Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Feb. 12
2017

What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him, this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.”

— 1 Corinthians 2:9-10
2017 Annual Catholic Appeal
“Love Your Neighbor As Yourself”

Please spend some time this week reflecting on the Annual Catholic Appeal brochure that you received with your bulletin. Please remember that the Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift payable in installments.

The ACA theme, “Love Your Neighbor As Yourself,” was selected to remind us that our contributions to the Annual Catholic Appeal enable the funded ministries and services to share God’s love with many others in our parish, our Archdiocese, and throughout the world.

Each pledge makes a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our Archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services.

After our parish goal of $8,223 is reached in cash, 100% of any additional funds come back to our parish to help fund our needs.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. For those of you that did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our in-pew pledge process at all Masses next weekend.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

THE PASSION OF CHRIST
SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2017
Screenplay Writer and Director: Cecylia Jablonska

St. Barbara Parish welcomes “Misterium”, a prayer-theatrical group based at St. Hyacinth’s Basilica, who will perform the play The Passion of Christ here at St. Barbara Church on Saturday, March 4th, after the 5:00 pm Mass. The group “Misterium” has over 70 members whose purpose is to proclaim the religious truth through word, play and music.

The Passion of Christ is a theatrical production of the story of Christ’s life, filled with compassion, service and salvation. A cast of non-professional actors performs passages taken directly from Scripture. The leader of the group, Ms. Cecylia Jablonska, would like to invite all parishioners and neighbors of St. Barbara, school parents, and students to take part one more time in reliving The Passion of Christ.

Sun., Feb. 12 - 6th Grade Family Mass; 9:30 am

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.

Weekday Masses
Monday through Thursday—CHAPEL
Friday, Saturday and Sunday Masses—CHURCH
Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Last week we finished Catholic Schools Week. This week, I invited our principal, Mrs. Nicole Nolazco, and the school to prepare a special edition of the St. Barbara bulletin to show you how our school celebrated Catholic Schools Week.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL

A Shared Vision

For the past ten years I have served the St. Barbara School community in both the capacity of Social Studies teacher and now Principal. These have been the most rewarding years of my career because of the unique community spirit that the St. Barbara School and Parish possess. This spirit is most alive during Catholic Schools Week (CSW) as we remember our past and look forward to the future of our school and parish; and in doing so work as a community to celebrate our faith and the uniqueness of each of us.

The school engaged in many activities during the week, but I find the opening mass to always be the most moving of the events. The mass is the time when the School and Parish join together as a faith community to spread the good news of our vision and mission, to outwardly express our commitment to our Catholic faith and to those we serve. Many years ago I was on the committee that helped to “re-envision” and write a new mission statement for our school. That experience has stuck with me because of the far-reaching impact this mission statement has had on both our school and parish. The opening mass for Catholic Schools Week reminds me of the impact the mission has had on our students and will continue to have for years to come.

Catholic Schools Week is also a time for marketing to the larger Bridgeport Community in the form of an open house. Visitors are excited when they come for tours in our building because they feel this community spirit as they walk the halls of our school, hear the sounds of teachers instructing, and the buzz of children learning.

This sense of community has been instilled in our students, faculty, staff, parents, and volunteers; they not only believe in the mission and vision of our school, they live it. As a principal the most rewarding experience for me has been to see the vision that I have had for so many years in action. The vision of parish and school working together for the common good, the vision of students believing that they do make a difference, and the vision that St. Barbara School is and always has been rooted in the traditions of the past.

Catholic Schools Week is also a time to give gratitude to everyone who has believed, embodied, and spread the good news of our vision and mission. We are a strong and welcoming community and I am proud to say that I am a St. Barbara Bulldog and that “Bulldogs do Make a Difference.”

My best,

Mrs. Nicole Nolazco
Principal

Catholic Schools Week

Sunday – 1/29/17

What a great way to start Catholic Schools Week! First we heard an amazing homily from a St. Barbara School graduate, Rev. Bradley Zamora, and then we opened our doors to new and current families. Thank you to all the Student/Parent Ambassadors who gave tours to prospective families, and to all the volunteers who helped at the book fair and lower hall. A special thank you to Rocky the Bulldog for making a special appearance at the Open House. Happy Catholic Schools Week!
Monday – 1/30/17
On Monday, students came dressed in their favorite sports team. After lunch, the entire student body gathered in the gym to watch the 7th & 8th grade girls play against 7th & 8th grade boys. The girls won in three competitive sets!

Tuesday – 1/31/17
On Tuesday, students celebrated "Pajamas and Reading with Buddies Day"! Students came dressed in their pajamas and paired up with different grades to read their favorite books!

Also on Tuesday, Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grade classes got together to celebrate being 100 days smarter. Activities included making “I’m 100 Days Brighter” crowns, building a tower with 100 cups, writing about what they would do with $100, and drawing a self-portrait of themselves at 100 years old. Students also shared 100 yummy snacks with each other and made a list of 100 words that they know. We concluded our celebration by showing off our special t-shirts that we made at home, decorated with 100 things, with a fashion parade around the school. T-shirt designs included 100 emojis, 100 bandaids, 100 stickers, 100 jewels, and many more! It was an awesome day to celebrate the first half of the school year. (Pictures on next page.)
Wednesday – 2/1/17
On Wednesday, the Student Council sponsored a “Cookies and Cupcakes Sale”. All proceeds will benefit Pennies for Patients and the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society! Since it was such a success, the sale continued into the following day. Great job Student Council!

Check out next week’s bulletin for more student fun during Catholic School’s Week.
Weekly Collection - Jan. 28 - Jan. 29

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YTD: $102,581.73  Weekly: $3,525.65
Goal: $204,800.00  % of Goal: 55%

Votives & Vigil Lights: $222.75
Dec. Give Central 1st $2,000.00  2nd $345.00

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, FEBRUARY 18TH**
5:00 p.m.
Altar Server: J. Kwiatkowski, D. Kwiatkowski, L. Kwiatkowski, J. P. Kwiatkowski
Eucharistic Ministers: R. Carden, A. Skokal
Lectors: E. Santos, G. Dumelle
Greeter: L. Saletta

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH**
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: N. Perez, M. Arteaga, P. Young, R. Cabrera
Eucharistic Ministers: P. Rodriguez, J Rodriguez
Lectors: H. Diaz DeLeon, M. Garcia
Greeter: D. Becatti
11:30 a.m.
Altar Servers: K. Zotamba, V. Sandoval, G. Parcon, E. Raya
Eucharistic Ministers: J. Lukwinski, D. Ramos
Lectors: H. Alonzo, E. Raya, Jr.
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...