Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice!

— Psalm 130:1
LADIES’ GUILD HOSTS EASTER BUNNY BREAKFAST THIS WEEKEND

The Ladies’ Guild will hold their annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny today, Sunday, April 2nd, following the 9:30 am Mass. Breakfast will include pancakes, sausage, ham, potatoes, orange juice or apple juice, milk and coffee. The Easter Bunny will be paying us a visit, so be sure to bring your camera. Tickets are $10.00 for adults and $7.00 for children 5-13.

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.

Lenten Reconciliation Service with Individual Confessions
This Monday, April 3; 6:00 p.m.

During Lent, we are called in a special way to acknowledge our sinfulness and seek reconciliation with the Lord by celebrating the sacrament of Reconciliation. To fulfill one’s Easter Duty, Catholics who are in the state of sin have an obligation to approach the sacrament of Penance during the time of Lent and Easter, from the First Sunday of Lent through Trinity Sunday.

There will be three priests to listen to confessions: Fr. Arthur, Fr. Andrzej and Rev. Slawomir Kurec, Associate Pastor of St. Daniel the Prophet. If you cannot attend the reconciliation service, there will be two other opportunities for confession before Easter: Saturday, April 8th, at 3:45 pm and on Holy Saturday, from 12:30 - 1:30 pm. Be sure to avail yourself of one of these opportunities for Lenten confession.

WELCOME REV. JAMES DONOVAN

This weekend, at all Masses, we welcome Rev. James Donovan to St. Barbara Parish. Fr. Donovan will deliver a short retreat for the Lenten Season. Fr. Donovan is the Vicar of Priests and a resident at St. Barnabas Parish.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

JOHN BRODINSKI
Former President of the KC Seniors

Please keep the Brodinski family in your prayers.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY
ST. PATRICK’S LOTTERY


The Golden Oldies Dinner Dance will be held this 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. We welcome back our terrific band from last year, The StingRays.

HOLY NAME NEWS

We purchased 8 tables and 64 chairs for the parish. Our next meeting will be held on Friday, April 7th, at 7:00 pm.

SAVE THE DATE

The Fourth Annual Car Show will be held on Saturday, August 19th.
The Fifth Sunday of Lent

**Looking to the cross for salvation**, we see that many times we look to different places, people, ideologies, or new movements in order to find freedom, peace and assurance that life has meaning. But we still feel daily burdens on our shoulders and, very often, our hearts are heavy. God tells me there are two steps to be free, to be saved: to profess Jesus as the Lord and to believe that God has raised Him from the dead for you. God assures you that, once you believe in Him, you will never be put to shame.

Romans 10: 5-13

**Looking to the cross for salvation**, we receive the gift of love and hope. Once we believe in Jesus, God proves and reminds us that His love is for us every day, no matter how bad or good the days are. He proves His love for us in that, while “we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” We receive the strong gift of hope, which is protected within us by the gift of the Holy Spirit, whom God has poured into our hearts out of His immeasurable love. God has reconciled us through Jesus Christ and wants to give us faith, hope and love so we can experience His salvation.

Romans 5: 1-11

**Looking to the cross for salvation**, we are standing in awe before God’s love when we realize that He has given His only Son for the salvation of the world. We think about the world as it is … beautiful and ugly, joyful and sad, compassionate and ruthless, caring and ignoring, human and inhuman all at the same time. His salvation is about a human being in which goodness and evil coexist. Knowing this, God gave His Son anyway, because He trusts and believes that we will take His gift of salvation, so this world and our lives might be better.

John 3: 16-18

**Looking to the cross for salvation**, we learn not to be ashamed of who we are or of our faith. Our community needs witnesses of the Gospels. Our faith enables us to live righteous lives, and this example will drive others to salvation which is in Christ. We need to remember that, once we have faith, the saving power of God dwells in us.

Romans 1: 16-17

**Looking to the cross for salvation**, we discover one universal truth: that there is no one person on this planet who is free from weaknesses, who does not make mistakes, who is absolutely sinless. And this makes all of us very human and, unfortunately, keeps us away from the glory of God. But God manifests His love over and over, justifying freely, by His grace, those who have faith in Jesus. To God, it doesn’t matter who you are, where you live or if your “crimes” are big or small. What He wants is to give you His salvation and for you to accept this gift.

Romans 3: 21-26

**Looking to the cross for salvation**, we realize how generous God is. God, who is rich in mercy, offers His salvation regardless of human transgressions and sins. God tells us that we have been saved by His grace. When we do something, the temptation to boast arises. God wants us to boast only in the cross of Jesus, in whom we have salvation. God saves us by His grace because He wants us to use all of our energy to do good and not to worry about anything but the goodness of others.

Ephesians 2: 1-10

Fr. Andrzej
Activities this week

Sun., Apr. 2 - Grade 4 Family Mass; 9:30 am, followed by Breakfast with the Easter Bunny
Mon., Apr. 3 - Easter Reconciliation Service; 6:00 pm
- Finance Council Mtg.; 6:30 pm
Tues., Apr. 4 - St. Barbara Seniors Mtg.; 11:30 am
Wed., Apr. 5 - St. Vincent de Paul Mtg.; 6:30 pm
- Carnival Mtg.; 7:00 pm
Fri., Apr. 7 - Lenten Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet; 5:30 pm, followed by Mass (6:00 pm) and Stations of the Cross
- Holy Name Mtg.; 7:00 pm
Sat., Apr. 8 - Golden Oldies Dinner Dance; after 5:00 pm Mass
Sun., Apr. 9 - KC Corporate Communion Mass; 9:30 am

Baby Bottle Project
Have you picked up your baby bottle?
The Baby Bottle Project is a program designed to benefit The Women’s Center. We are asking you to put your spare change in the bottle. You are asked to return the bottles back to Church next weekend, April 8-9, with any spare change or bills which you have placed inside. There are still bottles available in back of church.

Holy Thursday Washing of Feet a sign of extreme humility
“Very soon we will be observing Holy Week which will culminate in Easter, commemorating the resurrection of Jesus. On Holy Thursday we will witness the priest washing the feet of his 12 “apostles”. This act of Jesus was a revolutionary one which would have been scorned by those in power. By Jesus washing the feet of his apostles, he has demonstrated the most extreme form of humility and love for man, and this love resulted in the ultimate sacrifice of His life for us on the cross.”

If you and your family would like to have your feet washed on Holy Thursday, please see Fr. Arthur or Fr. Andrzej.

Easter Flower Offering
Each year our church is beautifully decorated with lilies and other spring flowers for Easter Sunday due to the generosity of you who contribute to the collection. Extra Easter Flower Collection envelopes are in back of the church.

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 5 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, $1,513 has been received.
If you are interested in helping in either project, please see Fr. Arthur or Fr. Andrzej.

Thursday, March 23, 2017

Tom - $500 Coverall Winner
School Happenings  
(School Website: www.stbarbaraschool.org)

11th Ward Spelling Bee

On March 1, 2017, a very rainy afternoon, five fifth graders from St. Barbara School participated in the 11th Ward Spelling Bee held at the Armour Park Facility. The intrepid students, Aly Torres, Gabriella Godinez, Luz Kwiatkowski-Perez, Patrick Young, and Michael Lemke, prepared for this contest by studying the given word list in and out of school. Unlike a traditional spelling bee, the 11th Ward Spelling Bee was completely written. It included words from the initial list as well as others that were even more difficult.

The contestants returned on March 22 to find out the results of their efforts. All five received a commemorative T-shirt and Aly Torres was the recipient of the 5th place trophy. Congratulations to Aly Torres and to all the students for their hard study and their cour-

ST. BARBARA LADIES’ GUILD  
COCKTAILS AND CANVAS PARTY

The St. Barbara Ladies’ Guild held a Cocktails and Canvas Party on Saturday evening, March 25th, in the school hall. The event was a huge success as there were over 65 people in attendance! Nancy Caruso led the group in creating a lovely floral canvas. By request this event will be held again soon!

Our children and school benefit from the many fundraisers hosted by the Ladies’ Guild. We would like to express our thanks to all those who came out and supported this function!

St. Barbara School  
Registration is now OPEN!

St. Barbara Elementary School is now accepting applications for the 2017-2018 school year. Registration applications for Pre-K through 8th grade can be obtained from the school office. Please call the office at 312-326-6243 to register or visit the school’s website for additional information. (www.stbarbaraschool.org)

St. Barbara is a Catholic school with a strong academic curriculum. A dedicated faculty and staff work diligently to provide the best education in a nurturing and caring environment that centers on family values.
**Weekly Collection - March 25 - 26**

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Electronic giving through [GiveCentral.org](http://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.

**Saturdays, April 1 & 8 - Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**Sunday, April 2 - Fifth Sunday of Lent**

- 6:00 a.m. Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
  - + Edward Truschke (Rolek Family)
  - + Dorothy Smolinski (St. Barbara Altar & Rosary Sodality)

**Monday, April 3 - Lenten Weekday**

- 8:30 a.m. + Rita M. Lucas (Family)

**Tuesday, April 4 - Lenten Weekday; St. Isadore**

- 6:00 p.m. + Laura Bociak (Ed & B. Glabicki)

**Wednesday, April 5 - Lenten Weekday**

- 8:30 a.m. + Edward & Rose Ciz (Family)

**Thursday, April 6 - Lenten Weekday**

- 8:30 a.m. + Mary Waclawek (Judy Lukwinski)
  - + Birth. Rem.: Donna Solverson (Family)

**Friday, April 7 - Lenten Weekday; St. John Baptist de la Salle**

- 8:30 a.m. + Mary Domagala (Michael Domagala, Husband)
  - + Al Campione (Family)
- 6:00 p.m. + Bernie Chwalisz (Ed & B. Glabicki)
- 6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, April 8 - Lenten Weekday**

- 8:30 a.m. All Parishioners, Living & Deceased

**Saturday, April 8 - Vigil of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

- 5:00 p.m. + Elizabeth McClaughry (St. Barbara School)
  - + Joseph Rekar (C. Nowak & Family)
  - Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

**Sunday, April 9 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

- 6:00 a.m. Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
  - + Bernice Schiffer (Rolek Family)
  - + Josephine & Louis Campione (Family)
- 9:30 a.m. Knights of Columbus Corporate Communion Mass
  - + Russell Lech (Ed & B. Glabicki)
  - + Gladys Kaminski (Ed & B. Glabicki)
- 11:30 a.m. All Parishioners, Living & Deceased

Please consider remembering St. Barbara Parish in your will.

**Liturgy Ministers**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 8TH**

- 5:00 p.m.
  - Altar Servers: L. Kwiatkowski, J. Kwiatkowski, D. Kwiatkowski, J. P. Kwiatkowski
  - Eucharistic Ministers: A. Skokal, R. Carden
  - Lectors: C. Hailer, D. Hailer
  - Greeter: M. Rolon

**SUNDAY, APRIL 9TH**

- 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: M. Gonzalez, A. Gonzalez, C. Kelly, P. Young
  - Eucharistic Ministers: F. Cabrera, J. Lukwinski
  - Lectors: M. Worth, Sr. K. McNulty
  - Greeter: C. Whitehouse

- **11:30 a.m.**
  - Altar Servers: G. Parcon, A. Alonzo, E. Raya, I. Echevarria
  - Eucharistic Ministers: B. Pienta, D. Ramos
  - Lectors: E. Raya, Jr., 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...

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