I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

— Isaiah 49:6b
Celebrating over a Century of Faith and Education

St. Barbara Parish is a Roman Catholic community celebrating a century of faith in the Bridgeport area. Our faith community welcomes all people, helping them grow spiritually through liturgy, prayer, and education, and socially through activities for all ages. Our school takes great pride in fostering these values in our children. We give witness to our faith by sharing with each other our God-given gifts and talents. We nourish and sustain our faith as a family by celebrating the sacraments and the presence of the risen Lord among us in the Eucharist.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY NEWS

At our meeting on Friday, January 6th, the following “100” Club winners were chosen: 1st prize: Tony; 2nd prize: George Vanderford, Sr.; 3rd prize: 14 Krok; 4th prize: Mark; and 5th prize: 15 Krok.

We are once again selling St. Patrick’s Day Lotto tickets. Prizes will be given every day during the month of March. Your ticket number must match the winning evening Illinois Lottery Pick 3 game number. Daily winners will receive $100. Saturdays’ winners will be awarded $250 and the grand prize of $500 will be awarded on St. Patrick’s Day. Tickets are just $10.00 each and can be purchased after Mass from the ushers or from any Holy Name Member.

Save The Dates

Installation of Officers will be held at the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, February 5th.

The Holy Name Family Dance (Father/Daughter, Mother/Son) will be held on Saturday, February 11th.

Our next Holy Name meeting will take place on Friday, February 10th, at 7:00 pm.

We are seeking new members. Anyone interested in joining our organization, please come to the Senior Mobile on February 10th. Everyone is welcome!!!

USHERS URGENTLY NEEDED!

If you would like to become an usher, please see Head Usher Ed Glos for more details.

Weekday Masses

Monday through Thursday—CHAPEL
Friday, Saturday and Sunday Masses—CHURCH

HOLY COMMUNION

If you find it difficult to walk to the front of the Church to receive Holy Communion, please notify one of the ushers before Mass that you would like a priest to bring Communion to you.

Dear People of St. Barbara,

Just a short note of appreciation for your cards, gifts and, most of all, your prayers, both for my birthday and at Christmas. I really am grateful that you remembered me in a special way this year. May you have a blessed, healthy and happy New Year and know that you are always in my prayers!

With Love,
FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This week, from January 18th to the 25th, Christians all over the world are celebrating the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This special week is not only for Catholics, but for all religions based on Christianity. This week gives an opportunity for all members of the Christian faith in the whole world to get together and discuss their faith. Every year, the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and the World Council of Churches select religious leaders from a different country to prepare the theme of that year’s Week of Prayer. This year, the text for the Week of Prayer was prepared by Germany.

Cardinal Blase Cupich and the Office for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs are encouraging all Catholics in the Chicago archdiocese to engage in personal prayer and join local observances during the week of January 18-25 and throughout the year.

As your pastor, I encourage you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for unity of Christians the world over. I would like to give you the 2017 Prayer for Christian Unity.

GOD OF ALL, WE PRAY AS ONE, THAT WE MAY BE ONE, JUST AS THE LORD JESUS PRAYED WE MAY BE ONE IN HIM. YOUR SON JESUS COMPELS US TO BE RECONCILED TO ONE ANOTHER. MAY OUR SPIRITS BE JOINED TO YOUR HOLY SPIRIT THAT WE MAY WITNESS TO THE VISIBLE UNITY OF YOUR CHURCH. MAY WE ALL RECOGNIZE THAT WE ARE TRULY ONE WITH YOU, FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT AND GROW TOGETHER IN PEACE. WE ASK THIS IN THE NAME OF JESUS OUR LORD. AMEN.

Fr. Arthur

To Rise With Christ - Instruction on Burial Rites Involving Ashes / Cremated Remains of the Deceased

Recently, the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has issued an Instruction, To Rise With Christ, on the burial rites involving ashes / cremated remains of the deceased. Specifically, To Rise With Christ is addressing practices in society which have grown in popularity in recent years in regard to the care of cremated remains after death: the separation or scattering of ashes, the retaining or display of ashes in one’s home, or the use of ashes in the creation of jewelry. In all of these cases the Instruction reiterates the Church’s firm belief in the respectful care of ashes / cremated remains of the departed, such that “the ashes of the faithful must be laid to rest in a sacred place, that is, in a cemetery or, in certain cases, in a church or an area, which has been set aside for this purpose.”

Today, during all Masses, Robert Adams, Field Agent for the Knights of Columbus, will speak to all men regarding the advantages of becoming members of the Knights of Columbus. Please join us in welcoming Mr. Adams to St. Barbara Parish.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:
ROSE MARY LODDING
Please keep the Lodding, Jasas and Fietko families in your prayers.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Even though the official Year of Mercy ended on November 20th and Pope Francis has closed the Holy Door at the Basilica in the Vatican, the Divine Mercy Chaplet will still be said before all 6:00 pm Tuesday evening Masses, after the 11:30 am Sunday Mass, and after all First Friday Masses during the Holy Hour. If you attend 11:30 am Mass and decide not to stay for the chaplet, please exit church quietly. Thank you.
Sun., Jan. 15 - Robert Adams, Knights of Columbus Field Agent, speaks at all Masses
Mon., Jan. 16 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday; no school
Tues., Jan. 17 - St. Barbara Seniors Mtg.; 11:30 am
Fri., Jan. 20 - School Free Day
Sat., Jan. 21 - Knights of Columbus Open House; 9:00 am
Sun., Jan. 22 - Knights of Columbus 94th Anniversary Mass; 9:30 am

2017 Carnival News
As you pick up your Parish 2017 Calendars, please notice the Carnival dates on the bottom. Hard to believe that in 6 months our Parish Carnival will be here.

Our first carnival meeting of the new year will be held on Friday, February 3rd at 7:15 pm. Anyone interested in helping at the carnival, please attend this meeting.

Wendy Kaput & Denise Holland, Chairpersons

Please consider remembering St. Barbara Parish in your will.

ST. BARBARA SENIORS
Are you 55+? Do you enjoy socializing with your neighbors? Interested in playing Bingo? If so, come to the next St. Barbara Senior Citizens Meeting to be held this Tuesday, January 17, at 11:30 a.m. Try it — you might like it!

RETIREMENT FUND FOR THE RELIGIOUS UPDATE
We have received a letter from the Archdiocese of Chicago thanking us for a donation of $394.00 given towards the Retirement Fund for the Religious. The letter assures us of the continued prayers of all religious and blessings throughout 2017.

January is Poverty Awareness Month!
During Poverty Awareness Month, join the U.S. Bishops, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development and the Catholic Community in the United States in taking up Pope Francis' challenge to live in solidarity with the poor!

Ministry of Care
If you or anyone you know enters a hospital, please call the rectory. Hospitals are under greater restrictions regarding notifying parishes. Also, if anyone you know is homebound, even temporarily, and would like to receive Holy Communion or a visit from a priest, please call the parish office, (312) 842-7979.

Caregiver Available: An internationally educated registered nurse is available for caregiving duties. She is available for all day; however, she does not desire a live-in situation. If interested, please call Carla, (312) 619-8677

Mercy Home - Sunday Mass
WGN- TV Channel 9 - Chicago
Sunday Mass: 9:30 AM
St. Barbara School Presents
“Dine-Out” Night
Thursday, January 26, 2017

The next “Dine-Out” Night to benefit St. Barbara Elementary School is on Thursday, January 26th. The featured restaurant this month is **Connie’s Pizza**, located at 2373 South Archer Avenue, or phone (312) - Connie’s. More details will be forthcoming in future bulletins.

- **Our annual Pasta Dinner**, sponsored by the Board of Specified Jurisdiction, will be held on Saturday evening, February 4th, following the 5:00 pm Mass.

- The **Holy Name Family Dance (Father/Daughter, Mother/Son)** will take place on Saturday, February 11th, at 1:00 pm

- The **annual Art Fair** will take place on Wednesday, May 3rd, from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

**Parents in need of service hours:** Volunteer kitchen and floor help for Thursday night Bingo is needed. If interested, please contact Jim Bertucci after Sunday 6:00 a.m. Mass, at Bingo on Thursday evenings, or call (312) 835-5411.

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**Video and Game Rental Night Out At The Video Strip**

This month St. Barbara has an added opportunity to benefit the school and have some family fun.

Starting Friday, January 27, through Sunday, February 5, St. Barbara School will receive a percentage of your rental fee for physical videos and games from **The Video Strip**, 3307 S. Archer Avenue (next to the Auto Zone store, about halfway between Ashland and Damen).

Simply mention St. Barbara at the time of your rental. The program covers all rentals: video games, movies, TV shows, and the special children's section.

Rental periods and costs vary. There are short-term daily/multi-day rentals, or monthly unlimited packages. All of them count toward St. Barbara during this benefit period.

The Video Strip, 3307 S. Archer Avenue, 773-927-4307, is open every day from 1 pm until midnight.
We wish to update our Sick List. Some of the names have been on the list for several years. If you wish to keep a family member or friend on the Prayer List, please let us know. Also, if you wish to add someone’s name please contact the rectory (312-842-7979). Thank you.

**Weekly Collection - Jan. 7 - Jan. 8**

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Goal $179,200.00  Weekly $6,400.00

% of Goal 50%  49%

Votives & Vigil Lights: $260.70

Dec. Give Central 1st $2,000.00  2nd $345.00  Other $800.00

Consider electronic giving through GiveCentral.org for donations to St. Barbara. It is a safe and secure way to donate via credit card or electronic check. Sign up by visiting our website and follow the prompts.

**Liturgical Ministers**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 21ST**

5:00 p.m.
- Altar Servers: X. Lopez, A. Lemke, M. Castells, M. Lemke
- Eucharistic Ministers: A. Skokal, J. Lukwinski
- Lectors: D. Hailer, C. Hailer
- Greeter: L. Echevarria

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 22ND**

6:00 a.m.
- Altar Server: G. Vanderford
- Eucharistic Ministers: S. Guest, J. Balasa
- Lector: J. Bertucci
- Greeter: B. Webb

**SAINT ANTHONY, ABBOT**

8:30 a.m.
- Blessings: Hubert Sawaściuk and Family

**VIGIL OF THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00 p.m.
- All Parishioners, Living & Deceased Blessings: Adeline Skokal
- + David Kaput (Virginia Pienta)
- + Evelyn & Ignatius J. Goetz (Karen & Adrian Goetz & Family)
- Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

6:00 a.m.
- Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
- + Joseph Brinak (Rolek Family)
- 9:30 a.m. Knights of Columbus 94th Anniversary Mass
- + Mary Diaz DeLeon (Family)
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5:00 a.m.
- Joy of the Assumption of Our Lady
- Eucharistic Ministers: M. Rowan
- Lectors: S. B. McNulty, J. Gonzalez
- Greeter: B. Webb

**Eucharistic Ministers**

- P. Rodriguez, J. Rodriquez
- Lectors: Sr. K. McNulty, H. Diaz DeLeon
- Greeter: M. Rolon

11:30 a.m.
- Altar Servers: I. Echevarria, M. Gonzalez
- Eucharistic Ministers: A. Gonzalez, J. Gonzalez
- Lectors: Sr. K. McNulty, H. Diaz DeLeon
- Greeter: M. Rolon

11:30 a.m.
- Altar Servers: V. Sandoval, L. Calderon, A. Calderon, N. Calderon
- Eucharistic Ministers: H. Alonzo, A. Alonzo
- Greeter: M. Szczepanski
Baptisms: Parents must be registered practicing parishioners and attend a baptismal preparation session before a baptism will be scheduled. Call the rectory office for further information.

Communion Calls: Please contact the Rectory when someone who is homebound or in the hospital wishes a visit to receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The Anointing of the Sick is for anyone seriously sick and not only for those near death.

Ministry of Care: Eucharistic Ministers are available to visit, pray with, and bring Holy Communion to those who are sick and unable to attend Mass. Notify the Parish Office when this service is needed.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a program for anyone inquiring and seeking information about entering the Catholic faith.

Weddings: Weddings need to be scheduled at least six months in advance. Couples are reminded to secure the Church date before the reception hall.

Moving/New Cell #: Please contact the rectory with address change or telephone change.

Please pray for those homebound, hospitalized and in need of continued prayers...