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

The child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. — Luke 1:35
Finance Committee Corner

As you may have noticed from our weekly bulletin, our Sunday collections have been much lower than our budgeted needs. St. Barbara Leadership is dedicated to the fiduciary stewardship of all donated funds for the betterment of the parish and its community. During this Christmas season, please follow the example of the Three Kings who traveled far, giving generously to the infant Jesus, and give generously to your parish. Your Christmas gift is greatly needed and appreciated.

“It is in giving that we receive.” Francis of Assisi  
St. Barbara Finance Committee

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A Joyful Welcome to All This Christmas

Welcome to our parishioners who have given so much of their time, talent, and treasure to make St. Barbara such a great parish.

Welcome to those of you who may be visiting us from other Parishes. We pray that your time with us is one of the highlights of your holiday season.

Welcome to those who have moved but have returned to celebrate this most holy season in the parish that had been your spiritual home for many years. It is good to have you back.

Welcome to those of you who may be new to the neighborhood and looking for a parish. Visit our church and introduce yourselves to our priests and greeters. We will try to make you feel at home.

Welcome to anyone who has been away from the Church and has Come Home to St. Barbara. If you would like to talk to Fr. Andrzej or myself, please sign the Welcome Book.

Finally, welcome to all the faithful present. Fr. Andrzej and I will keep you in our prayers today and always, and we look forward to celebrating Mass with you in the weeks to come.

— Fr. Arthur Marat and Fr. Andrzej Beltowski

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Weekly Collection - December 16th - 17th

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FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK:

Dear Parishioners,

On the feast of Christmas we celebrate present realities: Jesus Christ our Redeemer lives with us and fills us with His glory and peace, especially in the Eucharist.

We also commemorate past events: Jesus Christ, Our Savior, was born in Bethlehem.

Today we celebrate the birthday of our King and Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us thank God for the way in which He has saved us from the powers of sin and destruction. And let us thank Jesus for becoming man because He simply wants to be with us and share His Love with us.

Do we need anything more than this?

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My brothers and sisters, on behalf of Fr. Andrzej, our parish staff and myself, I would like to wish you all a very peaceful and warm Christmas. God bless you and your families! Merry Christmas!

Fr. Arthur

The Lord Be With You

On Christmas Day, Fr. Andrzej will be the celebrant of the 9:30 a.m. Mass, which will be celebrated in English and Polish. While the homily and many of the prayers will be in English, the carols sung during the liturgy will be traditional Polish Kolędy. We welcome Fr. Andrzej’s two nieces as our guest singers for this special liturgy.

The 11:30 a.m. Mass will feature our Holy Name Society Men’s Choir.

SIMBANG GABI

Thank you to all who attended our Simbang Gabi Mass last Saturday. The procession in Church was beautiful and the Mass was celebrated by Fr. Richard and concelebrated by Fr. Andrzej. The reception featured a wide variety of delicious foods and desserts. We look forward to our seventh Simbang Gabi next year.
CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTION

Through your donations, we are able to beautifully decorate the Church every Christmas. We would like to make our Church look especially welcoming. Donations will be accepted throughout the month of December. There are extra envelopes in the back of the church.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sun., Dec. 24 - Christmas Family Mass; 4:00 pm
- Christmas Caroling at 11:30 pm followed by Midnight Mass
Mon., Dec. 25 - Christmas Day Masses: 6:00 am at dawn, 9:30 am English Mass with Polish Carols/Kolędy, and 11:30 am with the Holy Name Men's Choir
Sat., Dec. 30 - Port Ministry Sandwich-Making Project; 9:00 am
Sun., Dec. 31 - Anticipated New Year's Mass; 5:00 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

During the octave of Christmas, all weekday Masses will be held at 8:30 am in Church. Therefore, there will be no 6:00 pm Mass on Tuesday, December 26th; instead the Mass will be said at 8:30 am. After January 1st, we will return to our regularly scheduled weekday Masses.

Opłatki

The Christmas Wafer

Opłatek (singular-pronounced opwatek) is also known as the Christmas Wafer. While it is a traditional Polish custom, many families have included the ritual as part of their Christmas Eve or Christmas Day family meal. Opłatki (plural-pronounced opwatkey) is made from unleavened bread similar to a host, and pressed into rectangles with an outline of a Nativity Scene imprinted on the surface. At the Christmas Meal, the head of the house begins sharing a piece of Opłatek with the other members of the family who are gathered around the table. Each family member breaks off a piece of the Opłatek to share. As the pieces are broken and shared, greetings of a holy Christmas and a healthy New Year are exchanged. The ritual is a reminder of who comes to us at Christmas, and why. It is also a symbol of forgiveness. Wafers are available in back of church for a donation of $2.00 per envelope.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY NEWS

We are once again selling St. Patrick’s Day Lotto tickets. Prizes will be given every day during the month of March. Your ticket number must match the winning evening Illinois Lottery Pick 3 game number. Daily winners will receive $100. Saturdays’ winners will be awarded $250 and the grand prize of $500 will be awarded on St. Patrick’s Day. Tickets are just $10.00 each and can be purchased after Mass from the ushers or from any Holy Name Member.

The Holy Name wishes everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a peaceful and joyous New Year.

ST. BARBARA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

The St. Barbara Knights of Columbus Council #16739 is collecting used coats for their Port Ministry project. Anyone having used coats in decent condition may bring them to the rectory by Friday, December 29th.

The St. Barbara Window Lighting Sponsor for the Week:

In Memory of: Dave, Geri and Brian Kaput
Requested by: Wiseman, Pirelli, Kaput-Holland and Wendy Kaput Families

Thursday December 14, 2017

Tony
$500 Coverall
Do you remember when we painted the church over 6 years ago? When we painted the church, we worked with Oosterbaan and Sons. During the Easter break, Mr. Oosterbaan’s company painted the lower hall. It’s now time for a new project. This week Brandt Oosterbaan and his team started working with replacing and installing new LED lighting in our gym. They are also doing some patching of the walls prior to painting the gym next week. They have already installed new fans in the lower hall kitchen and begun painting the kitchen.

Thank you to our parish organizations for helping financially support these new projects. A great deal of thanks goes to Mrs. Nolazco, our Principal, and the Holy Name Society for their advice in completing these projects. It is wonderful that both the parish and the school have worked together to accomplish so much in a relatively short time.

If anyone is interested in helping support our current project, please speak to Fr. Arthur, Fr. Andrzej or contact the rectory office. Any financial help would be greatly appreciated.
Saturday, December 23 - Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Advent
5:00 p.m. All Parishioners, Living & Deceased
  + Rose Mary Lodding (Family)
  + Matthew Rekar (Family)
  + Catherine Piorecki (Ted Piorecki)
  + Edward Krawczykowski (Tony Pappadopoli)
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

Sunday, December 24 - Fourth Sunday of Advent
6:00 a.m. + Dorothy Smolinski (Husband, Ray)
  Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
9:30 a.m. + Dorothy Wheeler (Ed & B. Glabicki)
  + Nick Paolino (Mary Paolino)
11:30 a.m. Health Blessings: Bette Pienta (V. Pienta)
  Health Blessings: Diane Ramos (V. Pienta)

Sunday, December 24 - The Nativity of the Lord
4:00 p.m. Christmas Family Mass
12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass: All Parishioners

Monday, December 25 - The Nativity of the Lord
6:00 a.m. All Parishioners
9:30 a.m. All Parishioners
11:30 a.m. All Parishioners

Tuesday, December 26 - St. Stephen
8:30 a.m. + 8th Ann.: Tom Foutris (M. Korso)
  + Herman Jandrisitz (Ed & B. Glabicki)
  + Sandra Antoniewicz (Family)
  Health Blessings: Mr. & Mrs. Sraga (Family)

Wednesday, December 27 - St. John, Apostle
8:30 a.m. + Ann.: Bruno Nardi (Dee Dee)
  + 40th Day Ann.: Prisco Bitos Jr. (Odong and Inday Saludo)

Thursday, December 28 - The Holy Innocents
8:30 a.m. + Edward & Rose Ciz
  + Birth. Rem.: Crispina Galdo Saludo (for December 5th) (Family)

Friday, December 29 - Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
8:30 a.m. + John Kutyba (Victoria Skala)
  Birth. Blessings: Aniceto Saludo III (Tita Inday and Jun)

Saturday, December 30 - Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
8:30 a.m. Mothers’ Day Remembrance
  + 40th Day Ann.: Romeo Dadia (for December 18th) (Inday Saludo)

Saturday, December 30 - Vigil of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
5:00 p.m. + Dave and Geri Kaput (Family)
  + Helen Goetz (Adrian and Karen Goetz & Family)
  + Al Glos (Ed Glos)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30TH
5:00 p.m.
Altar Servers: G. Godinez, I. Echevarria, A. Torres, X. Lopez
Eucharistic Ministers: A. Skokal, B. Rekar
Lectors: C. Hailer, D. Hailer

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31ST
6:00 a.m.
Altar Server: G. Vanderford
Eucharistic Ministers: S. Guest, J. Balasa
Lector: J. Bertucci
9:30 a.m.
Altar Servers: J. Gonzalez, Q. Do, A. Gorz, X. Lopez, M. Lemke, A. Lemke
Lectors: Anticipated Vigil Mass; H. Alonzo
11:30 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers: B. Pienta, D. Ramos

MONDAY, JANUARY 1ST
9:00 a.m.
Altar Servers: To be announced
Lectors: B. Pienta, L. Saletta

Saturday, December 30 - Vigil of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (cont’d.)
5:00 p.m. In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony for Favors Granted (Guadalupe Cervantes)
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

Sunday, December 31 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
6:00 a.m. All Parishioners, Living and Deceased
  Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
  + Dorothy Hintz (Terri Rolek)
9:30 a.m. + Mary Diaz DeLeon (Family)
  + Stanley Hanson (Ed & B. Glabicki)
  + Nick Paolino (Mary Paolino)
11:30 a.m. + 1st Ann.: Rose Mary Lodding (Husband, Howard)
  + Joseph Piorecki (Ted Piorecki)
  Health Blessings: Eugene Goga (V. Pienta)
  Birth. Blessings: Hermenia Bitos (Na Inday and Jun)

Sunday, December 31 - Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
5:00 p.m. All Parishioners
**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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**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

**Confe ssion**
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.

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