Not by bread alone does one live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of the Lord—Deuteronomy 8:3b

The last will be first, and the first will be last

Turn to the Lord for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving.

— Isaiah 55:7b
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.

Request for Eucharistic Ministers

We would like to invite Adults and Young Adults to consider becoming a Minister of the Eucharist at Mass. Anyone interested should have a deep love and devotion for the Eucharist. There would be a short period of training and formation and then a commissioning for this special liturgical ministry. See Fr. Andrzei or Fr. Arthur.

There will be a Eucharistic Minister Training Meeting in our Senior Mobile unit on Saturday, October 7th.

SAVE THE DATE

The Holy Name will be presenting a play entitled “Bible Bingo” in our school auditorium on October 21st at 6:30 pm. This is a new interactive play written by Vicki Quade, author of “Late Night Catechism”.

The premise of the play is as follows: The Archdiocese's new bingo department needs to raise money for the parish. That's where you come in: Get ready to play bingo for a variety of wacky prizes. Along the way, you'll be drawn into conversation about everything from Adam and Eve to modern sins. Just be careful: You might laugh so hard you forget to yell "bingo."

Tickets are $30 and will be available at the rectory or from Phil Whitehouse.

Activities This Week

Sat.-Sun., Sept. 23-24; Seminarian Weekend; speaker at all Masses

Sun., Sept. 24 - Men’s Choir sings at Mass; 9:30 am

Mon., Sept. 25 - Ladies’ Guild Mtg.; 7:00 pm

Wed., Sept. 27 - St. Barbara KC's Movie Knight; 7:00 pm

Thurs., Sept. 28 - "Dine-Out" Night at Punky’s Pizza

Sat., Sept. 30 - St. Barbara KC’s Port Sandwich Ministry; 9:00 am

SEMINARIAN APPEAL 2017

This weekend we welcome Ton Nguyen, who will speak at all Masses regarding the 2017 Seminarian Appeal. The Seminarian Education Fund provides support for the training and education of men studying for the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Chicago. The fund helps to cover the cost to educate each Archdiocesan seminarian as he proceeds through the various stages of formation before he is ordained a priest. If you need an extra envelope, they are on the small table in back of church.

LADIES’ GUILD MEETING

THIS MONDAY AT 7:00 PM

The Ladies’ Guild will hold their monthly meeting this Monday at 7:00 pm in the school hall. Please attend this meeting to keep up-to-date on school happenings.

REMEMBER “DINE-OUT” NIGHT

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH

HOLY NAME NEWS

Our next meeting will be on Friday, October 6, 2017.
Dear Brothers and Sisters,

**Let us not forget about our final goal: Heaven.**

For many of us who will participate in the parish celebration of the Mass, and for those of you who have other plans this weekend, I would like to invite you to make an effort to raise your minds to God, to thank Him for His goodness, and to remember that the good things that we experience are nothing compared to the joy that awaits us in Heaven. Heaven is infinitely better than the best beer or wine. It is infinitely better than falling in love, a good movie, nice clothing, or makeup. It is infinitely better than an iPhone, sports team, or luxury vehicle. No matter how good or difficult our lives might seem on this earth, that which awaits us in Heaven is infinitely better. Reach the goal, and you will see what I mean . . .

Fr. Arthur

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**Please pray for the repose of the souls of:**

Dolores Pazdro  
(Sister of Barbara Rekar)  
Irene Bonk  
(Aunt of Fr. Dennis Ziomek)  
Please keep the Pazdro, Rekar, Bonk and Ziomek Families in your prayers.

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**7TH AND 8TH GRADE CAR WASH**

Please consider remembering  
St. Barbara Parish in your will.
HELP WANTED!!

Help us — help our neighbors recover from the recent disasters.

HOW?
The St. Vincent de Paul Society will be having its annual Fall Clothing Drive.

WHEN?
Saturday, Oct. 14th from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm
and
Sunday, Oct. 15, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

WHERE?
Our trailer, located in the parking lot next to the church, will be waiting for your boxed, bagged or bundled clothing. Please place the following items in separate bags: paired shoes, small appliances, kitchen utensils.

PLEASE:
NO ELECTRONICS OR FURNITURE

Your prayers would also be appreciated — so the healing process can get started.

Thank you for your kindness — and

GOD BLESS YOU

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is said before all 6:00 pm Tuesday evening Masses, after the 11:30 am Sunday Mass, and after all First Friday Masses during the Holy Hour. If you attend 11:30 am Mass and decide not to stay for the chaplet, please exit church quietly. Thank you.

SCHOOL WISH LIST

St. Barbara School will be purchasing items for our STEM Science Program for grades 5-8. We will be purchasing new lab equipment as well as textbook curriculum resources. If you would like to donate to this program or obtain more information about this program, please contact the school principal, Mrs. Nolazco, at (312) 326-6243 or by email at nnolazco@stbarbarachicago.org

The school would like to thank an anonymous donor for a generous donation of $500 to purchase new Balance Scales for the lab.

HELP WANTED!!!

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET
School Happenings
(School Website: www.stbarbaraschool.org)

St. Barbara School Car Wash!

On behalf of our 7th and 8th graders, we would like to thank everyone who came out and had their car washed last weekend. We had a steady stream of cars into the afternoon. Thank you for helping raise funds for our 7th/8th grade school trip!

Honor Flight Welcoming Ceremony

On 9/13/17, our 7th and 8th grade students, along with their teachers and family members, participated in an Honor Flight Welcoming Ceremony. Students thanked veterans as they arrived from Washington, DC where they visited those memorials dedicated to honor the service and sacrifices of themselves and their friends. Veterans at the Welcoming Ceremony served in WWII and the Korean War. Thank you, veterans, for your service to our country!

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.
Sunday, September 23 - Vigil of the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 p.m. + Rose Mary Lodding (Family)
+ Catherine Piorecki (Ted Piorecki)
+ Geri Kaput (Barbara Hudren)
+ Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

Saturday, September 30 - St. Jerome
8:30 a.m. All Parishioners, Living and Deceased
+ Ann.: Nancy Caruso (Dee Dee)
+ Michael Parulski (Mr. & Mrs. Stanley
  Nawracaj)

Saturday, September 30 - Vigil of the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 p.m. + All Parishioners, Living and Deceased
+ Joseph Piorecki (Ted Piorecki)
+ Patricia Douglas (Sylvester Maryas)
+ David and Geri Kaput (St. Barbara Holy Name Society)
+ Dolores Pazdro (Ed and B. Glabicki)
  Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

**Weekly Collection - September 16 - 17**

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**YTD**

| Actual           | $36,227.34 |
| Goal             | $76,800.00  |
| **% of Goal**     | 47%        |

**Votives & Vigil Lights:**

- $179.50

**August Give Central:**

- 1st: $1,628.00
- 2nd: $475.00

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**Liturgical Ministers**

**Saturday, September 30th 5:00 p.m.**

- Altar Servers: A. Torres, I. Echevarria, N. Gayton, M. Castells
- Eucharistic Ministers: J. Lukwinski, R. Carden
- Lectors: G. Dumelle, L. Saletta

**Sunday, October 1st 6:00 a.m.**

- Altar Server: G. Vanderford
- Eucharistic Ministers: S. Guest, J. Balasa
- Lector: J. Bertucci

**9:30 a.m.**

- Altar Servers: R. Cabrera, G. Salinas, C. Kelly, M. Arteaga
- Eucharistic Ministers: P. Rodriguez, J. Rodriguez
- Lectors: R. Villareal, P. Saletta

**11:30 a.m.**

- Altar Servers: A. Rodriguez, M. Rodriguez, A. Alonzo, J. Murrihy
- Eucharistic Ministers: A. Skokal, D. Ramos
- Lectors: E. Raya, Jr., H. Alonzo

**Sunday, October 1 - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 6:00 a.m.**

- Birth. Rem.: Rev. Julius Walz
- Birth. Rem.: “Grandma” Rosemary Gleason (Jim and Christine Bertucci)
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 or telephone change.

Please pray for those homebound, hospitalized and in need of continued prayers...
