

# Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 26, 2025

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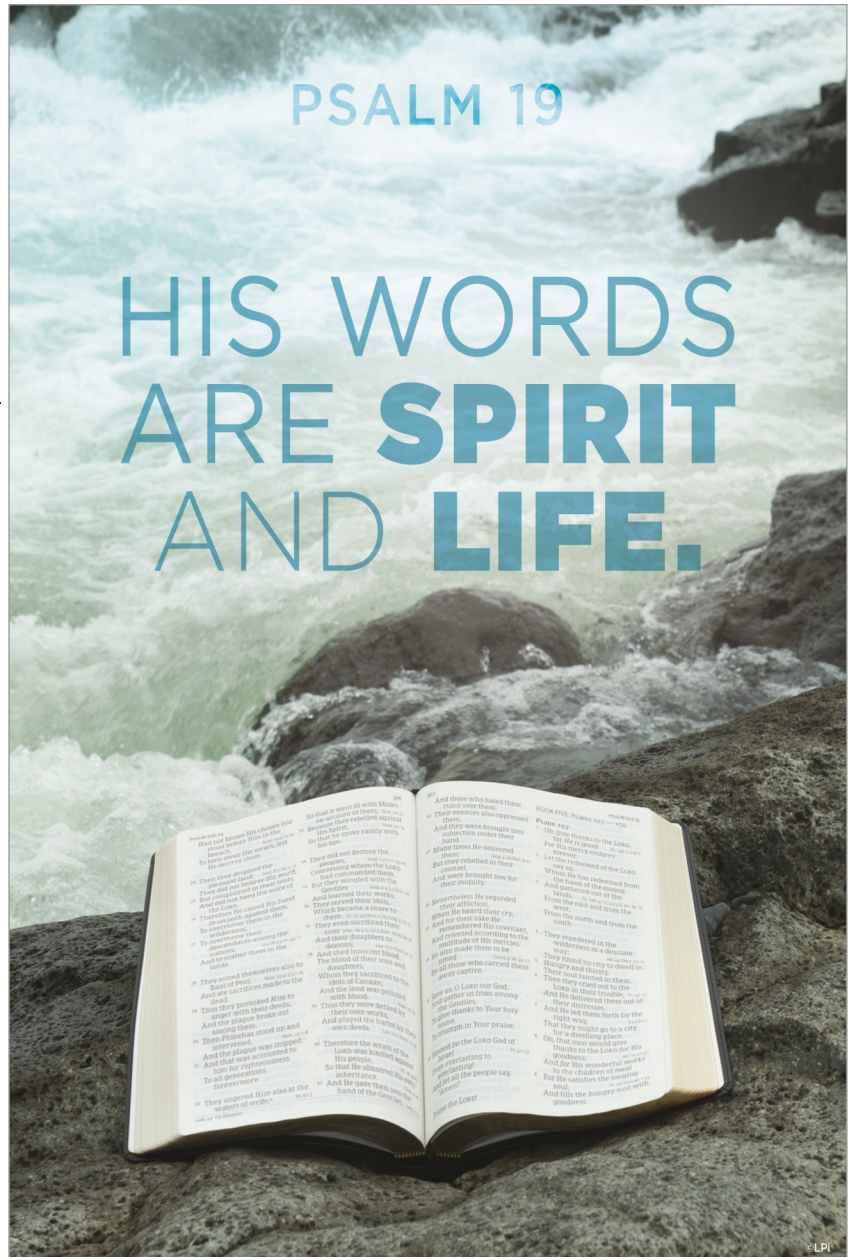
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**Holy Spirit Catholic School serves students from  
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my children are walking in the truth." 3 John 1:4***

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday:** Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11/Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday:** Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday:** Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Mk 4:21-25
- Friday:** Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40/Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday:** Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Mk 4:35-41
- Sunday:** Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

### Mass Intentions

1/27 MON - No Mass  
 1/28 TUE - 5:00pm SM - Todd & Mary Glanville  
 1/29 WED - 8:00am SM - Dr. Brian Moran  
 1/30 THUR - 8:00am SB - Loren "Fuzzy" Anderson  
 1/31 FRI - 8:30am SM - Bill Asselin  
 2/1 SAT - 4:00pm SM - John Radlinger  
 2/1 SAT - 6:00pm SB - For the People of St. Barbara and St. Mary Parishes  
 2/2 SUN - 8:00am SB - Theresa Stickney  
 2/2 SUN - 10:00am SM - Those Enrolled in St. Mary Memorial  
*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 906-563-9845 or email: [saintmary@norwaymi.com](mailto:saintmary@norwaymi.com)

**Vocational View** - The Spirit of God is upon you! Through baptism and confirmation God sends you "to bring glad tidings to the poor and to proclaim liberty to captives; to announce a year of favor from the Lord." Are you called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister? (Luke 1:1-4, 14-21)

### Spirit Lifters

- Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> - Where there is great love there are always great miracles.
- Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> - Others, Lord, yes others, Let this my motto be, Help me to live for others, That I may live like Thee!
- Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> - Happiness is not a station you arrive at, but a manner of traveling.
- Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> - Humility is a strange thing - when you think you've gained it, you've lost it.
- Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> - Bibles that are falling apart usually belong to people who are not.
- Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> - A smooth sea never made a skillful mariner.
- Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> - He who has no money is poor, but he who has nothing but money is the poorest of all.

### Coffee Doughnut Social



Join us on **Sunday, January 5th** after the 10am Mass in St. Mary's Parish Hall. All are welcome!

**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.

### St. Mary's

| Collection - January 19, 2025 |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Envelopes                     | \$3,288.00        |
| Loose                         | 325.25            |
| School Support                | 450.00            |
| Maintenance                   | 25.00             |
| <b>Total:</b>                 | <b>\$4,088.25</b> |

*Diocesan Collection \$20.00*  
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### St. Barbara's

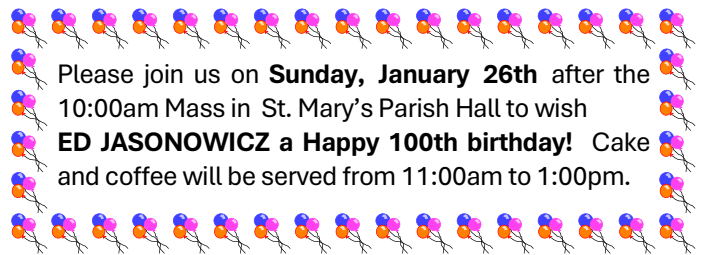
| Collection - January 19, 2025 |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Envelopes & Holy Day          | \$1,952.00        |
| Loose                         | 176.00            |
| First Offering                | 45.00             |
| School Support                | 145.00            |
| Maintenance                   | 50.00             |
| <b>Total:</b>                 | <b>\$2,368.00</b> |

*Diocesan Collection \$17.00*  
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and continuing 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 e-Giving option:

<https://giving.stmarybarbara.org/give>



Please join us on **Sunday, January 26th** after the 10:00am Mass in St. Mary's Parish Hall to wish **ED JASONOWICZ a Happy 100th birthday!** Cake and coffee will be served from 11:00am to 1:00pm.



**Volunteers for the Feeding America Mobile Food Pantry** are needed for unpacking and distribution, **Thursday, February 6th** at the Grace United Methodist/Bethany Lutheran Facility. Please arrive at 2pm to assist. **Thank you!**

### SAVE THE DATE - MORNING MEN'S RETREAT

We will be hosting a Catholic Men's Retreat here at St. Mary's on Saturday, March 15th from 8:30am to Noon. More details to follow. ALSO, the same speaker will be giving a talk on Sunday, March 16th, 6pm at St. Mary's. All are invited to join.

### Prayer of Mission

Spirit of the Living God, Anoint me to bring your love, light, and freedom to the places you call. From the heights to the depths: you are there, you are actively moving, and when you call, you will also provide. Amen.

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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: **Wayne Hulce, Michael Krause, Wally DeGroot, Keen Scott, Georgeanne Van Wolvelaere, Sue Burklund, Ron Matonich, Mary Ann Bronzyk, Ginger Moore, and Cathy Grenier.** If you need continued prayers or would like to request prayers for someone else in next week's bulletin, please email or call the parish office at 906-563-9845.

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

We thank you for the generosity given during this Christmas season as well as 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.

Our 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.

During **January** we would appreciate donations of **toothpaste, flour and spaghetti sauce.**

Be assured you are in our prayers. God Bless!



### What's happening this week:

- 1/26 Sun. 10a-12:30pm, Faith Formation 7th-11th Grades, SM
- 1/27 Mon. 6pm, St. Mary Adult Choir Practice, SM Choir Loft
- 1/28 Tue. 10am, AA Meeting in classroom, use St. Joseph Center entrance in parking lot
- 1/29 Wed. 3:20-4:30pm, Faith Formation, 1st-6th Grades, SM
- 1/29 Wed. 4:30-5pm, Children's Choir Practice, SM Choir Loft
- 1/30 Thu. 6:30pm, RCIA, St. Joseph Center at St. Mary
- 1/31 Fri. 6am, Men's Prayer Group, St. Mary
- 2/1 Sat. 11am-12pm, Confessions & Adoration, St. Mary

### American Legion Post 145 will be hosting an all you can eat breakfast, Sunday, Jan. 26 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



The next RCIA class will be Thursday, January 30th at 6:30pm, St. Mary's, St. Joseph Center.

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

**January 26- February 1, 2025**

Holy Spirit Catholic School will have an exciting week of service, fun and faith! The students will be participating in many fun events to celebrate.

Annual Penny War - All funds raised will be used for the purchase of sleds for the playground.

Donations of: graham crackers, chocolate bars, marshmallows and "toasting" sticks. Drop off at HSCS Monday - Wednesday



It's Catholic Schools Week! Did you know that the following saints were also educators?



### St. Thomas Aquinas | January 28

One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 - 1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, "The Summa Theologiae." Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The Summa Theologiae, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology.

The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today.

Elizabeth Ann Seton ~ established the parochial education system in America

St. John Baptist de La Salle ~ patron saint of all teachers of youth

St. Thomas Aquinas ~ patron saint of universities and scholars



### ATTENTION LADIES OF SAINT MARY & BARBARA

Attached to the bulletin is an envelope for the Women's Groups' annual dues. Whether you are active with one of the ladies groups or not, we request the \$5.00 dues from all women of both parishes. You may designate your dues go to either the Women of St. Mary or the St. Barbara Women's League by circling the appropriate group on the envelope. Be sure to put your name on the envelope before returning (by dropping in the collection or at the church office). Your dues help us with the expenses our two groups incur for altar and kitchen supplies, along with several worthwhile ministries we coordinate each year.

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