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

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.
—Mark 1:3
**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.

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**Advent Reconciliation Service**
Monday, December 11th, at 7:00 p.m.

During Advent, we hear from John the Baptist who calls us to Prepare the Way of the Lord. To spiritually prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of our Savior, we will have an Advent Reconciliation Service. The service will begin with prayer and reading of scripture, followed by an Examination of Conscience and time for reflection.

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**Activities This Week**

Sun., Dec. 10 - Kindergarten and Grade 1 Family Mass; 9:30 am
- Santa’s Breakfast following 9:30 am Mass (approximately 10:20 am)
Mon., Dec. 11 - Advent Reconciliation Service; 7:00 pm
Tues., Dec. 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass/Mass of Healing; 6:00 pm
- Finance Council Mtg.; 6:30 pm
- CAPS Mtg.; 6:30 pm
Fri., Dec. 15 - School Christmas Concert; 6:30 pm
- Ladies’ Guild Dinner following Christmas Concert
Sat., Dec. 16 - Simbang Gabi Mass; 5:00 pm followed by hospitality

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**St. Barbara Breakfast with Santa!**

**Sunday, December 10th**

immediately following the 9:30am Mass

The Santa’s Breakfast will take place after the 9:30 am Mass today, Sunday, December 10th. Santa and his elves will be serving a delicious breakfast. The morning will be filled with wonderful raffles, pictures with Santa (bring your own camera) and other surprises. The morning will begin about 10:30 am, directly after the 9:30 Family Mass and end at approximately 12:00 noon. Come and check it out. After all, we are all family at St. Barbara.

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**Our Lady of Guadalupe**

December 12th is the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 p.m. in church. Following is a prayer devoted to Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, who blessed Mexico and all the Americas by your appearance to Juan Diego, intercede for the holy Church, protect the pope, and help everyone who invokes you in their necessities.

O mystical rose, hear our prayers and our petitions, especially for the particular one we are praying for at this moment (mention your request).

Since you are the ever Virgin Mary and Mother of the true God, obtain for us from your most holy Son the grace of keeping our faith, sweet hope in the midst of the bitterness of life, burning charity, and the precious gift of final perseverance.

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**CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

This Friday, December 15th, starting at 6:30pm, the St. Barbara School children will put on their annual Christmas Concert in church. What a great way to put you in the Christmas mood, by listening to our very own children sing. Following the concert, head down to the lower hall for our Christmas Dinner hosted by the Ladies Guild. Remember: advance tickets only. No Christmas Dinner tickets will be sold at the door.

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**OPŁATKI**

Opłatki, known as the Christmas wafer, are available in the back of the church. The cost of each envelope is $2.00
FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK:

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Advent is the ideal time to try to begin offering your lives to Jesus Christ. Each day, my Friends, we can strive to follow the example of St. John the Baptist by offering our lives to Christ.

During His life on earth, Jesus suffered. He felt lonely. He even experienced anxiety in the Garden of Gethsemane. He knew the tiredness of sleepless nights, as well as the pain of hanging on the Cross. So He knows everything that we experience. During His life on earth, Jesus also offered everything to God the Father, even His own death on the Cross. We, too, can offer to Jesus everything that we experience.

During this Advent, we can offer Him our preparations for Christmas, our difficulties, our uncertainties, our helplessness, our joys. In turn, my brothers and sisters, we can have hope that Jesus accepts our offerings. Even more, He immerses every imperfect thing that we offer to Him into His own perfect sacrifice and gives this perfect offering to God the Father.

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Last Sunday, the Most Reverend Alberto Rojas, Bishop of Vicariate III, celebrated the 9:30 am Mass in honor of St. Barbara. Following the Mass, Bishop Rojas visited the Senior Mobile to bless the cake. He not only blessed the cake, he also cut the cake and served it to those present. He spent some time visiting with the parishioners.

Following his visit to the Senior Mobile, Bishop Rojas attended a small luncheon in the rectory consisting of some representatives of the parish. We are very grateful that Bishop Rojas chose to spend some time with us.

Fr. Arthur

The Filipino Community of St. Barbara Parish invites you to the celebration of Simbang Gabi

a Filipino Advent Night Mass

on Saturday, December 16, 2017 at 5:00 pm

There will be a reception following the Mass in the lower hall. If attending the reception, you are welcome to bring a dish. Come and experience this unique Filipino tradition.
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 two rehearsals remaining scheduled for this mass, both on Wednesdays: the 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 Mrghan, 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!

HOLY NAME NEWS

At our meeting on December 1st, the following “100 Club” winners were chosen: 1st prize: B. Glabicki; 2nd prize: B. Glabicki; 3rd prize: E. Glabicki; 4th prize: Cathy; 5th prize: Nicalis Diaz De Leon.

The Holy Name Society wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and a healthy, safe and happy New Year!

ST. BARBARA’S ANNUAL TOY DRIVE

Today is the last day of our annual toy drive. Catholic Charities needs help in collecting toys for some needy boys and girls who might not get a present for Christmas.

Some ideas: puzzles, books, dolls, trucks and games. If you are bringing toys today, please place your unwrapped toys in the bins in the rear of the church. If you don’t have your toy today but would still like to donate a toy, please bring it to the rectory as soon as possible. Catholic Charities will be collecting toys this week.

Thank you for helping a child have a Merry Christmas!

Please consider remembering St. Barbara Parish in your will.

Weekly Collection - Nov. 18th - 19th

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Report as of November 15, 2017

| Campaign Goal:                           | $275,000 |
| Total Pledged                            | $271,667 |
| Percent of Goal                          | 98.7%    |
| Total Collected to Date                  | $64,908  |
| 60% Returned to St. Barbara              | $38,945  |

Caregiver Available: Compassionate, caring RN from Venezuela seeking a caregiver job. Please contact Maria at 312-998-5776 or email at mafatrin@yahoo.com.
6th Grade Religion Class

Fr. Andrzej has been visiting 6th grade during religion class to discuss many aspects of the Bible and our church life. Currently, 6th grade is reflecting on the Greatest Commandment, “Love the Lord your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” He has also reviewed many of the books in the Old Testament. Thank you, Fr. Andrzej, for helping our students reflect on the Word of God.

Faith Formation

Our second, third, seventh and eighth grade students are preparing to receive 3 Sacraments of the Catholic Church. Second grade is learning about the importance of forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Mrs. Mison is helping them reflect on why Jesus was sent by the Father to selflessly die to free us from our sins. Third grade is learning that Jesus comes to us in a unique way in the Eucharist. Guided by Mrs. Jurisic, they are focusing on the importance of receiving Him in body and spirit. By preparing to confirm their faith through the Sacrament of Confirmation, seventh and eighth grade are learning how this Sacrament completes the grace of Baptism and how it offers them strength to be a true witness of Christ. Please pray for our students as they continue their Sacramental preparation.
Saturday, December 9 - Vigil of the Second Sunday
in Advent
5:00 p.m. + Sophie Rzasa (Kauer Family)
  + Matthew Rekar (Wife)
  + Dave & Geri Kaput (Holy Name Society)
  + Frances Heckman (C. Kiesielente & Fam.)
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kiesielente Family)

Sunday, December 10 - Second Sunday of Advent
6:00 a.m. + Edward & Eleanor Rolek (Rolek Family)
  + Deceased Members of Spalla and Demma
  Family (Family)
  + Donald Rolek (Steve Oleszkiewicz)
Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
9:30 a.m. All Parishioners, Living & Deceased Kindergarten and 1st Grade Mass
  + John Kutyba (Victoria Skala)
  + Alice Gerlach (Ed and B. Glabicki)
11:30 a.m. + Joseph Piorecki (Ted Piorecki)
  + Paul Mustari (Family)
  + Francisco Cervantes (Family)
Health Blessings: Mr. & Mrs. Terrence Lerner (Virginia Pienta)

Monday, December 11 - Advent Weekday
8:30 p.m. + Joseph Nawracaj (Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Nawracaj)

Tuesday, December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe
6:00 p.m. + Andrew & Catherine Lech (Ed & B. Glabicki)

Wednesday, December 13 - St. Lucy
8:30 a.m. + Robert Baker

Thursday, December 14 - St. John of the Cross
8:30 a.m. + The Mezydlo Family: John, Genevieve, Genevieve (Jean), Aloysius and Eleanore

Friday, December 15 - Advent Weekday
8:30 a.m. + Edward and Rose Ciz

Saturday, December 16 - Advent Weekday
8:30 a.m. All Souls’ Remembrance

Saturday, December 16 - Vigil of the Third Sunday
in Advent
5:00 p.m. + Ann.: Theresa Benard (Dee Dee)
  + Ann Rusnak (Spalla Family)
  + Ignatius S. Goetz (Adrian and Karen Goetz & Family)
  + Ann.: John Jaskowski (Brost Families)
  + Magdalen Cavanaugh “Gram-Gram” (Brost Families)
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kiesielente Family)

Sunday, December 17 - Third Sunday of Advent
6:00 a.m. + Deceased Members of the Rolek, Schiffer and Truschke Families (Rolek Family)
  + Donald Rolek (Len Ostrewski)
Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)

Weekly Collection - Dec. 2nd - 3rd

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16TH
5:00 p.m.
Altar Servers:  A Lemke, M. Lemke,
  X. Lopez, Q. Do, A. Torres
Eucharistic Ministers:  A. Skokal, R. Card
Lectors:  L. Raya, E. Raya, Jr.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH
6:00 a.m.
Altar Server:  G. Vanderford
Eucharistic Ministers:  S. Guest, J. Balasa
Lector:  J. Bertucci
9:30 a.m.
Altar Servers:  Ellie Cabrera, Emma Cabrera,
  R. Cabrera, J. Gonzalez, C. Kelly
Eucharistic Ministers:  F. Cabrera, J. Lukwinski
Lectors:  Sr. K. McNulty, R. Villareal
11:30 a.m.
Altar Servers:  A. Rodriguez, M. Rodriguez,
  A. Alonzo, V. Sandoval
Eucharistic Ministers:  A. Alonzo, H. Alonzo
Lectors:  E. Pollock, L. Szczepanski

Sunday, December 17 - Third Sunday of Advent
9:30 a.m. + Dorothy Lech (Ed and B. Glabicki)
  + Mary Diaz DeLeon (Family)
  Divine Mercy for All (C. Kiesielente & Family)
11:30 a.m. All Parishioners, Living and Deceased
  + Stanley Piorecki (Ted Piorecki)
  + Charles Google (Family)
Health Blessings: Russell Pienta & Family
  (Virginia Pienta)
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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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 p.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.