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

[Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time]

Feb. 04 2018

[The Lord] tells the number of the stars and calls each by name. —Psalm 147:4
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.
FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK:

My brothers and sisters,

Growing up with Mary and Joseph, Jesus surely prayed with them. In Jewish society, it was customary for families to pray together. In fact, the life of the Jewish people was and is full of prayer throughout the day.

Once He began his active ministry, Jesus also made sure to take time to be alone with God in prayer. Often times, as we hear in today’s Gospel reading, Jesus retreated to a deserted and silent place to pray. In our contemporary society, life is busy and active. According to modern values, a person has worth only insofar as he does a lot of things. Therefore, many of us are as if programmed to do a lot of things: to be busy going here and there, whether it is driving children to sports games, looking for the best discount, searching for a new job, surfing the internet, or working overtime. While these things are good, and while God is present in our activities, it is still very time to be alone important to take with God—to return to Him, Who is the source of our lives, who makes our activities even possible.

Jesus is our best Friend. And if we really wish to have a relationship with Him, then we must seek to be with Him in silence through prayer. Prayer is the means of communicating with Him. It is like a conversation with God. And in order to hear God, we must seek to be with Him in the silence.

Of course, many of you have children or grandchildren. You cannot spend a lot of time away from the home in quiet prayer. For God, it is most important that you do seek to spend time with Him in the silence, even if it means only 15 quiet minutes in your bedroom. For God the most important is not necessarily the amount of time that you pray, but rather your desire to be with Him, to be filled with His Love.

I would like to encourage you to take time to reflect on what you do in your life and how you do it. I would also like to invite you to take some time to be with Jesus in prayer, so that He can guide your contact with Him and with others.

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Please continue to pray for St. Barbara as we go through the Renew My Church process.

Remember to mark your calendars for the Wednesday Parish Conversations, which will take place on February 21, March 14, and March 26 at 6:30 pm. It will be important for the consultants to receive your input as to the proposals which will be presented.

A very special Thank You to Rev. Bernard Scianna for his inspiring homily at last Sunday’s 9:30 am Catholic Schools Mass. Father, you are welcome here any time. The students were greatly impressed with the homily.

Fr. Arthur

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

VICTORIA DAVID

Please keep the David and Kaput families in your prayers.

**Archdiocese of Chicago**

**Annual Catholic Appeal**

**January 19, 2018 Report**

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Because payments have exceeded our goal, all additional funds are returned to our parish for our use. Thank you for your support of St. Barbara Parish.

A Mass of Healing will be said this Tuesday, February 6th, at 6:00 p.m. in Church. This Mass is for the intention of all who need health blessings. Be sure to join us for this special Mass which takes place the first Tuesday of every month.

If there is anyone whom you would like to especially remember at this Mass, please submit their name to the rectory at (312) 842-7979.
Activities This Week

Sun., Feb. 4 - Altar & Rosary Mtg.; 1:00 pm  
Mon., Feb. 5 - Mandatory meeting for parents of reconciliation children; 6:00 pm  
Tues., Feb. 6 - St. Barbara Seniors Mtg.; 11:30 am  
- Healing Mass; 6:00 pm  
Fri., Feb. 9 - Holy Name Mtg.; 7:00 pm  
Sat., Feb. 10 - Chinese New Year Concert; 6:00 pm  
Sun., Feb. 11 - 6th and 7th Grade Family Mass; 9:30 am

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 opened January 22, 2018. Contact the school for more information at (312) 326-6243.

A few short jokes from the website, epicPew:

- How do you make water holy?  
  You boil the hell out of it.
- What do you call a sleepwalking nun?  
  A “roamin’” Catholic
- Jesus was standing over the woman caught in adultery and challenged the crowd that “He who is without sin, cast the first stone.” Suddenly, a rock hits the back of his head. Jesus turns and exclaims, “Mom!”

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.

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.
Last Sunday, we kicked off Catholic Schools Week with Mass followed by our Open House and Book Fair. It was great to see many new families learn about our school!

Thank you to all student & parent ambassadors and to all volunteers at the Book Fair, the kitchen and the lower hall for making our Open House a huge success!

On Monday, we held a Catholic Schools Week Spelling Bee! The competition went longer than expected because most students spelled their words with ease. It was a great way to start the week! Congratulations to all the participants!

On Tuesday, the theme was Wild, Wild West! Students dressed up in their favorite cowboy/cowgirl apparel. After lunch, 7th and 8th grade squared off during a competitive volleyball match!

Check out next week’s bulletin for more Catholic Schools Week Happenings!
Weekly Collection - January 27th - 28th

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YTD Actual: $101,126.59  Weekly: $3,280.85
Goal: $198,400.00  Weekly: $6,400.00
% of Goal: 51%  Weekly: 51%

Votives & Vigil Lights: $270.00

December Give Central: 1st $2,625.00  2nd $525.00

Electronic giving through [GiveCentral.org](http://www.GiveCentral.org) is the safe and secure way to make your weekly donations to St. Barbara. Donate via credit card or electronic check (ACH). Sign up by visiting St. Barbara’s home WEB page and follow the prompts.

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6:00 a.m.
Altar Server: G. Vanderford
Eucharistic Ministers: S. Guest, J. Balasa
Lector: J. Bertucci

9:30 a.m.
Altar Servers: V. Mack, M. Arteaga, C. Kelly, M. Gonzalez, A. Gonzalez
Eucharistic Ministers: P. Rodriguez, J. Rodriguez
Lectors: Family Mass (6th & 7th Grades)

11:30 a.m.
Altar Servers: A. Rodriguez, M. Rodriguez, I. Echevarria, A. Alonzo
Eucharistic Ministers: H. Alonzo, A. Alonzo
Lectors: B. Pienta, R. Villareal

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**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH**

5:00 p.m.
Altar Servers: L. Kwiatkowski, D. Kwiatkowski, J. Kwiatkowski, J. P. Kwiatkowski
Eucharistic Ministers: J. Lukwinski, R. Carden
Lectors: P. Saletta, G. Dumelle

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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...
