Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jan. 29
2017

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

COMMUNITIES OF FAITH,
KNOWLEDGE AND SERVICE

Saint Barbara Parish
2859 South Throop Street
Chicago, Illinois 60608
ALTAR & ROSARY SODALITY MEETING NEXT SUNDAY

The Altar & Rosary Sodality will meet next Sunday, February 5th at 1:00 pm in the Senior Mobile. Join us for our monthly meeting, a light lunch and a few games of bingo.

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 next 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,

In today’s readings, I would like to focus on three things. The first point comes from the first reading. The Prophet Zephaniah says “seek the Lord, all you humble of the earth”. The prophet reminds us that we should look for the presence of God in our lives in every moment. Sometimes we think that we know everything – about religion, God, politics, the economy, etc. Truly, we know very little, even if we have much knowledge. The prophet reminds us that only people of humble heart can find God.

The second thought is from the second reading. St. Paul says to us “consider your own calling, brothers and sisters”. I think it is very important to find out what is our call from God. What should I do in my life? Very often, we choose not what we really like to do, but what brings us profit, position in the community and, sooner or later, we become sad, frustrated, unhappy and we go to work because we have to, not because we like to. I knew a guy who was very talented and his parents decided he should be a lawyer. He finished the university with the highest grades and he could have a job wherever he wanted but, always when we met, he told me “I hate being a lawyer. My dream is to be a truck driver.” And, finally, he said no to his parents and became a truck driver. He drove all over Europe, Russia, Asia and, when I met him later in life, he was a completely different person. He was happy and healthy; he was a person you wanted to meet.

One more example. When I was in the seminary, there was a strange vocation. One man finished the medical university. After two years of being a doctor, he decided to go to the seminary. He was my classmate. Now, 26 years later, he is a very happy priest – a priest who says “if I would continue to be a doctor, probably I would not help people, but I would hurt them”. We have to consider very carefully what we want to do in our lives and parents have to be very sensitive in what direction their children want to go.

And the last thought is from the gospel. Jesus gave us 8 directions of what to do to be a blessed and happy person. Jesus said, “Follow these 8 steps and you will reach heaven.”

Fr. Andrzej

First Friday Masses
February 3rd

* 8:30 a.m. Mass (in Church)
* 6:00 p.m. Mass (in Church)
* 6:45 p.m. Exposition
* 7:30 p.m. Benediction

It is amazing how everything that God proposed to us is simple. He gave us Ten Commandments and that’s it. Follow the Ten short Commandments and you will be happy. What do we do? We think that we are smarter and live our way. We break the commandments and we feel unhappy, sad and lonely. So today’s Gospel reminds us that the way to happiness is very easy, very simple. Don’t make it more complicated; don’t live your way. The best way to live is God’s way.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is 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.

January 22, 2017 Report

Donor Count          113
2016 Goal                     $ 5,831.25
Amount Pledged                          $21,013.00
Amount Paid                                $18,813.00
Balance Due                                 $  2,200.00

Because payments have exceeded our goal, all additional funds are returned to our parish for our use. Thank you for your support of St. Barbara Parish.
**BSJ HOSTS ANNUAL PASTA DINNER SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH**

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

Tickets are available from the ushers after Mass or from the rectory.

**Reminder:** No tickets will be sold at the door.

* 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.

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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.

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**USHERS URGENTLY NEEDED!**

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

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**Carnival News**

Well, now that our Annual Carnival is less than 5 months away, it is time to get busy with all the planning. We are again going to deal with D & J Amusements, as they were great to work with and they kept the grounds clean. We will again have a variety of rides for all ages throughout our property and down Throop St. We are finishing up the Entertainment, so stay tuned for the lineup.

Our 1st meeting will be on Friday, February 3, 2017 in the Parish Center at 7:15pm. We are always looking for ideas and new faces to help make our 3rd Carnival a success. If unable to attend, feel free to drop a note in the collection basket with your ideas.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Wendy Kaput and Denise Holland
CONGRESSMAN DANIEL LIPINSKI VISITS ST. BARBARA SCHOOL

This week, we were honored to welcome Congressman Daniel Lipinski to St. Barbara School. Congressman Lipinski paid tribute to the remarkable success of America's Catholic schools and the influence of his own Catholic school education.

He honored the dedication of our teachers and the sacrifices many families make in sending their children to St. Barbara School. He spent several minutes answering students’ questions and presented our principal, Mrs. Nolazco, with an official resolution in support of St. Barbara and all Catholic Schools. This resolution was delivered to his congressional colleagues on the House floor prior to his visit. Thank you for your visit, Congressman!

Happy Chinese New Year!

To celebrate the Year of the Rooster, the entire student body made Chinese New Year Lanterns. During this past week, classes have been partnering up and learning about this important tradition. The lanterns are now adorning our school halls and classrooms! Great job everyone!
**Weekly Collection - Jan. 21 - Jan. 22**

**Total Collection** $3,254.75

- **Sunday Envelopes (111)** $2,122.00
- **Sunday Loose** $456.00
- **Children's Envelopes (8)** $41.75
- **Elementary School (49)** $635.00

YTD: $95,933.02  
Weekly: $3,254.75

**Goal** $192,000.00  
% of Goal: 51%

Votives & Vigil Lights: $201.50

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

Consider electronic giving through [GiveCentral.org](http://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.

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**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, Jan. 28 - Vigil of the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 p.m. + Catherine Piorecki (Ted Piorecki)  
+ Katherine Krason (Karen & Adrian Goetz and Family)  
+ Sophie Rzasa (Betty Kauer)  
+ Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

**Sunday, Jan. 29 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

6:00 a.m. Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)  
+ Rose Mary Lodding (Ruth and Dave Czarnecki)  
+ Catholic Schools Week Family Mass  
9:30 a.m. + Tessie Wysko (Ed and B. Glabicki)  
11:30 a.m. + Dorothy Wheeler (St. Barbara Thursday Night Bingo)

**Monday, Jan. 30 - Weekday**

8:30 a.m. + Rita M. Lucas

**Tuesday, Jan. 31 - St. John Bosco**

6:00 p.m. + Lucille Helma (Ed & B. Glabicki)  
+ Mary Wyzynski (Charlene Reimer)

**Wednesday, Feb. 1 - St. Bridget of Ireland**

8:30 a.m. Health Blessings: Stanley Kiwala

**Thursday, Feb. 2 - The Presentation of the Lord**

8:30 a.m. Special Intention (Anonymous)

**Friday, Feb. 3 - Weekday; St. Blaise**

8:30 a.m. Health Blessings: Elizabeth McCloughry  
6:00 p.m. + Alice Tobinski (Ed & B. Glabicki)

**Saturday, Feb. 4 - Weekday**

8:30 a.m. Father’s Day Remembrance  
+ Adele Terry (Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Nawracaj and Family)  
+ Al Campione (Family)

**Saturday, Feb. 4 - Vigil of the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 p.m. + Adele Terry (Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Nawracaj and Family)  
+ Joseph Piorecki (Ted Piorecki)  
+ 4th Ann.: Sophie Rzasa (Rzasa Family)  
+ Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

**Sunday, Feb. 5 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

6:00 a.m. All Parishioners, Living and Deceased Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)  
+ John & Dolores Snyder (Terri Rolek)  
9:30 a.m. Health Blessings: John Ziembka  
11:30 a.m. + Birth. Rem.: Sophie Lukwinski (Judy Lukwinski)  
Blessings: Frank & Eleanor Kozak

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**Liturgical Ministers**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH**

5:00 p.m.

- **Altar Servers**: X. Lopez, A. Torres, I. Echevarria, N. Gayton
- **Eucharistic Ministers**: J. Lukwinski, R. Carden
- **Lectors**: L. Saletta, G. Dumelle
- **Greeter**: L. Saletta

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH**

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**: Sr. K. McNulty, M. Worth
- **Greeter**: D. Becatti

11:30 a.m.

- **Altar Servers**: A. Rodriguez, M. Rodriguez, K. Ruiz, K. Zotamba
- **Eucharistic Ministers**: A. Skokal, D. Ramos
- **Lectors**: E. Raya, Jr., H. Alonzo
- **Greeter**: M. Rolon
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...