God greatly exalted [Christ] and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.

— Philippians 2:9
Celebrating over a Century of Faith and Education

St. Barbara Parish is a Roman Catholic community celebrating a century of faith in the Bridgeport area. Our faith community welcomes all people, helping them grow spiritually through liturgy, prayer, and education, and socially through activities for all ages. Our school takes great pride in fostering these values in our children. We give witness to our faith by sharing with each other our God-given gifts and talents. We nourish and sustain our faith as a family by celebrating the sacraments and the presence of the risen Lord among us in the Eucharist.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY
ST. PATRICK’S LOTTERY

The final Lotto winners for the month of March are as follows: March 30th: Barbara Pienta, #023 - $100; and March 31st: Chris Walczak, #290 - $100.

To all who bought tickets, thank you for supporting St. Barbara Parish and especially the Holy Name Society.

SAVE THE DATE

The Fourth Annual Car Show will be held on Saturday, August 19th.

Baby Bottle Project

Have you filled your baby bottle? The bottles are due this weekend with any spare change or bills you may have placed inside. If you forgot your bottle, you can still return it next week.

If you would still like to fill a bottle, there are extra bottles in back of church.

A SPECIAL DONATION

It is an old tradition in the Church for priests to celebrate a Mass for those who make a donation to the Church. A friend of St. Barbara, Mr. Hubert Sawaściuk, a jeweler in the Loop, has taken two of our small chalices and refinished them. This brings to 8 the number of chalices that Mr. Sawaściuk has refinished. We would like to thank Mr. Sawaściuk for the beautiful work he has done in bringing our chalices back to life. These two chalices were originally donated by the Goga Family — one in memory of Joseph Goga and one in memory of Eva, Peter and Joanna Goga.

Thank you to the Goga Family, who originally donated these chalices and to Hubert for his fine work in refishing them.
Easter Sunday 2017

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Risen Lord,

This year’s Easter gospel comes to us from Saint Matthew. He describes Easter morning. Women go to the tomb at dawn on the first day of the week. An angel appears and speaks to them: "Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples."

In these words, we find the essential Easter message directed to each one of us today in our uncertain world and amid the painful burdens we carry: do not be afraid, come and see, go and tell.

Easter eases our fear when we come to know God's triumph in the resurrection of Jesus. Easter invites us to come and see with fresh eyes what God has done in conquering sin and death. Easter summons us to go and share our faith and hope with others.

When we hear this message and recognize Jesus Christ as the Risen Lord of life, how can we not praise and thank God? How can we not walk together with new confidence and hope? In a time when violence and death-dealing forces seem rampant in the world and even in our own neighborhoods, we truly need new confidence and hope. And when we listen to the Lord, as we have been trying to do in the Archdiocese of Chicago, to seek directions for the renewal of our local Church, we surely need new confidence and hope.

Pray with me that we may all truly hear the words—do not be afraid, come and see, go and tell—and so draw new life from them for our loved ones, our world, our City and metropolitan area, our Church, and our very selves.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich

Archbishop of Chicago

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK:

I would like to say thank you for your dedication to our parish and our community. Let us open our hearts to the words that Jesus gave us on Easter morning. “Do not be afraid.” Go and tell how Jesus loves us. On behalf of Fr. Andrzej, and our parish staff, I would like to wish you a Happy Easter.

Fr. Arthur
Activities This Week

Tues., Apr. 18 - St. Barbara Seniors Mtg.; 11:30 am
- KC Quad Mtg.; 7:00 pm
- KC Council Mtg.; 7:30 pm
Wed., Apr. 19 - KC Movie Knight; 7:00 pm
Thurs., Apr. 20 - KC Mtg.; 7:00 pm
Fri., Apr. 21 - Mass in Chapel; 8:30 am

Easter Communion & Confession for Shut-Ins

If you know someone who is not able to make it to church and would like to receive Communion and maybe have their Confession heard, Fr. Arthur will be visiting the sick within the next two weeks. Please contact the rectory this week (312) 842-7979 with a request for a visit.

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.

My Easter Offering

If you are a registered parishioner, you would have received in the mail my Easter Letter along with the special Easter Offering envelope. If you did not receive this mailing or were out of town for the holiday, there are extra My Easter Offering envelopes in the back of the Church. If you are not registered as a parishioner and would like to do so, 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.

BOOK DRIVE TO BENEFIT LOCAL COMMUNITY

Please join Washington Federal Bank’s effort to make a difference in our local community.

Beginning April 1st to April 30th, the Bank will be hosting a book drive to support the efforts of Pilsen Community Books in promoting literacy in the community.

Pilsen Community Books is more than a bookstore. In addition to selling new and used books, they are supporting the local schools by supplying each student with books. All book donations help support their book giveaway program, Pilsen Reads! The books you donate will either be given directly to schools or sold to support this literacy program. Future goals are to provide all encompassing literacy services for Pilsen and other neighborhoods in Chicago.

Washington Federal Bank is pleased to be a part of promoting literacy in our local communities.

Please assist us in this drive by donating new or gently used children and adult books. We will gladly accept all types of books with the following exceptions: NO encyclopedias, NO coloring or activity books, NO magazines, NO school textbooks and NO food, beverage or smoke stained books.

Kindly drop off your donations at either one of our Bank locations.
Bridgeport area: 2869 S. Archer Avenue or Taylor Street area: 1410 W. Taylor St.
Monetary donations will also be accepted on our website: wafedbank.com
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.

In our Alumni Spotlight is Emma Bunda, a 2015 St. Barbara graduate. She is currently a sophomore at Marist High School. For almost 2 years now Emma has been working with the Holistic Riding Equestrian Therapy (HRET) team. The HRET program is designed to improve the quality of life physically, emotionally and socially for special needs children and adults and veterans afflicted with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Emma has a wonderful connection with the riders, from a 4 year old with Cerebral Palsy spastic Quadriplegia to adult riders with minor core instabilities or multiple physical and cognitive challenges. Emma is part owner of Baldy, a retired donated Chicago Mounted Police quarter horse named after a fallen Chicago police officer, Officer Leonard Baldy. Emma and Baldy have taken riders to the Special Olympics in Rockford for two years now, winning several gold medals. Emma is working toward becoming a PATH certified instructor and P.T.A. Emma also works at the Morgan Park Ice Rink on the weekends. She coaches for the Park District and the First Goal Foundation working with children, focusing on special needs children. Keep up the great work Emma! You make your St. Barbara family proud!

Our first spotlight went to Ricky Young, Class of 2015. Ricky, who is currently a sophomore at De La Salle Institute, has excelled at the sport of wrestling during the past two years. He recently placed 1st in Class 2A Regionals and 4th in Class 2A Sectionals. He also earned the distinct opportunity of competing at the IHSA State Finals at the University of Illinois in Champaign. Not only did he show his Meteor pride, he also showed his BULLDOG pride at the event!

Way to go, Ricky! Your St. Barbara family is proud of your many accomplishments. We wish you success in everything you do!
**Saturday, April 15 - Easter Vigil**
8:00 p.m. All Parishioners, Living and Deceased
+ Stanley Piorecki (Ted Piorecki)
+ William Pickert (Family)
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

**Sunday, April 16 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of The Lord**
6:00 a.m. Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
+ Joseph & Jean Dyjak (Barbara & Bill Webb)
+ David Kaput (Family)
+ Joy Noworyta (Aunt, Cel Krok)
+ Dorothy Smolinski (Husband, Ray)
+ Fred Stronczek (Wife, Rose)
9:30 a.m. + Mary Diaz DeLeon (Family)
+ Victor Sperando (Ima Whitehouse)
11:30 a.m. + Rose Mary Lodding (Family)
Health Blessings: Gary Solverson (Rose Stronczek)

**Monday, April 17 - Monday Within the Octave of Easter**
8:30 a.m. + Kevin Sierzega (Family)

**Tuesday, April 18 - Tuesday Within the Octave of Easter**
6:00 p.m. + Ed Barton (Ed & B. Glabicki)

**Wednesday, April 19 - Wednesday Within the Octave of Easter**
8:30 a.m. + Victoria & Michael Oleszkiewicz (Family)

**Thursday, April 20 - Thursday Within the Octave of Easter**
8:30 a.m. + Edward and Rose Ciz (Family)

**Friday, April 21 - Friday Within the Octave of Easter**
8:30 a.m. + Robert Baker

**Saturday, April 22 - Saturday Within the Octave of Easter**
8:30 a.m. Mother’s Day Remembrance
+ Anne Parulski (Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Nawracaj)

**Saturday, April 22 - Vigil of the Second Sunday of Easter**
5:00 p.m. + Sophie Rzasa (Betty Kauer)
+ Joseph Piorecki (Ted Piorecki)
+ Ignatius (Iggy) J. Goetz (Karen and Adrian Goetz & Family)
+ Vincent and Catherine Stronczek (Rose Stronczek)
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

**Sunday, April 23 - Second Sunday of Easter**
6:00 a.m. Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
+ Josephine and Theresa Errichiello (Terri Rolek)

**Weekly Collection - April 1-2**

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**Liturgical Ministers**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 22ND**
5:00 p.m.
Altar Servers: M. Castells, N. Gayton, X. Lopez, A. Gorz
Eucharistic Ministers: B. Rekar, A. Skokal
Lectors: C. Hailer, E. Santos
Greeters: J. Santos, S. Santos

**SUNDAY, APRIL 23RD**
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: J. Castaneda, E. Castaneda, L. Casataneda, J. Gonzalez
Eucharistic Ministers: F. Cabrera, J. Lukwinski
Lectors: H. Diaz DeLeon, L. Saletta
Greeter: C. Whitehouse
11:30 a.m.
Altar Servers: J. Groark, A. Calderon, L. Calderon, N. Calderon
Eucharistic Ministers: B. Pienta, D. Ramos
Lectors: H. Alonzo, L. Szczepanski
Greeter: M. Szczepanski

**Sunday, April 23 - Second Sunday of Easter**
6:00 a.m. + Joy Noworyta (Aunt, Cel Krok)
9:30 a.m. 40th Wed. Ann.: Phil & Cathy Whitehouse)
+ Angela Obal (Ed & B. Glabicki)
11:30 a.m. Blessings for Hubert Sawaściuk and Family
Good Luck: Andrew Sowa & Familly (Ed Sraga)
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...