Fourth Sunday of Lent March 30, 2025

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Holy Spirit Catholic School serves students from Preschool-8th grade. Call 906-563-8817 for a tour. "Nothing gives me greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth." 3 John 1:4



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

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"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'" - Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/ Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Wednesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16 Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Friday:	Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47 Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn
Saturday:	7:1-2, 10, 25-30 Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53
Sunday:	ls 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 3:8-14/ Jn 8:1-11

ENT **Mass Intentions** 3/31 MON - No Mass 4/1 TUE - 5:00pm SM - Roland Johnson 4/2 WED - 8:00am SM - Danny Dlugas 4/2 WED - 1:00pm Evergreen - Ann Guiliani 4/3 THUR - 8:00am SB - Donna Jensen 4/4 FRI - 8:30am SM - George Bousley 4/5 SAT - 4:00pm SM - Judy Opolka 4/5 SAT - 6:00pm SB - Clifford Renier 4/6 SUN - 8:00am SB - For the People of St. Barbara and St. Mary Parishes 4/6 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

Vocational View - Like the father in the Gospel, God welcomes us home in spite of our sinfulness, and calls us to a life of holiness. Where are you at home? Are you being called to life as a priest or religious? (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32)

Spirit Lifters

- 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.
- Apr. 5th When we depend on man, We get what man can do, When we depend on prayer, We get what God can do.

Knights of Columbus Annual Palm Sunday Breakfast for Seminarians

St. Barbara Church Parish Hall - Sunday, April 13

Serving 9:00am - Noon **Price: Donation** Scrambled Eggs, French Toast, Biscuits & Gravy, Toast, Beverages



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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.



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

American Legion Post 145 will be hosting an all you can eat breakfast, Sunday, March 30 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



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Volunteers for the Feeding America FEEDING Mobile Food Pantry are needed for ಕ್ರಂ ಕ್ರಂ ಕ್ರಂ ಕ್ರಂ AMERICA unpacking and distribution, Thursday, April 3rd at the Grace United Methodist/Bethany Lutheran Facility. Please arrive at 2pm to assist. Thank you!

Prayer of a Father's Blessing God who wills good things for your children,

Help me to trust that You will be faithful. God who will not leave me, Help me to seek You, too. God who is ever-waiting for me, Help me to run straight towards You. 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: Roger Thomson, Mary Pat Leveille,

Emma Geldmeyer, Don Solda, Janelle (Trudeau) Darragh, Rodney Cayemberg, Danielle Ball, Rosemary DeRidder, Wayne Hulce, Georgeanne Van Wolvelaere, 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 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.

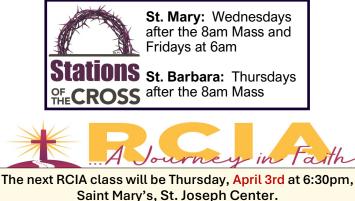
The conference office will continue to help those in need on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>or Thursday from 9-11 a.m.</u>, or by special appointment if needed.



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



St. Mary & St. Barbara Parishes will have adoration on Friday, April 4th at St. Mary Parish starting at 9:00am with **Benediction at 3:00pm**. Please Decement sign-up in back of St. Mary Church.



ST. BARBARA'S WOMEN'S LEAGUE will meet on Tuesday, April 1st, at 1:00pm in the Parish Hall. Come join us and find joy as we work to serve our Lord.



The WOMEN of ST. MARY will meet on Tuesday, April 1st after the 5:00pm Mass in the Parish Hall.



Pray the Holy Rosary in devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus, Sunday, March 6th, 1:00pm Saint Mary Parish



Coffee Doughnut Social Join us on Sunday, April 6th after the 10am Mass in St. Mary's Parish Hall. All are welcome!

41 SUNDAY OF LENT PRaise God! SINCE I FOUND THE LORD, I'M A New CREATION, COR 5:17-21





During April we would appreciate donations of Flour, Mac n Cheese or Bar Soap Thank you and we wish you all a Blessed and Happy Easter!

Please welcome to the Catholic family through the Sacrament of Baptism Beau, Finley and Pemene Kiser, children of James and Katy Kiser. May you and your family grow in the faith. Congratulations!



God does not expect all of us to be rocket scientists or brain surgeons. As St. Theresa of Calcutta (Mother Theresa) said, all that is expected of us is to be faithful, leaving the results to God. The bottom line is, all you need to do is to try Imagine the blessings that God would bestow on us if we just tried our best to help save lives.

What's happening this week:

3/30 Sun. 9:15-9:45am, Confession before 10am Mass, SM 3/31 Mon. 6pm, St. Mary Adult Choir Practice, SM Choir Loft 4/1 Tue. 10am, AA Meeting in classroom, use St. Joseph Center entrance in parking lot

4/1 Tue. 1pm, St. Barbara Women's League Meeting, SB 4/1 Tue. 4:30-4:50pm, Confession before 5pm Mass, SM 4/1 Tue. 5:30pm, Women of St. Mary Meeting, SM 4/2 Wed. 3:20-4:30pm, Faith Formation 1st-6th Grade, SM 4/2/Wed. 4:30-5pm, Children's Choir Practice, SM Choir Loft 4/3 Thu. 2pm, Feeding America Food Distribution 4/3 Thu. 6:30pm, RCIA St. Mary's, St. Joseph Center 4/4 Fri. 6:00am, Stations of the Cross followed by Men's Prayer Group, St. Mary

4/4 Fri. 9am-3pm, Eucharistic Adoration, St. Mary 4/5 Sat. NO Confessions/Adoration on Saturday



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Lenten Penance Service

Sunday, March 30, 3:00pm: St. Mary, Norway Sunday, April 6, 3:00pm: American Martyrs Church, Kingsford

Spring Study Day, St. Peter Cathedral - Marquette, MI Thursday, April 10, 9:30AM-2:30 PM ET Discipleship in the World: Equipping the Faithful Presenter: Deacon Mike Houghton Cost \$15 - includes morning refreshments, materials and lunch. Registration deadline: Monday, April 7, 2025 Register at: https://yoopercatholic.org/spring-study-day

Chrism Mass

Thursday, April 10, 2025 This liturgy is scheduled at 3:30pm ET, at St. Peter Cathedral in Marquette





There will be sign up sheets in the vestibules of both parishes for volunteers to have their feet washed at the Holy Thursday Mass, April 17, 7:00pm at Saint Barbara Parish.

What is the significance of Foot Washing on Holy Thursday? Foot washing is an ancient practice of

hospitality. In Israel in Jesus' day, with its deserts and dusty roads, washing of feet was an act of honor on the part of the host. However, the host himself would not do the washing. That was the role of the servant. The Apostles would have been accustomed to this tradition. At the Last Supper, Jesus takes on the role of the servant, washing the feet of his followers and friends. He models the humble, loving service to which the Apostles would soon be called.

When the priest washes the feet of his parishioners, he is modeling the service of Christ. While foot washing is no longer a common practice in our society, we too are invited to imitate Christ's sacrificial service to others.



Super One Food Receipts

Super One Foods made a change to their Community Dollars Program. Receipts must be submitted quarterly. Any receipts submitted after the quarterly deadline will NOT be accepted. PLEASE do not hang on to your receipts . Please help us get the word out to turn in your Super One receipts as soon as possible. Thank you Quarter One: Receipts from January 1 - March 31

Quarter Two: Receipts from April 1 - June 30 Quarter Three: Receipts from July 1 - September 30 Quarter Four: Receipts from October 1 - December 31

Easter Bake Sale and Raffle Social



St. Mary Church Hall

Saturday, April 19th 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Cakes, Cookies, Bars, Breads, Pies and other Easter Treats available for Sale!

Raffle tickets for our beautiful themed baskets!

Fresh Bakery and Beverages to Enjoy while you visit!

Come Celebrate Spring with us!



Holy Spirit Catholic School Pasty Sale Saturday, April 26th. If you would like to buy pasties and/or volunteer to help, please call the HSCS office at 906-563-8817; leave a message if after hours. Thanks!



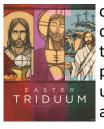
HOLY WEEK / EASTER TRIDUUM

<u>Sunday, April 13th: Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday)</u>, Masses Saturday, 4:00 p.m. at Saint Mary Parish and 6:00 p.m. at Saint Barbara Parish. On Sunday, Masses are 8:00 a.m. at Saint Barbara Parish and 10:00 a.m. at Saint Mary Parish. Parishioners are asked to <u>gather in the church</u> for these Masses. The liturgy of Passion Sunday will begin with the Gospel and blessing of palms in the church entryway. A procession will then proceed into the church.

Tuesday, April 15th: Mass will be celebrated at 5:00 p.m. at Saint Mary Parish.

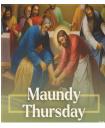
Wednesday, April 16th: Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m. at Saint Mary Parish, followed by Stations of the Cross.

The Triduum, the great three days, is the climax of the Liturgical year and the central Christian mystery



of the triumph of life over death. The 40 days of Lent have been leading us to the three days where Christians gather to celebrate the mystery of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. With prayer and dramatic ritual we move into Easter, coming forward to place our hand in the baptismal waters and renew our response to the Lord. Please join us for our liturgies on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil on April 17th, 18th and 19th.

Holy Thursday, April 17th: Mass at 7:00 p.m. at Saint Barbara Parish, On Holy Thursday the Church



celebrates the institution of the Holy Eucharist and the priesthood. *"This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me."* (Luke 22:19B) Come celebrate the joy of ministry that is the fabric of service to others. In the washing of

the feet we come to a profound humility rooted in the example of Christ. On this same Holy Thursday night, we celebrate the arrival of the Holy Oils to our community: the Oil of Chrism, the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Catechumens. After Mass, all remaining hosts are taken to an altar of repose, where Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament occurs.

Good Friday, April 18th: Service at Noon at Saint Mary Parish and 3:00 p.m. at Saint Barbara Parish.

Celebrate the ultimate mystery of the triumph of the cross. Unite your suffering and those of the world with the wood of the Cross. Venerate the cross, our sign of victory beyond pain and death. There is no Liturgy of the Eucharist. The tabernacle is emptied and remains empty through Holy Saturday - just as Jesus departed through this earthly world in death - and we wait in hope for Easter Sunday! Good Friday is the birth of hope and peace.





Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 19th: Mass 8:00 p.m. at Saint Mary Parish. Celebrate darkness broken by light. Relive the new life given to us in the waters of Baptism and join in the proclamation of the Resurrection and the refreshment of the Eucharist.



Easter Sunday, April 20th: Mass at 8:00 a.m. at Saint Barbara, Vulcan 10:00 a.m. at Saint Mary, Norway The Celebration of the Lord's Resurrection.





comes in the name

of the Lord, the king of Israel. Hosanna!



