

The Epiphany of the Lord

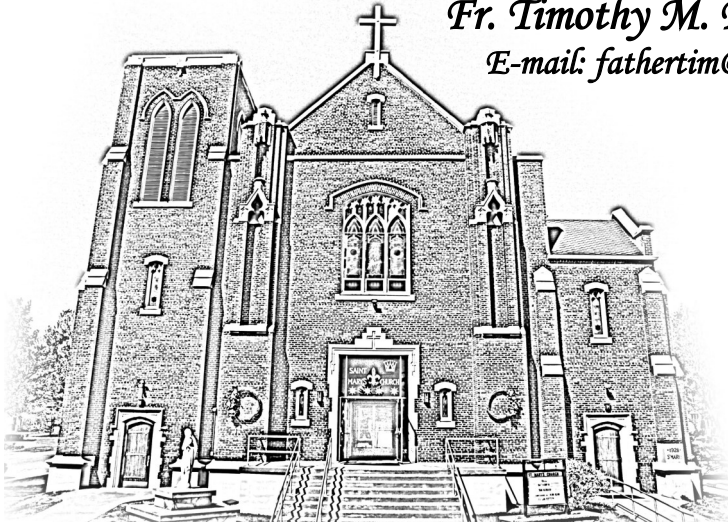
January 5, 2020

They opened their treasures and offered him gifts
of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

— Matthew 2:11b

Fr. Timothy M. Ekaitis, Pastor

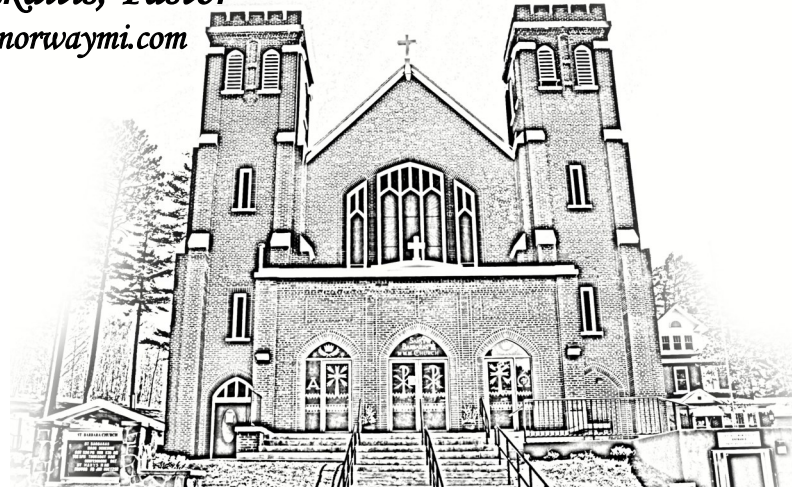
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13;
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;
Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10;
Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

Parish Personnel

Phone # 906-563-9845
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Mass Intentions

1/6 MON No Mass

1/7 TUE 5:00pm SM - Roy Guiliani

1/8 WED 8:00am SM - Marge Schiavo

1/9 THUR 8:00am SB - Ann Giuliani

1/10 FRI 8:30am SM - Andy Neeck

1/11 SAT 4:00pm SM - Judy Opolka

1/11 SAT 6:00pm SB - For the People of St. Barbara & St. Mary Parishes

1/12 SUN 8:00am SB - In Thanksgiving 60th Wedding Anniversary Loren & Yvonne Poquette

1/12 SUN 10:00am SM - Tony Baciak

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



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.

Spirit Lifters

Jan. 5th - Ulcers are what you get from mountain climbing over molehills.

Jan. 6th - Blessed are they who are pleasant to live with.

Jan. 7th - You can't keep trouble from coming, but you needn't give it a chair to set on.

-Old Proverb

Jan. 8th - When you're tired and worn at the close of the day and things don't seem to be going your way, when even your patience has come to an end, try taking time out and confide in a friend.

Jan. 9th - You cannot lift your children to a higher level than that on which you live yourself.

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.

Vocation Breakfast Sunday, January 19th

9:00 to 11:30 A.M.

St. Barbara's Church Hall, Vulcan



Menu: Eggs & Ham, French Toast, Sausage, Rolls, Juice & Coffee

Free Will Offering

All proceeds are for the purpose of promoting vocations.

Please Come & Enjoy!!

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Vocational View - The astrologers brought gold, frankincense, and myrrh. What treasures do I have to give to the Lord? Is he calling me to be a priest, brother, or sister? (Matthew 2:1-12)

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.

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's

Collection-December 25 & 29, 2019

Envelopes & Christmas \$8,334.00

Loose 886.00

Children 20.00

Maintenance 90.00

School 5.00

First Offering 10.00

Christmas Flowers 20.00

Total: \$9,365.00

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

St. Barbara's

Collection December 25 & 29, 2019

Envelopes & Christmas \$2,776.00

Loose 176.00

Children 25.00

Christmas Flowers 10.00

First Offering 10.00

Total: \$2,997.00

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

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.

Take note: Tuesday, January 7th, St. Barbara Women's League meet at 1:00PM in their parish hall and The Women of St. Mary will meet at 6:30pm in their parish hall.

Tax Receipts for UPCSA will be automatically mailed out by the Diocese for everyone who made a single payment of \$250 or more in 2019. 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:

Wendy J. Negri

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St. Mary Memorial



Each month we list the names of those in whose name gifts have been made to the Memorial Fund at St. Mary Church. They are remembered at the 10:00 a.m. Mass on the First Sunday of each month for one year. The names are inscribed in our Memorial Book, which is on display in the vestibule. Contact the parish office for more information. Inscribed for the month of December are: **Dennis Meneghini, Diane Palmcook and Marvin Ropele.**

All parishes in the Diocese of Marquette will be taking up the 2020 Mission Collection on January 11th-12th, 2020. The Mission Collection supports the following outreach ministries to the Universal Church: the Black & Indian Missions, Catholic Home Missions, the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, and the Propagation of the Faith Mission.

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:

St. George Glass - 906 774-0388

YOUR PRAYERS ARE NEEDED



Please pray for our parishioners in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living, are homebound and those who suffer in silence. Prayers were also requested this past week for **Abby Bal**. 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.

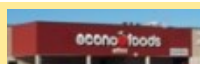
St. Mary and St. Barbara Conferences of SVDP monthly program to "help stock the pantry".

During the month of **January** our pantry is in need of **toothpaste, hand soap, and mustard**. We thank our donors for helping make each month special for those in need.



Food donations can be brought either to the pantry at the SVDP Store or placed in the donation box in the entrance of each church. We thank you for your generosity of both pantry and monetary donations. **We are always in NEED OF VOLUNTEERS for either the store or conference.** God Bless!

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 or placed in an envelope in the Sunday collection. Thank You!



FYI: In your envelopes the First Offering/Initial Offering envelope is used to make a donation to help cover the cost of envelopes.

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON (1774-1821)

January 4

Though her liturgical designation is "Religious," Elizabeth Seton, her feast-day prayer reminds us, was also wife, mother, educator, foundress. Born into a wealthy Episcopalian family, Elizabeth married William Seton, whose untimely death in Italy where the young family sought healing for William's tuberculosis, left her, at twenty-nine, a widow with five children. Inspired by the faith and charity of the Italian family with whom they stayed, Elizabeth embraced Catholicism despite her family's disowning her and ceasing financial support. This woman of many firsts (and several vocations!) opened the first free Catholic school, beginning the American Catholic educational system, and founded the first American religious community for women, the Sisters of Charity. The tuberculosis that claimed her husband took also her oldest and youngest daughters and, finally, at just forty-seven, Elizabeth herself. Another first: in 1975 she was canonized the first native-born American saint. Once asked to summarize her spirituality, she replied: "Faith lifts the staggering soul on one side, hope supports it on the other, experience says it must be, and love says let it be!"

—Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

We are collection old Christmas cards for future projects. When you are done with your cards this year, please bring and deposit them in the box in back of church.

What's Happening:

1/7 Tue. 10:00am AA Meeting at St. Mary
1/7/ Tue. 1:00pm St. Barbara Women League Meeting
1/7 Tue. 6:30pm Women of St. Mary Meeting
1/8 Wed. 3-4:30pm Faith Formation 1st-4th gr. at St. Mary
1/8 Wed. 4:30-5pm St. Mary Youth Choir Practice
1/8 Wed. 6-7pm Faith Formation 5th-8th gr at St. Mary
1/8 Wed. 6:30pm St. Barbara Sunday Choir has practice
1/8 Wed. 7:15-8:15pm MSM & Youth Group at Holy Spirit
1/9 Thur. 7:00pm St. Barbara Saturday Choir Practice
1/10 Fri. 6-6:45am Men's Prayer Group at St. Mary
1/11 Sat. 11-12pm Confessions at St. Mary
1/12 Sun. 11:00am High School Faith Formation

St. Mary's card sender is Rosemary Haepers - 563-5071

St. Barbara's card sender is Shirley LaValley - 563-5011

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.

Important note: If you are an adult & no longer in college you will need to register in your own name, you are no longer registered under your parents name in the church. Also, if you have been away for some time and have come back, and do not have envelopes you may need to re-register or update your information. Please contact Mary (563-9845) in the parish office to check on your status. Thank you, and nice to see you here.

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Epiphany can be understood as an extension of the Nativity of the Lord that we celebrate on December 25. While at Christmas we celebrate Jesus' coming as the long-awaited king and Messiah of the Jewish people, on Epiphany we celebrate the revelation that Jesus is the Savior and Light of all nations—Jews, Gentiles, and all people.

The star shines so brightly that it attracts magi who come from far distant countries to worship Jesus. They are not Jews, yet they are drawn to the Light of the world. The letter to the Ephesians reveals that the Light of the world was for the Gentiles as well as the Jews—Christ gathers all people into the light of his love. The reading from Isaiah also describes a gathering of diverse peoples, but this time it is to the light that emanates from the people of God.

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Mark your Calendar

Joint Parish Adult Social, Dinner and Entertainment in St. Mary Parish Hall on Saturday, February 22nd after the 4:00pm Mass. We will not have a 6:00pm Mass on that day. (More details on price and menu to follow.)

THANK YOU, to all of the young people who were part of St. Barbara's Christmas Eve pageant. We are also grateful to all of the adults who helped make our pageant so special. Happy New Year!

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