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

Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you.
—1 Corinthians 6:19A
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.

ALTAR & ROSARY SODALITY

Today is the first Altar & Rosary meeting of the new year. This meeting was postponed from last week due to problems with the furnace. If you are interested in praying the rosary, sharing a delicious lunch and playing a few games of bingo, please join us. The meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. in the Senior Mobile. Everyone is invited to attend.

Please remember to pick up your 2018 St. Barbara Parish/Bingo calendar on the table in back of church.

TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP

You may have heard by now about the new tax credit scholarship program created through the Invest in Kids Act. You can give the gift of a Catholic education to children from low-income families while also receiving a tax credit yourself. This program is different from regular charitable giving to St. Barbara or another charity. Visit archchicago.org/tcs to learn why and to access a step-by-step guide to the program.

USHERS NEEDED!

As you can see, we are in need of ushers. If you would like to help at Mass, please see Fr. Arthur or Fr. Andrzej.

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 2018 Mass Book is open. Anyone wishing to remember a loved one (living or deceased) on the date of death, birthday, wedding anniversary, for health blessings, or any other occasion can stop by the parish office Mon.-Wed. or Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to request a Mass. If you send in Mass intentions, please include your name and phone number just in case we have a question. The offering per Mass intention is $10. Mass cards are available upon request.

The following dates are closed to all Mass requests. All Masses on these dates will be for the Parish Family.

New Year’s Day  Father’s Day
Easter Sunday  Thanksgiving
Mother’s Day  Christmas Eve
Memorial Day  Christmas Day

Share your Faith

Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America

This weekend is the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Many people in Latin America and Caribbean do not have access to church programs and ministries because of rural terrain and a lack of ministers. Your generosity makes it possible for them to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous to the second collection! To learn more about the collection, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.
My brothers and sisters,

In the eyes of the world, if we want to obtain something or reach some goal, if we want to succeed, then we must be constantly ready and able to learn something new. We must be good observers and quick to react to whatever problems or difficulties might come our way. We must be strong and able to cope with a lot of things. Often times, in the world, this means that we must forget about our dignity as people, as humans. Often the world expects us to be something other than who we are.

As Catholics, however, we know that the Church stresses before all else the dignity of the human person. We must not forget about our dignity. And, we must not forget that, in reality, we are weak, we are not perfect. For us who are gathered in this Church—for we who believe—we must remember that our dignity comes from being adopted children of God. Our dignity arises from the fact that we are Christian, we are Catholics, and that we are loved as sinners by God.

When we discover our true dignity as Catholic Christians created in the image of God, and when we discover the true depths of God’s love for us who are sinners, then this gives us the strength, the courage, and the perseverance to follow Jesus—to reach the goal of sanctity. In order to guide us along the way, Jesus calls each of us in a unique way through ordinary events and different people.

He helps us through others to follow His will, and He uses us as witnesses of His love to help others.

Fr. Arthur
DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

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

ST. BARBARA SENIORS

Are You 55+? Do you enjoy socializing with your neighbors? Interested in playing Bingo? If so, come to the next St. Barbara Senior Citizens Meeting to be held this Tuesday, January 16th, at 11:30 am. Try it — you might like it!

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.

2018 Carnival News

As you pick up your Parish 2018 Calendars, please notice the Carnival dates on the bottom. Hard to believe that in 5 months our Parish Carnival will be here. Watch the bulletin for our first meeting to be held in the near future.

We wish everyone a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Wendy Kaput & Denise Holland, Chairpersons

SAVE THE DATE

The Holy Name Men’s Choir will present their Annual Mardi Gras Concert on Tuesday, February 13th, following the 6:00 pm Mass. The Concert will be followed by hospitality in the lower hall.

The Holy Name will sponsor a Father/Daughter, Mother/Son dance on Saturday, February 17th.

The St. Barbara Knights of Columbus Council #16739 will hold a Night of Healing with Colleen Willard following the 6:00 pm Mass on Tuesday, February 20th.

The St. Barbara Knights of Columbus will sponsor a Chili Cook-off on Sunday, February 25th. More details to follow.

The Ladies’ Guild will hold their Spring Vendor Fair on Saturday, March 3rd.

The Ladies’ Guild Easter Bunny Breakfast will be held on Sunday, March 18th, following the 9:30 am Mass.

The Holy Name Annual Spring Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, April 7th, following the 5:00 pm Mass. Music will again be provided by The StingRays.

Please consider remembering St. Barbara Parish in your will.

WELCOME TO FABULOUS ST. BARBARA BINGO

Thursday, December 28, 2017

$500 Coverall
Annette
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.

School Happenings
(School Website: www.stbarbaraschool.org)

CATHOLIC SCHOOL WITHIN REACH

Through the “Invest in Kids Act”, Illinois children from low-income households who want to attend St. Barbara School will have access to new scholarships. The scholarships offered through this program could cover up to 100 percent of tuition and eligible fees for the next school year. Applications open January 22, 2018. Contact the school for more information at (312) 326-6243.

PEACE on EARTH!
Pray for the safety of the men and women of our UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES protecting and serving the world over. May our world one day be at peace.

St. Barbara is conveniently located 4 blocks from the Orange Line’s Halsted stop. We offer Before & After Care for working families.

St. Barbara School has a long tradition of academic excellence. We take pride in our rigorous curriculum and strive to prepare our students for success.

OPEN HOUSE & BOOK FAIR!

You are cordially invited to our School Open House & Book Fair

Sunday, January 28, 2018
10:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

DISCOUNT FOR NEW REGISTRATIONS!

312-326-6243 - www.stbarbaraschool.org - 2859 S. Throop, Chicago, IL 60608
**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, January 13 - Vigil of the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
5:00 p.m. + Ignatius J. Goetz, Sr. (Adrian and Karen Goetz and Family) + Vincent and Catherine Stronczek (Rose Stronczek)

Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

**Sunday, January 14 - The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
6:00 a.m. + Donald Rolek (Rita Suriano) + Ted Novak (Family) + Stanley and Catherine Pyznarski (Rose Stronczek)
9:30 a.m. + John Kutyba (Victoria Skala) + Mary Diaz DeLeon (Family) Health Blessings: Ima Whitehouse (Rose Stronczek)

**Monday, January 15 - Weekday**
8:30 a.m. Birthday Bless.: Crisalzen Saludo (Family)

**Tuesday, January 16 - Weekday**
6:00 p.m. + Ann.: Sister Michaeline Oleszkiewicz (Family)

**Wednesday, January 17 - Weekday; St. Anthony**
8:30 a.m. + Stanley Slotarski (Family)

**Thursday, January 18 - Weekday**
8:30 a.m. Health Blessings: Therese Ryndak (Judy Lukwinski)

**Friday, January 19 - Weekday**
8:30 a.m. + Edward & Rose Ciz

**Saturday, January 20 - Weekday; Sts. Fabian, Sebastian**
8:30 a.m. All Souls’ Day Remembrance

**Saturday, January 20 - Vigil of the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
5:00 p.m. + Katarzyna Krason (Adrian and Karen Goetz and Family) Health Blessings: Rose Kisielowski (Virginia Pienta) + Robert Baker Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

**Sunday, January 21 - The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
6:00 a.m. + Donald Rolek (Theresa Bednarski) + Fred Stronczek (Wife, Rose) + Julius & Mary Brawka (Bill & Barbara Webb) + Joseph Brniak (T. Rolek)
9:30 a.m. Arch. Quigley Corporate Communion Mass Health Blessings: Ima Whitehouse (Rose Stronczek)

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**Weekly Collection - January 6th - 7th**

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**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 20TH**
5:00 p.m.
Altar Servers: L. Kwiatkowski, D. Kwiatkowski, J. Kwiatkowski, J. P. Kwiatkowski
Eucharistic Ministers: A. Skokal, R. Carden
Lectors: G. Dumelle, L. Saleetta

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 21ST**
6:00 a.m.
Altar Server: G. Vanderford
Eucharistic Ministers: S. Guest, J. Balasa
Lector: J. Bertucci
9:30 a.m.
Altar Servers: D. Prieto, M. Gonzalez, A. Gonzalez, C. Kelly, P. Young
Eucharistic Ministers: F. Cabrera, J. Lukwinski
Lectors: K. Ricci, M. Worth
11:30 a.m.
Altar Servers: A. Calderon, L. Calderon, N. Calderon, N. Bunda, A. Alonzo
Eucharistic Ministers: D. Ramos, A. Alonzo
Lectors: E. Pollock, H. Alonzo

**Sunday, January 21 - The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
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...
