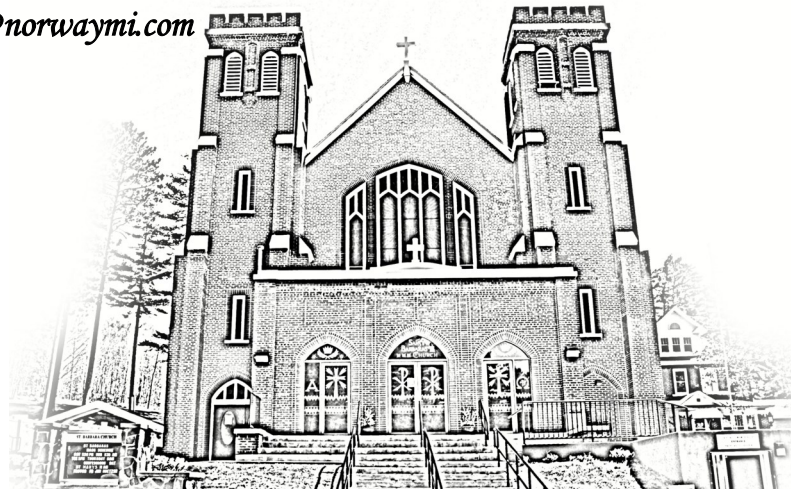
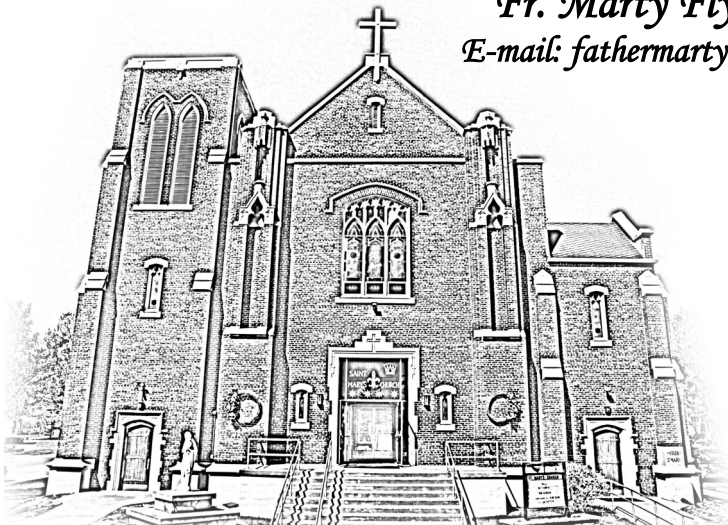


# Fourth Sunday of Easter May 8, 2022

*"I have made you a light to the Gentiles,  
that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth."  
— Acts 13:47b*

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10  
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30  
Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8;  
Jn 12:44-50  
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27;

Jn 13:16-20  
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6  
Saturday: Acts 1:15-17; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17  
Sunday: Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13; Rv 21:1-5a;  
Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

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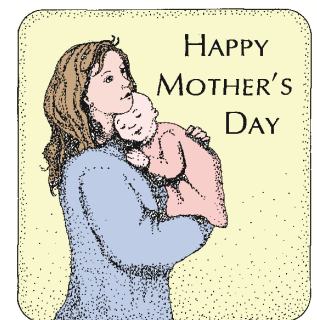
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## Mass Intentions



5/9 MON - No Mass  
5/10 TUE 5:00pm - SM - Ann VanWolvelaere  
5/11 WED 8:00am - SM - John Radlinger, Sr.  
5/12 THUR 8:00am - SB - Nazereno, Dorothy & Michael Tinti  
5/13 FRI 8:30am - SM - Tess Castelaz  
5/14 SAT 4:00pm - SM - Judy Opolka  
5/14 SAT 6:00pm SB - Carrie Elaine DeRidder  
5/15 SUN 8:00am SB - For the People of St. Barbara & St. Mary Parishes  
5/15 SUN 10:00am SM - Jim & Andy Neeck  
5/15 SUN 1:00pm SM - Area Confirmation

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

**WELCOME TO ST. MARY & ST. BARBARA PARISHES**  
*We are happy that you decided to worship with us. If you are visiting just for today, we pray that God will be with you on your journey. If you are seeking a church to be part of, we would be honored to welcome you into our parish community. If you are interested in joining our parish family, call the parish office at 563-9845 or email: [saintmary@norwaymi.com](mailto:saintmary@norwaymi.com).*

### Spirit Lifters

- May 8<sup>th</sup>** - A mother is the only person on earth who can divide her love among ten children and each child still have all her love.
- May 9<sup>th</sup>** - There is nothing human so dependable, so irresistible, so unselfish as true mother love.
- May 10<sup>th</sup>** - The mother's heart is the child's schoolroom.
- May 11<sup>th</sup>** - You may have tangible wealth untold; Caskets of jewels and coffers of gold; Richer than I you can never be - I had a mother who read to me.
- May 12<sup>th</sup>** - Who we are, who we become, is determined by those who love us.
- May 13<sup>th</sup>** - You are young only once, but you can stay immature for life.
- May 14<sup>th</sup>** - Some things may come to us with rough wrappings, but there is gold inside.

**Bulletin Deadline:** Please have all bulletin announcements to St. Mary Parish office by Monday noon. These announcements need to be typed, e-mailed or written. ([saintmary@norwaymi.com](mailto:saintmary@norwaymi.com)). Thank You.

**YES WE STILL HAVE** - Missal Memorial - A \$25.00 donation entitles you to memorialize the name of one loved one or one couple on the inside cover of the new missal. You may drop an envelope with the name of your "loved one or couple" printed clearly on the outside, in the collection basket or bring them to the rectory. Envelopes are still available in back of church.

**First Friday 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 563-9845, so you may be added to our Communion Call list.

Our parishes' bulletin is on-line. To read or print it, go to [www.stmarybarbara.org](http://www.stmarybarbara.org) Hope you enjoy this and make use of it when you are out of town.

St. Mary's Collection - May 1, 2022	
Envelopes	\$4,740.00
Loose	298.00
School	191.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$5,229.00</b>

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St. Barbara's Collection - May 1, 2022	
Envelope	\$4,455.00
Loose	149.00
Children	7.28
School	256.00
<b>Maintenance</b>	<b>135.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$5,002.28</b>

*\*Thank you for sharing your Time, Talent, and Treasure in Building God's Kingdom! Diocesan Collections \$220.00*

Thank you, to all who have continued to support your parish financially, either dropping your envelope in the collection basket at Mass or mailbox by the office door, mailing it in, using online banking or tried our new e-Giving option <https://giving.stmarybarbara.org/give>

### Confessions - Saturday from 11:00am-Noon at St. Mary Church

**Vocational View** - World Day of Prayer for Vocations  
On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. (John 10:27-30)



You are cordially invited to the ordination of  
**Mr. Matthew John Chartier**  
to the Order of Deacon

Saint Peter Cathedral  
Marquette, Michigan  
Friday, May 20, 2022 3:30PM EDT

*All family and friends are welcome to attend.  
A light reception will follow  
in the cathedral hall.*

*Then the following weekend Deacon Matthew will preach at all four of our Masses and we will host a celebration luncheon in his honor at Holy Spirit School after the 10:00am Mass.  
All are welcome and encouraged to attend.*

**It is time to redo our parish bulletin cover and we have a few advertisers that will not be returning this year. If you have a business and would like to advertise on our back cover please contact Mary in the parish office at 563-9845 for further information.**

**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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## YOUR PRAYERS ARE NEEDED



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 **Brandon Augustine, Patricia Langin, Barbara Amond Cleveland and Mary Hoheisel**. this week. If you need prayers or would like to request prayers for someone else in next week's bulletin, please email or call the parish office at 563-9845.

### St. Mary and St. Barbara Conference of SVDP

The Conference Office for assistance is still available on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9-11 a.m. However, donations of food may be brought to us at any time, Monday through Friday from 9 to 4 p.m.



Monetary donations may be mailed to St. Mary/St. Barbara Conference of SVDP at 431 Main Street, Norway, Michigan 49870.

**During May we are in need of: Hamburger Helper, noodles, and canned tomatoes.**



We are truly appreciative of the ongoing monetary or pantry donations which has made such a difference in the lives of so many people and hope your continued generosity and prayers will help to provide for those in need. Thank you !!



May the Infant Jesus smile down on you and your loved ones. God Bless and keep us in your prayers.

St. Mary's card sender is Rosemary Haepers - 563-5071  
St. Barbara's card sender is Shirley LaValley - 563-5011

**Prayer Group for Men:** On Friday mornings at 6am, St. Mary Church will be open for men to assemble and pray. The format will be simple. We can take this time to pray the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet or other prayer ritual depending on how this group wants to pray and/or study in the future.

### BACK THIS YEAR

#### The Garage Sale Luncheon in St. Mary Parish Hall

During the Norway City Wide Garage Sale on May 21st, a luncheon will be served in the St. Mary Parish Hall. This luncheon will be co-chaired by The Women of St. Mary and St. Barbara Women League. Plan to stop by for a delicious lunch.

### NEW CRAFT ITEMS NEEDED

This year's sponsors of the Carmelite Silver Tea are Immaculate Conception and St. Mary and St. Joseph Parishes. Although the Carmelite Silver Tea is nearly five months away, please consider working on and donating your **new craft items** and jams & jellies for the sisters' annual fundraiser. When your craft items and canning are completed, bring them to your parish office where they will be picked up by a Silver Tea committee member. Thank you.

### What's happening, this week:

5/10 Tue. 10:00am AA Meeting in classroom room use St. Joseph Center entrance in parking lot  
5/10 Tue. 7:00pm K of C Meeting in St. Joseph Center  
5/13 Fri. 6:00-6:45am Men's Prayer Group at St. Mary  
5/14 Sat. 11:00-12:00pm Confessions at St. Mary  
5/15 Sun. 1:00pm Area Confirmation at St. Mary

Dear Parish Family,

Starting on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Saint Joseph Center at Saint Mary, we are going to start a women's prayer/study group. Please consider attending. All women are welcomed. Hope to see you there.

Yours in Christ,  
Father Marty.

**Holy Spirit School** will discontinue collecting returnable cans and bottles on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for your contributions, it has been an excellent fundraiser for out school.

## Knight of Columbus GARAGE SALE Saturday, May 21, 2022

“Drop-off” of Donated Items!

Where: After all Masses, 5/13 thru 5/19 or any-time Friday, 5/20 @ St. Mary's Parking Lot.  
Other drop-off times or Pick Up of Large Items call, Paul Laskowski @ 563-8173

**Mark the Date:** Carmelite Monastery Silver Tea  
Saturday and Sunday September 17-18, 2022  
From Noon to 3:00pm  
Carmel of the Holy Cross Monastery  
Junction US2 and M95, Iron Mountain, MI

### JOB DESCRIPTION

Do not feel totally, personally, irrevocably responsible for everything . . . That's my job.  
—God

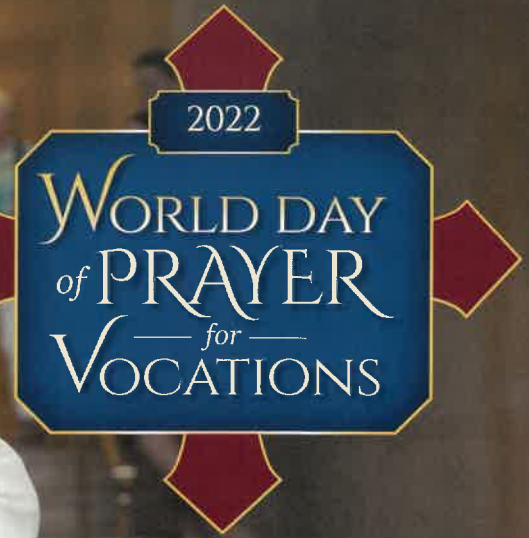
### GOOD SHEPHERD COLLECTION



Diocese of Marquette Retirement Collection

This weekend all parishes and missions in the Diocese of Marquette are holding a Good Shepherd Sunday special collection to support our priests' retirement fund, called the St. Joseph Association. This collection directly benefits priests of the Diocese of Marquette and is separate from the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, which supports retired clergy and sisters of religious orders across America.

Please prayerfully reflect on how you can best help support our own priests' retirement and return your envelope in today's collection or donate to the St. Joseph Association online by visiting [dioceseofmarquette.org/giving](http://dioceseofmarquette.org/giving).



“EVERY PRIESTLY VOCATION PASSES THROUGH THE HEART OF A MOTHER.” ~POPE PIUS X

## Vocation Director ‘Boot Camp’

TRAINING THE GATEKEEPERS FOR SEMINARIES

Every year, about 50 new Vocation Directors are appointed in the 250 dioceses in the U.S. and Canada. Often they are younger priests, typically ordained just three to ten years, whom bishops have chosen for a critical job: to inspire, mentor, and screen men who feel called to the priesthood.

“I’m more of a guide, not a recruiter,” said one Vocation Director from a Southeastern diocese. “I help guys listen to God’s voice; whether it’s to marriage or priesthood, that’s up to Him, not me.” Importantly, Vocation Directors act as gatekeepers, ensuring that very rigorous standards are upheld before accepting men to seminary.

But who trains the Vocation Directors on how to vet future seminarians? For the past 15 years, a very robust “bootcamp” for new Vocation Directors has been held by the NCDVD (National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors). Officially called the “Institute for New Vocation Personnel,” it features veteran instructors who dive deep into the candidate screening process, with a strong emphasis on human maturity and psychological evaluation.

Vocation Directors are well aware of the gravity of their task. “People are always going to ask you how many seminarians you have, but don’t get fixated on the numbers,” said one of the instructors. “Instead focus on forming good, holy men who can serve as faithful priests.”



*Diocesanpriest.com lists all Vocation Directors in the U.S. and Canada.*



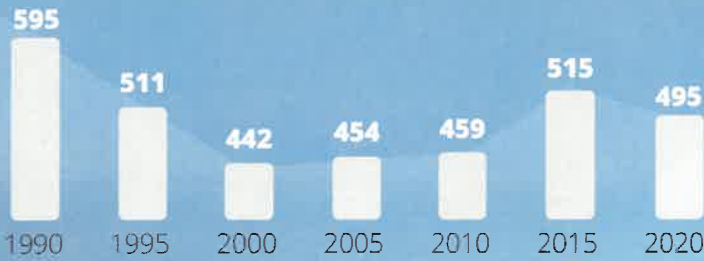
## ONE RING TO SERVE THEM ALL

Pope Pius X (1835-1914) was a very humble man who had a saintly mother, Margarita Sanson. Because they were so poor, she worked as a washer woman and a school janitor to earn enough money so that he could go to the seminary. (In those days, the family had to pay for the seminarian’s education.) When he was installed as Pope, his mother was present, and as was the custom, she kissed his large papal ring. She then presented her tiny hand with her wedding ring and said, “Now you kiss my ring—for without it, you never would have received yours!”



BY THE NUMBERS

## Priest Ordinations 1990-2020



Jaymie Perry/Little Ways Photography

Data from CARA



## Discerning Together

“Discernment groups” are a growing trend among young Catholics. Last fall, a group of college women at Oklahoma State University spent six weeks discerning religious life together. They met for prayer and discussion, served the poor together, and ended with a fun outing.

“Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer; and only in prayer can they persevere and bear fruit.” ~Pope Francis

## Serra is 13,000 Strong

**H**ave you ever wanted to get *serious* about encouraging young people to consider priesthood or religious life? You’re not alone! Some 13,000 Catholics worldwide in 46 countries belong to Serra International, the Church’s official lay organization to promote vocations.

Local Serra Clubs have made a huge impact in their dioceses with projects ranging from planning discernment retreats to organizing vocation essay contests. One such successful initiative is Serra Spark ([serraspark.org](http://serraspark.org)), a website with clear directions on how to carry out dozens of initiatives in parishes and schools.

Saint Junipero Serra (above), the patron of Serra International, is lauded as the “Founder of California.” To find a Serra Club near you, visit [serrainternational.org](http://serrainternational.org)



## Sisters to the Rescue

Because so few Catholic children encounter religious sisters in person these days, an effort is underway to bring sisters to them! Veteran children’s book artist Michael Corsini is illustrating a series for kids aged 4-10 entitled *Little Convent in the Big City*, filled with the adventures of Sr. Mary Andy and her brave sisters. Pre-order at [vianneyvocations.com](http://vianneyvocations.com)

**COULD I BE A PRIEST?**

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