Wait for the Lord with courage; be stouthearted, and wait for the Lord.

— Psalm 27:14
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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ARCHBISHOP QUIGLEY COUNCIL CELEBRATES 94TH ANNIVERSARY

Today we welcome members of the Archbishop Quigley Council #2428 who are celebrating the 94th anniversary of their council with a special Mass at 9:30 am.

Weekday Masses

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

HOLY NAME SOCIETY NEWS

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.
* The Holy Name Men’s Mardi Gras Concert and hospitality will be held in Church on Tuesday, February 28th at 6:30 pm.

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!!!
FROM THE DESK OF THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR:

Dear People of St. Barbara,

When we look at today’s words in the second reading, we notice how divided we are. We belong to different parties; we vote for one person or the other person. Sometimes we will fight for our opinions; we fight today and tomorrow we see that it was a useless fight. We lose a lot of energy and our health to protect our own ideas and, after a couple of days or years, we see that it was a wasted time. Unfortunately, we must live in the world as it is.

But we, as Christians, have to remember that, practically, it doesn’t matter who will be our leader or for how many years. Really what matters is that we have to remember that we belong to Jesus Christ. And, before we become a member of different organizations, different parties, different groups, as a child we were baptized and marked with the sign of the cross in Jesus’ name.

The second reading is beautiful in which St. Paul addressed the Corinthians, who were strongly divided. I think Paul was very, very angry with them because they were divided. They were arguing among themselves and I think they were saying who was the most important. They were saying, “I belong to Paul”, “I belong to Apollos” or “I belong to Cephas” and the question was “Who is the most important; who is the strongest, who has the most influence, the most power?” Paul clearly says “it is not important who has power or who has stronger leadership. The most important point is that you were baptized in the name of Jesus.”

And when we look at today’s Gospel, it says that the light came to the people and this light is Jesus. He came to Capernaum and started to teach, started to cure people, started to make them really free and the Gospel says light came to this country. Jesus worked very quietly without big gatherings, without TV cameras and bright lights. Jesus worked quietly and gave people true light, true freedom, true love and true unity. He doesn’t want to divide us; he wants us to be one.

Fr. Andrzej

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL TO BEGIN SOON

During this week, all parishioners who contributed to the Annual Catholic Appeal in 2016 will receive a letter from Cardinal Cupich with a commitment form and an envelope for the 2017 Appeal which will soon begin. The theme of this year’s appeal is “Love Your Neighbor as Yourself”. We have all received God’s love. By financially supporting the ministries and services funded by the ACA, we help to extend God’s love to many, many others.

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As you can see from the above report dated December 19th, we have exceeded our goal to date by $12,581.75. This money will greatly help to pay the parish operating expenses. Unfortunately, our 2017 goal will be considerably higher. The reason the Archdiocese decreased our goal last year was due to the fact that we did the To Teach Who Christ Is Campaign.

We ask that you do not mail your commitment card and envelope but hold it until the campaign is presented in church. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.
**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

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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.

**St. Barbara School Presents**

**“Dine-Out” Night**

**Thursday, January 26, 2017**

The next “Dine-Out” Night to benefit St. Barbara Elementary School is this Thursday, January 26th. The featured restaurant this month is **Connie’s Pizza**, located at 2373 South Archer Avenue, or phone (312) - Connie’s. Just mention St. Barbara when ordering. This offer is good for dining in, pick-up, or delivery.

**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
St. Barbara Honors Martin Luther King, Jr.

In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr., 1st and 2nd grade spent this past Friday together discussing the life of this great civil rights leader. They heard stories about diversity and also drew pictures of MLK. Towards the end of the day, Mrs. Mison and Mrs. Davis led the students in an “Egg Diversity Activity”. Students cracked different color eggs and realized that even though they look different on the outside, they are the same on the inside. God created us different and that is what makes us unique, but the beautiful thing is we are all human with a heart that beats, with emotions of laughter, joy, sadness and love and this is what should hold us together, not the color of our skin. Well done, 1st and 2nd grade!

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.
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. 14 - Jan. 15

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Liturgical Ministers

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 28TH**
5:00 p.m.
Altar Servers: X. Lopez, A. Torres, I. Echevarria, N. Gayton
Eucharistic Ministers: A. Skokal
Lectors: G. Dumelle, L. Saletta
Greeter: L. Saletta

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 29TH**
6:00 a.m.
Altar Server: G. Vanderford
Eucharistic Ministers: S. Guest, J. Balasa
Lector: J. Bertucci
Greeter: B. Webb
9:30 a.m.
Altar Servers: R. Cabrera, M. Arteaga, C. Kelly, N. Perez
Eucharistic Ministers: F. Cabrera, J. Lukwinski
Lectors: Catholic Schools Week Family Mass
Greeter: C. Whitehouse
11:30 a.m.
Altar Servers: A. Rodriguez, M. Rodriguez, K. Ruiz, K. Zotamba
Eucharistic Ministers: R. Carden, B. Pienta
Lectors: B. Pienta, P. Saletta
Greeter: P. Saletta
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...


**MASS SCHEDULE**

**SUNDAY LITURGIES**

Saturday ........................................ 5:00 p.m.
Sunday ........................................ 6:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

**WEEKDAY LITURGIES**

8:30 a.m.: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday: 6:00 p.m.: Tuesday

**HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION**

6:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted

**CONFESSION**

Saturday 3:45-4:30 p.m.

**FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS**

Mass at 8:30 a.m., followed by a short period of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Evening Mass at 6:00 p.m., followed by Exposition and Adoration, concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30 p.m.

**THE ROSARY**

Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. before the 6:00 p.m. Mass, and on Sunday at 5:30 a.m. before the 6:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.

**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.; 1:30-4:00 p.m.

The office is closed on Saturday and Sunday.