently, we are inviting:

Lector: Proclaim the Word of God during Mass and other liturgical celebrations.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC): Assist in distributing the Body and Blood of Christ during Mass, and possibly bring Communion to the sick.

Altar Server: Assist the priest at the altar during Mass.

Soon there will be a short meeting after the weekend Masses for the present and new Lectors, EMHC and Altar Servers. Please check the future bulletins for the meeting date. Thank you for your willingness to serve God and His people.

MCBS Priests Gathering.

As you may know, I belong to a religious congregation called Missionary Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament. Each year all the priests who are working in the United States from our Congregation get together for fellowship and sharing and thus strengthening our community spirit and our spiritual journey. This year our gathering is in Milwaukee from September 22 to 25. I am planning to attend our gathering. So, there **will not be Mass** on Wednesday, September 24th at St. Mary Parish and on Thursday, September 25th at St. Barbara Parish. Please keep our priests in your prayers and all of you will be in our prayers.

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



Winners of the Carmelite Fall Festival raffle are:

\$500 - Margaret Linsenberg, \$400 - Roberta Sobeski,

\$300 - Matt & Michelle Kerns, \$200 - Jan Perlongo, \$100 - Cathy Carobine



The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is a faith journey for those desiring to enter the Catholic Church or for those who wish to complete their initiation into the Church.

The OCIA Formation Process is for:

Unbaptized - The OCIA prepares you to enter into the Catholic Church by celebrating what are called the sacraments of Christian initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist (or Holy Communion).

Baptized in another Christian Church - If you were already baptized in another Christian tradition, the initiation process prepares you to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church by celebrating the sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist (or Holy Communion).

Baptized but un-catechized Catholic Adults - Persons who were baptized as infants and not given any religious upbringing within the Catholic Tradition. These adults will be prepared to celebrate the sacraments of Penance, Confirmation and Eucharist.

If you or anyone whom you know would like to join this faith journey, please contact Fr. Abraham by calling at 906-369-0028 or email him at smuppara@hotmail.com. We plan to begin our classes in October.



The holy rosary for our children and all the children of the world will be prayed on Sunday, Sept. 21st after the 10am Mass at St. Mary, Norway.



Children's Choir Rehearsals

Children's Choir (Ages 7-15) begins Wednesday, September 24th at 4:30-5:00pm. Singing on the 2nd & 4th Sundays. Contact Kelli McGeehan with any questions, email: smmusic1878@gmail.com

American Legion Post 145 will be hosting an all you can eat breakfast, Sunday, Sept. 28 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



Faith Formation Registration Reminder

Parents, don't forget to register your children for Faith Formation classes! Sessions begin **Wednesday, Sept. 24** for **Grades 1-6**, and **Sunday, Sept. 28** for **Grades 7-11**. Registration forms are available in the parish office or you can contact Jen at jenmurv@gmail.com or 906-221-2235.



50-50 tickets to support the Holy Spirit Catholic School will be available in the vestibule after the Sunday 8am Masses at St. Barbara's and the 10am Masses at St. Mary's through the end of October. Tickets are \$10 each. You could win 10k, 4k, 3k, 2k & 1k! Remember to buy early and often! **IT'S FOR THE KIDS!**

The Carmelite Fall Festival was blessed with beautiful weather and we had two very successful days. **Thanks to all who helped in anyway to prepare for and pull off this wonderful event.** We appreciate all those who helped in advance by soliciting or donating prizes, gift certificates and crafts, those who got the tickets and posters out, prepared gift baskets & other treasures, and all those who baked or provided canning so we could have such a large variety of items to sell. Thanks to all who staffed the event & helped us set up, pack up and haul everything too. And of course those who bought raffle tickets and came to shop & have lunch at the festival. The proceeds of our event will greatly benefit the Carmelite Sisters of The Monastery of the Holy Cross and they are most grateful.

God bless you all!

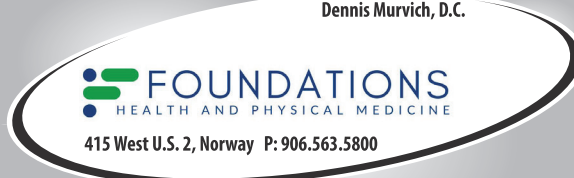
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