Christ Jesus...destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

— 2 Timothy 1:10b
THE PASSION OF CHRIST
TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 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 Tuesday, March 28th, at 7:30 pm. 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.

Please note: Due to the actors having regular jobs and the travel time from the northwest suburbs, the time has been changed to 7:30 pm.

Weekday Masses
Monday – Thursday — CHAPEL
Friday, Saturday and Sunday—CHURCH

Cardinal Cupich has given a general dispensation to Catholics from abstaining from meat on St. Patrick’s Day, Friday, March 17th. Instead, Catholics in the Archdiocese of Chicago who choose to make use of this general dispensation are asked to substitute another form of penance for the Lenten Friday abstinence.

Happy Birthday Fr. Arthur!!!
Fr. Arthur celebrates his 55th birthday on Tuesday, March 14th. We are blessed to have Fr. Arthur at St. Barbara. Please remember to wish him a Happy Birthday.

Sto lat, sto lat, Niech żyje, żyje nam.
Sto lat, sto lat, Niech żyje, żyje nam.
Jeszcze raz, jeszcze raz, niech żyje, żyje nam. Niech żyje nam!

HOLY NAME SOCIETY NEWS

SAVE THE DATES
* The Golden Oldies Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, April 8th, following the 5:00 pm Mass. Tickets are $25.00 each and are available from the ushers in back of church, at the rectory, or from Tony Skokal or Phil Whitehouse.
* The Fourth Annual Car Show will be held on Saturday, August 19th.

Our next meeting will be held on Friday, April 7th, at 7:00 pm. in the Senior Mobile.

School Mission Statement

We are …..a Catholic elementary school, a diverse community of students and staff, rooted in faith and nurtured through prayer, sacrament, and liturgy.

We believe …..in the uniqueness of each student, provide quality education and skills necessary to ensure success, encourage individual leadership, and promote a family spirit.

We prepare ….. our students for the future through global awareness, involvement in the local community, and service to St. Barbara parish.

We aspire ….. to have our students remain faith-filled followers of Jesus Christ.
FROM THE DESK OF THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR:

The Second Sunday of Lent

Looking to the cross for guidance, I ask Jesus: what is really important in my life? What should I focus on the most? I hear that I need food and different goods, but how much can I eat or how much can I store in my home? I hear that I need power and wealth to gain respect and love, but can I gain real respect from those who are afraid of me…can I buy love? I hear that I can be “god” for myself, do whatever I want, go whenever I desire -- no one above me; but sooner or later, this “god” will get weak, will get sick, and finally will follow the ancestors. Does it sound bad? It does not when I include into my life what Jesus has taught me when he was tempted in the desert: “One does not live by bread alone. You shall worship the Lord, your God, and Him alone shall you serve. You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.”

Luke 4:1-14

Looking to the cross for guidance, I learn that whatever God has decided, is deciding, or will decide is right and always brings good for those who follow His law. Sometimes I don’t understand why something is happening, but I do believe that the law of the Lord is perfect, trustworthy, simple, right, clear, pure, true and just. In the light of the law, I can detect my unknown faults and haughtiness, which separates me from God and others. God sees my great value, but wants me to acknowledge my imperfections and make my life blameless.

Psalm 19:7-14

Looking to the cross for guidance, I see Jesus, who understands my suffering because He experienced it. When I feel helpless in front of illness, suffering and death, He tells me not to be afraid because He has the power over death and the devil. Jesus has come to the people, not the angels, and He wants to bring me close to Himself. I turn to friends in difficult times, and they say, “I know how you are feeling”. Very often they are able to help but, most of the time, they will say, “I don’t know what you are feeling”. Jesus is the only one who knows the answers because “He Himself was tested through what He suffered. He is able to help those who are being tested.”

Hebrews 2:14-18

Looking to the cross for guidance, I see Jesus, who reminds me not to be overconfident. There are always temptations to be on my own, to rely on my own strength. Then I got into trouble and blamed God that He is not here. I try to find comfort everywhere, but not in Him. Going shopping, having fun, eating well, it might help for a while… Then I look to the cross and discover once again that there is only One who can provide the way out so I am able to bear the trial. Jesus reminds me: are you standing secure? Remember to take care not to fall.

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Looking to the cross for guidance, I see the throne of grace. It tells me that, from this throne, Jesus, the Great High Priest, can send upon me His mercy and I can find grace for timely help. He asks me to be patient: He knows the best time; He knows the right time. Patience can melt the stone; patience has begun with God. He is able to sympathize with my weakness, because He was tested in every way, yet without sin.

Hebrews 4:14-16

Looking to the cross for guidance, I learn that Jesus is truly the Good Shepherd who knows where to go, what is the right path. He knows when to rest and what to feed my soul so that I can persist in good, and His goodness and love will pursue me all the days of my life. There were many leaders in human history who came and went. They have said beautiful words, proclaimed lofty ideas which changed nothing in the lives of the simple people like you and me. Leaders and ideas are changing, but Jesus and His love, His care, for me stay unshaken.

Psalm 23

“Master, to whom shall we go? You have the Words of eternal Life.” (J6, 68)

Fr. Andrzej
LADIES’ GUILD EASTER BUNNY BREAKFAST

Please save the date! Sunday, April 2nd, following the 9:30 am Mass, the Ladies’ Guild will present their annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. As noted on the insert in today’s bulletin, pre-sale tickets will be available at a lower cost. Pre-sale tickets will be $7.00 for adults and $5.00 for children 5-13. Children under 4 will eat free. Tickets will be available in the rectory after March 13th. The final deadline for pre-sale tickets is Friday, March 24th.

Lenten Fasting and Abstinence Regulations

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. The following fasting and abstinence regulations are observed:

Abstinence from meat is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent by all Catholics 14 years of age and older.

Fasting is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 years of age. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

The special Paschal fast and abstinence are observed on Good Friday and, where possible, on Holy Saturday. On these days, Christians prepare themselves by these disciplines in anticipation of the renewal of their baptismal commitment on Easter.

From its earliest days, the Church has urged the baptized and the catechumens to observe the threefold discipline of fasting, almsgiving, and prayer as a preparation for the celebration of Easter. Failure to observe any penitential days at all or a substantial number of such days must be considered serious.

During Lent, the Church encourages attendance at daily Mass, self-imposed times of fasting, and generosity to local, national, and worldwide programs of sharing.

LENTEN PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Weekday Morning Mass:
Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday; 8:30 am (Chapel);
Friday and Saturday; 8:30 a.m. (Church)

Weekday Evening Mass:
Tuesday and Friday (Church); both at 6:00 p.m. (Please note that there will be both a morning and evening Mass on Fridays in Lent.) Recitation of the rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be said at 5:30 pm.

Stations of the Cross:
Fridays at 6:30 p.m. (Church)
(Stations will follow the evening Mass.)

PARISH WISH LIST

10 Worship Chairs; Cost: $1,800.00
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. As of this date, we have received money to purchase 3 chairs.

New Hymn Books for the Elementary School; Cost: $2,125
We are still collecting money for the “Rise Up and Sing” children’s choir books. We wish to purchase 200 copies of the new edition of the choir book, of which 150 copies will be kept in church and 50 in school. To date, $500 has been received.

If you are interested in helping in either project, please see Fr. Arthur or Fr. Andrzej.

Thursday, March 2, 2017

Antoinette - $500 Coverall Winner

Sun., Mar. 12 - 5th Grade Family Mass; 9:30 am
Fri., Mar. 17 - Lenten Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet; 5:30 pm
- Lenten Evening Mass; 6:00 pm
- Stations of the Cross; 6:30 pm
Sun., Mar. 19 - St. Joseph Hospitality after 9:30 and 11:30 am Masses
School Happenings
(School Website: www.stbarbaraschool.org)

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!

To honor Dr. Seuss’ birthday, Preschool celebrated Dr. Seuss Week! They read their favorite Dr. Seuss books and dressed up in their favorite pajamas!

ST. BARBARA SCHOOL RAISES FUNDS FOR ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE

This week students at St. Barbara School helped raise $1,077 for the Animal Welfare League. They had fun participating in their “Give a Dog a Bone” contest, in which the class that had the most bones won a pizza party.

Congratulations to 7th grade for winning the contest and thank you to all classes for their generous support!

They also made recycled dog pull toys and brought in items to donate to the shelter. Their kindness and spirit showed in their generosity towards this worthy cause. Awesome job Bulldogs!

STUDENTS CELEBRATE PRESIDENTS’ DAY

To commemorate Presidents’ Day, 1st and 2nd grade gathered to learn more about the lives of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln! They also drew beautiful portraits of Honest Abe.
Weekly Collection - March 4-5

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Electronic giving through GiveCentral.org is the safe and secure way to make your weekly donations to St. Barbara. Donate via credit card or electronic check (ACH). Sign up by visiting St. Barbara’s home WEB page and follow the prompts.

Please consider remembering St. Barbara Parish in your will.

Liturical Ministers

**SATURDAY, MARCH 18TH**

5:00 p.m.
Altar Servers: L. Kwiatkowski, J. Kwiatkowski  
D. Kwiatkowski, J. P. Kwiatkowski
Eucharistic Ministers: A. Skokal, R. Carden  
Lectors: G. Dumelle, L. Saletta
Greeter: L. Saletta

**SUNDAY, MARCH 19TH**

6:00 a.m.
Altar Servers: C. Kelly, P. Young,  
J. Gonzalez, M. Arteaga
Eucharistic Ministers: P. Rodriguez, J. Rodriguez
Lectors: M. Garcia, P. Saletta
Greeter: P. Saletta

9:30 a.m.
Altar Servers: L. Calderon, N. Calderon,  
A. Calderon, J. Groark
Eucharistic Ministers: J. Lukwinski, A. Alonzo
Lectors: K. Ricci, 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...