"I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink."

— Matthew 25:35
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.

FEAST OF ST. BARBARA

As you know, the Feast of St. Barbara is celebrated on December 4th. In honor of her feast day, we will have a three day novena beginning on Saturday, December 2nd and culminating on Monday, December 4th. Masses on Saturday and Sunday will follow our usual schedule. On Monday, there will be two Masses: 8:30 am with the school children and 7:00 pm.

Following the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday and all Masses on Sunday, there will be hospitality to commemorate our patron saint’s feast day.

First Friday Masses December 1st

* 8:30 a.m. Mass (in Church)
* 6:00 p.m. Mass (in Church)
* 6:45 p.m. Exposition

Activities This Week

Mon., Nov. 27 - Ladies’ Guild Mtg.; 7:00 pm
Wed., Nov. 29 - Finance Council Mtg.; 6:30 pm
Thurs., Nov. 30 - Dine-Out Night at Mangia Fresca
Fri., Dec. 1 - First Friday School Mass; 8:30 am; First Friday Evening Mass followed by Adoration and Exposition: 6:00 pm
- Holy Name Mtg.; 7:00 pm
Sun., Dec. 3 - Celebration of the Feast of St. Barbara; Hospitality after all Masses
- Altar & Rosary Mtg.; 1:00 pm

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

We at the St. Vincent de Paul Society cannot perform miracles, but we can help out those less fortunate.

How? With your help, by donating to our food pantry.

Here’s a short list of some suggestions:

- Canned goods, soups, fruits, vegetables, fish, meats, etc.
- Dry products: crackers, pastas, rice, beans, potatoes, etc.

These are just a few of the more popular items. Please use your judgment, but nothing that is perishable.

This campaign will end today. However, if you still have some canned goods you would like to donate or a monetary gift you would like to offer, please drop them off at the rectory.

We thank you in advance for your generosity. God bless you and your family.

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.

LADIES’ GUILD MEETING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH

The Ladies’ Guild will meet on Monday, November 27th, at 7:00 pm. The main topic of discussion will be the St. Barbara Teacher Appreciation Dinner, which will be held on Friday, December 15th following the Annual Christmas Concert.

DINE-OUT NIGHT IS THIS THURSDAY

This month’s restaurant is Mangia Fresca, 2556 S. Archer Avenue (next to the Halsted Street Orange Line Station), (312) 225-7100. Be sure to mention St. Barbara when ordering.

FEAST OF ST. BARBARA
FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. This is also the last Sunday of ordinary time, meaning the Church year. Jesus Christ is present in the Church all of the time. He is present in the community of the faithful. He is present through the Sacraments. And He is present par excellence in the Eucharist.

When we find ourselves before God who is a Mystery, then we should try to be grateful for His presence. My favorite saint, St. Therese of the Child Jesus, experienced many times that gratitude is that which attracts God’s grace the most. She said that, when we are grateful, God is moved by our gratitude and He Himself wants to give us 10 new graces in return. If we continually thank God for His presence in the Eucharist, then He will pour out even more graces upon us. St. Therese also said “My gratitude to God for everything is infinite and I show God this gratitude one thousand times each day.”

Let us take some time today—this Sunday after Thanksgiving—to see if there really is gratitude in our hearts. Are we grateful? And for what are we grateful? I know that many of us are grateful for our jobs, our cars, our family, our houses.

But, these are all material things.

Let us take some time to say “Thank You, Jesus, for Your presence in the Eucharist. Thank You for Your Love. Thank You for Your Care. Thank You for the gift of faith.”

If we are grateful from the depths of our hearts, then Jesus Christ the King will be able to give us many special graces.

Fr. Arthur

CHRISTMAS CHOIR FORMING

Christmas will be upon us soon! St. Barbara Choir is looking for singers who just love singing Christmas hymns and wish to join us for the 11:30 pm caroling and Christmas Midnight Mass.

There are three rehearsals scheduled for this mass, all on Wednesdays: December 6th, 13th and 20th. All rehearsals will be from 7:00 p.m. till 8:45 p.m. If you are interested in being part of this Glorious Night, please see me, Eva Mrgan, Music Director, or any of our choir members after mass. You can also call the rectory and leave a message. (312) 842-7979.

Glory to God in the Highest!
Peace to His People on Earth.

Wish List: With the approaching Christmas season, most of us are busy giving our homes a major cleaning and decorating. So, too, it is with the Church. The church carpet desperately needed to be cleaned, as did the parish office carpeting and the rug in the Parish Center leading to the chapel. The above mentioned carpeting was cleaned in time for Thanksgiving. The total cost for this cleaning was $985.

Also, many of you have noticed that, for several weeks, the church was colder than normal. After several days of work by our boiler company, it was determined that the flame eye controls needed to be repaired. Because our boilers are no longer new, unfortunately the problems that occur are sometimes cost-prohibitive. However, in order to keep the church and school warm, repairs needed to be done. Cost of repairing this boiler was approximately $5,500.

If anyone is interested in donating toward these two projects, please see Fr. Arthur or Fr. Andrzej. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

OFFERTORY GIFT BEARERS

If a Mass is being said for a special intention and you would like to take up the gifts at the Offertory, please let the ushers know. They are always looking for volunteers to take up the gifts.

PARISH OFFERING

Weekday Masses

Monday through Thursday—CHAPEL
Friday, Saturday and Sunday Masses—CHURCH

Please consider remembering St. Barbara Parish in your will.
HERITAGE MASS

On Sunday, November 12th, we celebrated our fifth annual Heritage Mass. The Mass opened with a presentation of flags of the various countries of our parishioners. Following Mass, there was a reception in our gym. Sample foods from many countries were enjoyed by those who attended.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY NEWS

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Friday, December 1st, at 7:00 pm.

Thursday, November 16, 2017

$500 Coverall
Sophie
STOCK MARKET PROJECT

As part of our partnership with Big Shoulders Fund, our eighth grade class is participating in the Stock Market Project. Volunteers from MadisonDearborn Partners will meet with our eighth grade students monthly to instruct them in financial literacy. At the beginning of the project, the class was given $3,000 and they selected stocks to invest their "money" in and learn how to manage said monies. The project is also monitored weekly as our school is in competition with other schools throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic Schools. At the end of the project, any profits that exceed the $3,000 initially invested are divided out equally among the eighth grade students and will receive this as a dividend at their eighth grade awards night ceremony!

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YouTube - On YouTube, search for St. Barbara School
**Saturday, November 25 - Vigil of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**
5:00 p.m. All Parishioners, Living & Deceased  
  + Dave & Geri Kaput (Family)  
  + Ann.: Aniceta Kangleon Galdo (M. Saludo)  
  Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

**Sunday, November 26 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**
6:00 a.m. Health Blessings: Michael Gasior (M. Gasior)  
  Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)  
  9:30 a.m. + Rose Furmanek (Patti & Phil Grzenia)  
  Health Blessings: Ed Glos (Allen Nowak)  
  11:30 a.m. + Tom Potthoff (Ed & B. Glabicki)  
  + 30th Ann.: Martin Becatti (Daughter)  
  + Stanley Piorecki (Ted Piorecki)  
  Health Blessings: Maryeve Lerner (V. Pienta)

**Monday, November 27 - Weekday**
8:30 p.m. + Robert Baker

**Tuesday, November 28 - Weekday**
6:00 p.m. + Bill Bartkowski (Ed & B. Glabicki)

**Wednesday, November 29 - Weekday**
8:30 a.m. + Edward & Rose Ciz)

**Thursday, November 30 - St. Andrew, Apostle**
8:30 a.m. + John Kutyba (Victoria Skala)

**Friday, December 1 - Weekday; First Friday**
8:30 a.m. + Rita M. Lukas  
6:00 p.m. + Ted Lech (Ed & B. Glabicki)  
  + David Andrews (Dolores Becatti)

**Saturday, December 2 - Weekday**
8:30 a.m. All Parishioners, Living and Deceased

**Saturday, December 2 - Vigil of the First Sunday in Advent**
5:00 p.m. + Laverne Schipiour (Family)  
  + Joy Swulius (Family)  
  + 1st Ann.: Evelyn Jirik (St. Barbara  
    Thursday Night Bingo)  
  + Evelyn T. Goetz (Adrian and Karen Goetz & Family)  
  + Bernice Domagala (Casimira Nowak & Family)  
  + Frances Heckman (Casimira Nowak & Family)  
  Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

**Sunday, December 3 - First Sunday of Advent**
6:00 a.m. All Parishioners, Living & Deceased  
  + Smith Santos (Bill & Barbara Webb)  
  + Barbara Rolek (Rolek Family)  
  Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)  
9:30 a.m. + Anton Glabicki (Ed & B. Glabicki)  
  Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

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**Weekly Collection - Nov. 18th - 19th**
Due to the early submission of this week’s bulletin, the Weekly Collections of 11/18-19 will be listed in next week’s bulletin.

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**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND**
5:00 p.m.  
Altar Servers: To be announced  
Eucharistic Ministers: J. Lukwinski, R. Carden  
Lectors: C. Hailer, D. Hailer

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD**
6:00 a.m.  
Altar Server: G. Vanderford  
Eucharistic Ministers: S. Guest, J. Balasa  
Lector: J. Bertucci  
9:30 a.m.  
Altar Servers: To be announced  
Eucharistic Ministers: F. Cabrera, J. Lukwinski  
Lectors: R. Villareal, M. Worth  
11:30 a.m.  
Altar Servers: To be announced  
Eucharistic Ministers: A. Skokal, D. Ramos  
Lectors: L. Szczepanski, H. Alonzo

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**Sunday, December 3 - First Sunday of Advent**
11:30 a.m. + Bernice & Eugene Korso (M. Korso)  
  + Catherine Piorecki (Ted Piorecki)  
  + Ed Paluch, Jr. (Irene Zima)  
  + Casimir Pienta (Virginia Pienta)  
  + Arthur Piemonte (Wife)
**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.

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


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**MASS SCHEDULE**

**SUNDAY LITURGIES**

Saturday.............................................. 5:00 p.m.

Sunday.........6:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

**WEEKDAY LITURGIES**

8:30 a.m.: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday; 6:00 p.m.: Tuesday

**HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION**

6:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted

**CONFESSION**

Saturday 3:45-4:30 p.m.

**FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS**

Mass at 8:30 a.m., followed by a short period of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Evening Mass at 6:00 p.m., followed by Exposition and Adoration, concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30 p.m.

**THE ROSARY**

Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. before the 6:00 p.m. Mass, and on Sunday at 5:30 a.m. before the 6:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.

**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday-Wednesday, Friday: 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.; 1:30-4:00 p.m. The office is closed on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.

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