

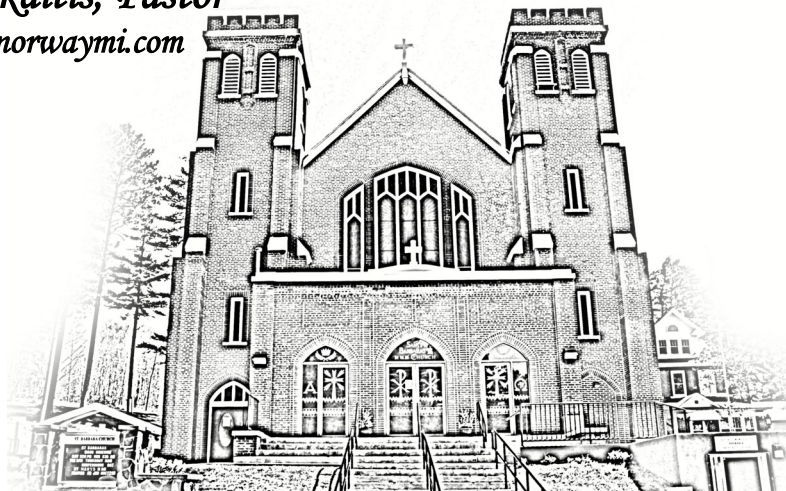
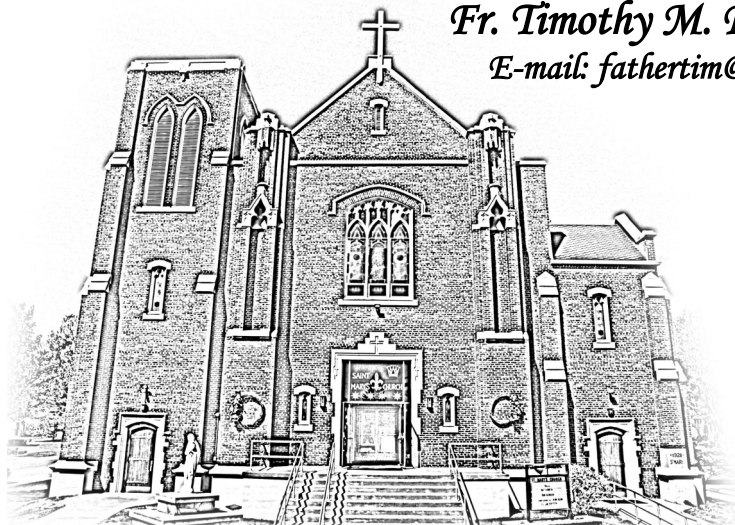
The Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2021

All you who are thirsty, come to the water!
— Isaiah 55:1

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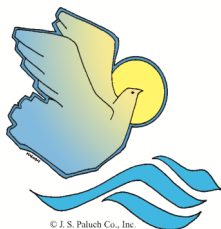
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He will baptize
with the
Holy Spirit



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10;
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

*This is My
Beloved Son*



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Mass Intentions

1/11 MON No Mass
 1/12 TUE 5:00pm SM - Veronica Ropele
 1/13 WED 8:00am SM - TaTa Bal
 1/14 THUR 8:00am SB - Anton Opolka
 1/15 FRI 8:30am SM - Morris "Mo" Conery
 1/16 SAT 4:00pm SM - Glen-Lucille & Carrol Asp
 1/16 SAT 6:00pm SB - Brad Lantagne
 1/17 SUN 8:00am SB - For the People of St. Barbara & St. Mary Parishes
 1/17 SUN 10:00am SM - For the Parishioners of St. Mary & St. Barbara Parishes who's spouse has passed away

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

Sunday Mass will be recorded and available on our website.

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.

Help with transportation: Sheri LeBombard can be called at 396-8336 to request a ride to Mass or to arrange for a driver for a local medical appointment or errand.

Confession: A confessional is set up in the entrance to the St. Joseph Center (Faith Formation entrance). Fr. Tim will be there on the other side of the glass door on Saturdays from 11:00am to noon.

Spirit Lifters

Jan. 10th - The Church is a workshop, not a rest home.
Jan. 11th - Time flies, suns rise and shadows fall. Let time go by. Love is forever.
Jan. 12th - True wisdom lies in gathering precious moments out of each day.
Jan. 13th - Only in a world of love can we unfold and bloom.
Jan. 14th - Be sure if God sends you on stony paths. He will provide you with strong shoes.
Jan. 15th - If you find life empty - try putting something into it.
Jan. 16th - To accomplish great things we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe.

Vocation View - This is National Vocation Awareness Week. Revel in the gift of your baptism; pray for and with those who are called to fulfill their baptismal promises as priests sisters, and brothers. Encourage someone you know to consider a life of service in the church. (Acts 10:34-38)

St. Mary's

Collection - January 1st & 3rd 2021	
Envelopes	\$7,501.00
Christmas	155.00
Loose	307.01
Solemnity of Mary Loose	17.00
Solemnity Of Mary	818.00
Immaculate Conception	15.00
First Offering (for envelope)	390.00
Maintenance	55.00
Total:	\$9,258.01

****Thank you for sharing your Time, Talent, and Treasure in Building God's Kingdom!**

St. Barbara's

Collection - January 1st & 3rd, 2021	
Envelope	\$1,979.00
Christmas	76.00
Loose	95.00
Solemnity of Mary	273.00
Solemnity of Mary Loose	31.00
Children	4.00
Maintenance	5.00
First Offering	286.00
Christmas Flowers	20.00
Total:	\$2,774.00

****Thank you for sharing your Time, Talent, and Treasure in Building God's Kingdom! Diocesan Collection \$5.00**

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

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

- **Wearing a mask is required and please keep your mask on the entire time you are in Church.** When receiving communion, keep your mask on, step to the side, lift your mask from the bottom enough to put the host on your tongue, then replace your mask to its normal position. Please do not take your mask off for your wellbeing and the wellbeing of others.
- Sanitize your hands upon entering church and before receiving Communion
- Sit only in the pews that are not taped off
- Sit with people from your own household, spread 6ft apart from the next family or individual
- Use the worship aid not the hymnal (dispose of your worship aid after Mass in the waste paper basket. They are not being used for another Mass)
- Refrain from entering the parish hall until further notice
- The holy water fonts, sign of peace, and distribution of the cup are suspended
- These measures are being done for the safety of our vulnerable parishioners.



To request Mass intentions for this year, you can mail in your requests, place them in the collection or drop them in the mail box by the church office. Include your payment and a phone number and Mary will call you to confirm the dates with 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:**

Scrubbing Bubbles 563-8110


YOUR PRAYERS ARE NEEDED



Please pray for our parishioners in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living, are homebound and those who suffer in silence. 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's card sender is Rosemary Haepers - 563-5071
St. Barbara's card sender is Shirley LaValley - 563-5011

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). Thank You.

 Please remember to save your Econo Foods and Super One grocery slips for the Youth Group. They can be dropped off at the parish office mail box or in the collection. Thank You!

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



St. Mary and St. Barbara Parish Family extend their sympathy to the families of **Kenneth Trieber and Lee Meneghini** May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. AMEN

Tax Receipts for UPCSA will be automatically mailed out by the Diocese for everyone who made a single payment of \$250 or more in 2020. A tax receipt can be provide to any parishioner upon request. The parish will not provide an UPCSA tax receipt to anyone.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact:

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St. Mary and St. Barbara Conference of SVDP

We thank you for the generosity given throughout this past year to help those less fortunate. The ongoing monetary donations as well as keeping our pantry well stocked each month has truly been a blessing. This has been an unusual year due to the COVID virus as well as unexpected unemployment so your contributions have been able to make a difference in the lives of so many people.

Our Conference continues to help our friends in need with pantry items or other necessities on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday from 9-11 a.m. as in the past.

Pantry donations can be accepted at any time during the regular store hours Monday through Friday 9-4. Monetary donations may also be mailed to St. Mary/St. Barbara Conference of SVDP at 431 Main Street, Norway, Michigan 49870.



During January we would appreciate donations of toilet paper, Sloppy Joe mix such as Manwich, and Jell-o or pudding mix.

Our concern is for all our friends during these trying times and be assured you are in our prayers, especially those affected by the COVID virus. May the Infant Jesus continue to smile down on you and your loved ones and keep you safe. God Bless!



What's happening, this week

1/10 Sun. 11-1:00pm High School Faith Formation at St. Mary

1/12 Tue. 10:00am AA Meeting in St. Mary Classroom- Use

St. Joseph Center entrance in parking lot

1/12 Tue. 6:15pm Mark Bible Study Class -in person & on line

1/12 Tue. 7:00pm K of C Meeting

1/13 Wed. 3-4:30pm Faith Formation 1st-4th gr. at St. Mary

1/13 Wed. 6-7pm Faith Formation 5th-8th gr at St. Mary

1/14 Thur. Parish office is closed

1/15 Fri 6:00-6:45am Men's Prayer Group in St. Mary Church

1/16 Sat. 11-12pm Confessions at St. Mary, use the St. Joseph

There are still pews for sale. If you would like one or two see Fr. Tim or call the parish office 563-9845.

FEAST OF FAITH

The Sign of the Cross

At the beginning of our prayer, we make the sign of the cross together. This sign, simple and powerful, operates on many levels. We trace the sign of the cross over our bodies, reminding ourselves that the cross of Christ has become our source of resurrection, life, and grace. With this sign, we also profess our faith in the Trinity: the presider does not say "in the *names*," but "in the *name* of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit"—three persons, one God. The sign of the cross is also a baptismal reminder, for every sign of the cross echoes the words spoken over us at our baptism, which marked our entry into the saving mystery of Christ. This many-layered sign is also our primary sign of blessing: the cross is traced over people, places, and things upon which we ask God to impart divine benediction.

In blessing ourselves with the sign of the cross at the beginning of Mass, we acknowledge the mystery that has gathered us together: that Christ, the crucified and risen One, is living, and that we are members of his Body. Our response, our Amen, is our *yes* to all this, our first profession of faith.

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THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

When new sod is put in, it needs constant saturation with water. Landscapers say that this "knits" the sod to the soil. The same when a branch is grafted onto a tree: the poultice that joins them at the splice must be kept wet at all times. Water is the stuff that binds the very cells of our bodies together. No wonder religions throughout all times and cultures have used it so prominently. When Jesus stepped into the Jordan for baptism, he "knit" himself to what had come before him. By going to the Jordan, he made himself one with the people of Israel who had crossed it into their Promised Land. With John the Baptist, Christ wove himself into the prophetic tradition that heralded the coming reign of God. He had become fully human in the waters of Mary's womb, and by partaking in the rite of the baptism of repentance, Jesus identified himself with our sinful, frail humanity. It is through the waters of baptism that Christ continues to graft new members onto his Body, the Church; through these waters we are cleansed from sin and filled with the promise of grace, given our destiny for eternal life. For us, as for Jesus, it is also the waters of baptism that inaugurate our mission to proclaim the Good News.

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