Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy.

— 1 Leviticus 19:2b
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. The play will begin immediately following 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*.

Thank you to all the Parents and Students that attended the Mother/Son-Father/Daughter Dance. It was a fun day. Hope everyone enjoyed it. Thanks to our volunteers: Tony Skokal, Kathy Bunda, Cliff, Phil, Cathy and Ryan Whitehouse. Thanks to the Ladies’ Guild for all the wonderful treats!

**SAVE THE DATE**

- The St. Patrick’s Day Lotto begins on March 1st. We only have a minimal amount of tickets left to sell, so please buy your tickets this week.
- The Golden Oldies Dance will be held on Saturday, April 8th, following the 5:00 pm Mass.
- The Fourth Annual Car Show will be held on Saturday, August 19th.

Join us on Tuesday, February 28th for the 6:00 pm Mass and a special concert by the St. Barbara Holy Name Men’s Choir. Hospitality will follow in the lower hall.

**Weekday Masses**

Monday through Thursday—**CHAPEL**
Friday, Saturday and Sunday Masses—**CHURCH**
FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today, I am happy to present the second part of our Catholic Schools Week bulletin. As you can see from the various activities that took place, the students had a fun-filled week.

Today is Commitment Sunday for the Annual Catholic Appeal. The theme of this year’s campaign is “Love Your Neighbor As Yourself”. As you are aware, our goal is $8,223. Any monies received over our goal will be returned 100% to St. Barbara for use in our parish.

Thank you for your generosity in making your commitment.

Fr. Arthur

HOLY NAME MEN’S CHOIR
TO PERFORM CONCERT

The St. Barbara Holy Name Men’s Choir will present a concert on Tuesday, February 28th, following the 6:00 pm Mass in church. The concert will consist of secular songs, including many country songs. Hospitality will follow in the school lower hall. It promises to be a GREAT CONCERT!!!

END OF YEAR STATEMENT FOR CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

If you would like to receive your year-end statement of contributions, please contact the rectory (312-842-7979) or email jlukwinski@stbarbarachicago.org or dbecatti@stbarbarachicago.org

PARISH WISH LIST

10 Worship Chairs

We would like to purchase 10 chairs for use in the sanctuary and the sacristy. Our intention is to order the same chairs that are in use in the chapel. The cost of these chairs is approximately $180.00 each. If anyone is interested in contributing to the cost of these chairs, please see Fr. Arthur or Fr. Andrzej.

ST. BARTHA LADIES’ GUILD
PRESENTS SPRING VENDOR FAIR

The Spring Vendor Fair will be held in the school gym and lower hall on Saturday, March 4th, from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm. There will be representatives from many vendors featuring all types of products, including soaps, jewelry, home décor, and food items, to name a few. There will also be raffles and a concession stand. Please enter by the gym doors on Quinn Street.

USHERS URGENTLY NEEDED!

If you would like to become an usher, please see Head Usher Ed Glos for more details.
Thursday – 2/2/17
Thursday was Twin Day and Mission Bingo! Many students were "twins" for the day by wearing matching clothes. In the afternoon, students and staff gathered in the lower hall for BINGO. All proceeds will benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society!

Friday – 2/3/17
What a great way to end Catholic Schools Week! In the morning, we gathered for Mass and gave thanks for all the blessings God has given us. In recognition of St. Blaise’s feast day, we also participated in the Blessing of the Throats.

After Mass, we were presented with a special recognition from the Missionary Childhood Association for being the top Mission Leader in the Archdiocese of Chicago! Many of our students then received their Honor Roll certificates!

In the afternoon, the entire student body participated in the Academic Bowl. It was great to see our students show off everything they have learned in the classroom.

In Preschool, a preschool parent, Hangju Hu, visited the classroom to show the children how to make festive red envelopes. She also brought coins to fill their envelopes with. The red color of the envelope symbolizes good luck and is supposed to ward off evil spirits. They also read a story about the tradition behind the red envelopes.
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK CONCLUDES WITH BSJ PASTA DINNER

On Saturday evening, the BSJ concluded Catholic Schools Week with a Pasta Dinner in the lower hall.

The Board of Specified Jurisdiction would like to thank everyone who supported the “Rockin’ with Rocky” Pasta Dinner! We were able to raise over $2,700 for our school with this event. The delicious meal was prepared by school parents Dennis Smith with assistance from Rosemary Stephens. Everyone loved the food! Thank you to all the vendors, parents and school alumni listed on the accompanying board who helped provide the ingredients and supplies for this tasty meal.

Following the dinner, the DJ had the crowd, young and old, dancing! And our special guest of honor, Rocky, St. Barbara’s mascot, was there to join in the dancing and take pictures with everyone! To view Mr. Ochoa’s awesome pictures please go to http://s58.photobucket.com/user/stbarbara101/library with passcode pastadinner.

Thank you to everyone who bought Split the Pot tickets; the winners were the Mack family who took home $645. Thank you again for your support and we look forward to next year!
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.

**Weekly Collection - Feb. 11 - 12**

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YTD: $105,647.79  Weekly: $3,066.06  Goal: $211,200.00  % of Goal: 50%

Votives & Vigil Lights: $232.50

Jam. Give Central: 1st $2,462.00  2nd $370.00

**Liturgical Ministers**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH**
5:00 p.m.
Altar Servers: A. Lemke, M. Lemke, M. Castells, A. Torres
Eucharistic Ministers: J. Lukwinski, A. Skokal
Lectors: M. Hailer, C. Hailer
Greeter: L. Echevarria

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH**
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: A. Gorz, J. Castaneda, E. Castaneda, N. Perez
Eucharistic Ministers: F. Cabrera, J. Lukwinski
Lectors: M. Worth, H. Diaz DeLeon
Greeter: C. Whitehouse
11:30 a.m.
Altar Servers: A. Rodriguez, M. Rodriguez, N. Calderon, A. Calderon, L. Calderon
Eucharistic Ministers: R. Carden, B. Pienta
Lectors: K. Ricci, L. Szczepanski
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...