Celebrant: Rev. W. Arthur Marat

FIRST COMMUNICANTS

Gema Andrews
Ellie Cabrera
Emma Cabrera
Avery Chan
Noel Covarrubias
Quinn Do
Ruben Godinez
Lucia Kirschinger
Caffrey Krueger
Elise Ochoa
Jessica Pirelli
Diana Prieto
Anthony Serrano
Ava Walczak
Benjamin Weiner
Sarah Weiner

PARTICIPATING CLASSMATE
Brendan Tracy
Altar & Rosary May Crowning
Today, May 7,
after the 11:30 am Mass

The Altar & Rosary Sodality will celebrate Our Blessed Mother with a May Crowning in church before our May meeting today. Following the 11:30 a.m. Mass, Benediction will be offered, along with praying of the Rosary and crowning of Our Lady. This will be our last meeting for the summer months, resuming in September. Join us for prayer and devotion, followed by a delicious meal and the usual playing of Bingo and our Raffle game. All are welcome to stay and pray!!

Activities This Week
Sun. May 7 - First Eucharist Mass; 9:30 am
- Altar & Rosary May Crowning after the 11:30 am Mass followed by the May monthly meeting
Tues., May 9 - KC Council Mtg.; 7:30 pm
Wed., May 10 - Carnival Mtg.; 7:00 pm
Fri., May 12 - Holy Name Mtg.; 7:00 pm
Sat. May 13 - St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive; 8:30 am - 5:30 pm
Sun., May 14 - St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive; 8:30 am—2:00 pm

Please consider remembering St. Barbara Parish in your will.

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.

May, The Month of Mary

Because May is the month of Mary, all weekday Masses will be held in church at 6:00 p.m. After Mass, we will pray the Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. The only exceptions will be the Friday morning school children’s Mass at 8:30 a.m. and the Saturday morning Mass at 8:30 a.m.

HOLY NAME NEWS

Our next choir practice will be on Wednesday, May 10th at 7:00 pm. We will sing at the 9:30 am Mass next Sunday (Mother’s Day).

Our next meeting will take place on Friday, the 12th of May.

SAVE THE DATE

The 4th annual Car Show will be held on Saturday, August 19th. Free viewing is open to the public from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. The parking lot and registration opens at 8:00 am. The show car entrance fee is $20.00. If you need any additional information, please call Phil Whitehouse, (312) 316-3888.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
MOTHER’S DAY COLLECTION

In the impoverished and violent neighborhoods that need us most, Catholic Charities is often the only place where people can go for help. Our doors are open to all. Families in crisis find new strength and the courage to build a better future.

Your Mother’s Day gift will feed, comfort, shelter, and care for the poor and vulnerable. Catholic Charities has provided hope for 100 years. There are extra Catholic Charities envelopes on the table in back of church.
FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD) writes: "He has accomplished what he taught us: He has shown us what He commanded us to do. He laid down his own life for his sheep, that within our mystery he might change his body and blood into food, and nourish the sheep he had redeemed with the food of his own flesh. He has shown us the way we must follow, despite fear of death. He has laid down the pattern to which we must conform ourselves. The first duty laid on us is to use our material goods in mercy for the needs of his sheep, and then, if necessary, give even our lives for them. He that will not give of his substance for his sheep, how shall he lay down his life for them?"

Do you look to Jesus the Good Shepherd, to receive the strength and courage you need to live and serve as his disciple? Jesus Christ is our good shepherd who always gives support, peace and safety to his “lost sheep”. Please pray for each other that we always stay together with Jesus who is our Savior.

"Lord Jesus, you always lead me in the way of true peace and safety. May I never doubt your care nor stray from your ways. Keep me safe in the shelter of your presence."

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Congratulations to Juan and Nora Rodriguez for organizing the Tae Kwon Do Tournament in our gym last Saturday. There were over 100 students from the Bridgeport and McKinley Park area who participated in the tournament. They had a serious competition from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

It is terrific to see Mr. & Mrs. Rodriguez doing something great for the spirit and the bodies of our young people. This is a good example of self-defense — not violence. Our school and parish are always open to supporting the Bridgeport /McKinley Park community.

The parents were very proud and supportive of their children and a great time was had by all.

Our principal, Mrs. Nolazco, and our school staff worked hard in preparing the food served for the competitors and their parents during this event. Thank you for giving up your Saturday to help make this a fantastic event.

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As you are aware, this past week two of our Deering Street plain-clothes police officers were ambushed and shot at 43rd and Ashland. On Wednesday, I received a call from a sergeant in the 9th District asking if I would come and pray with the officers who were going on duty in the afternoon.

I, along with Fr. Dan Brandt, offered my prayers for the safety of those officers going on duty, their families and their colleagues who were still in the hospital. I ask you to please pray for the safety of these officers and our entire community during this time of violence in the city.

Fr. Arthur
PEACE on EARTH!
Pray for the safety of the men and women of our UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES protecting and serving the world over.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL NEWS
Spring Cleaning ………DONE!
Got the clothing bundled and boxed; shoes are paired up and bagged……..READY!
The St. Vincent de Paul trailer will be waiting for them.

WHERE:
In the St. Barbara Parking Lot, next to the Church (2859 S. Throop Street)

WHEN:
Saturday, May 13, 2017
8:30 am to 5:30 pm
and
Sunday, May 14, 2017
8:30 am to 2:00 pm

Have a great day; Happy Mother’s Day and “Thank You!”

GOD BLESS

Report as of April 30, 2017

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Mother’s Day Mass Remembrance
Mother - Grandmother - Godmother - Aunt - Sister

Mother’s Day is fast approaching. Remembrance envelopes are available in back of church. Please return them with the names of all mothers to be remembered. Your intentions will be remembered in special Masses offered up throughout the year. You are asked to include a donation that is suitable to your intentions. Envelopes can also be brought to the rectory office.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:
DONALD J. ROLEK
Brother of Theresa Rolek
Please keep the Rolek family in your prayers.

ST. BARBARA WINDOW REMEMBRANCE
ALTAR & LITURGICAL REMEMBRANCE

The St. Barbara Stained Glass Window illumination (donation-$100) and the Altar/Liturgical Remembrance (donation-$50) are special ways of remembering someone prayerfully. These remembrances can be for someone celebrating a birthday, a couple celebrating their anniversary, someone sick in need of prayers, for the repose of the soul of a loved one who has died, etc. These donations help with the upkeep of the church and help to cover the expense of various altar/liturgical supplies for the week: hosts, wine, candle oil, etc. To give a remembrance, call the church office: (312) 842-7979.

HOLY COMMUNION
If you find it difficult to walk to the front of the Church to receive Holy Communion, please notify one of the ushers before Mass that you would like a priest to bring Communion to you.

Thursday
April 27, 2017
Beverly
$500 Coverall
Boy and Girl of the Year Ceremony

On Thursday, April 27, the 11th Ward Democratic Party held their annual Boy and Girl of the Year Ceremony to honor students who show exemplary leadership skills as well as exhibiting excellence in academics. Three students from St. Barbara School were selected by their teachers and the administration to enter this highly selective competition. Students completed an arduous application, obtained recommendation letters and, following this process, were interviewed in person. St. Barbara School is proud to announce that seventh grader Claudia Jimenez and eighth grader Eljay Raya received first place recognition. Eighth grader Noel Gaytan was a runner up and received high recognition as well. We are proud of our students and they truly exemplify how Bulldogs make a difference.

Sports Night Award Ceremony

Last week, we recognized our athletes during our annual “Sports Night” award ceremony. It was great to see our students dressed in their basketball and volleyball jerseys accompanied by their supportive family and friends! A special thank you to our coaches for their unwavering commitment to our sports program. We also want to thank our 8th grade athletes for all the wonderful memories.
**Weekly Collection - April 29-30**

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**Liturgical Ministers**

**SATURDAY, MAY 13TH**

5:00 p.m.

- Altar Servers: N. Gayton, A. Gorz
- A. Torres, I. Echevarria

Eucharistic Ministers: A. Skokal, R. Carden

Lectors: D. Hailer, C. Hailer

Greeters: M. Rolon

**SUNDAY, MAY 14TH**

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. Gonzalez
- A. Gonzalez, R. Cabrera

Eucharistic Ministers: F. Cabrera, J. Lukwinski

Lectors: K. Ricci, H. Diaz DeLeon

Greeter: C. Whitehouse

11:30 a.m.

- Altar Servers: A. Rodriguez, M. Rodriguez
- K. Zotamba, J. Murrhy

Eucharistic Ministers: B. Pienta, D. Ramos


Greeter: D. Becatti

**Sunday, May 14 - Fifth Sunday of Easter (cont’d.)**

9:30 a.m.

- Altar Servers: Rose Mary Lodding (Family)
  + Lenore Malone (Family)

11:30 a.m.

- Altar Servers: Josephine Kavalauskas (Jan)
  + Joy Swulius (Family)
  + Stanley & Catherine Pyznarski (Rose Stronczek)

- Altar Servers: Lucia Diaz (Maria Rolon)

Divine Mercy for All (J. Lukwinski)
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...