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

Mass Schedule

6:00 a.m.

8:30 a.m. School Mass; all are welcome

11:30 a.m.; 7:00 p.m.

All Masses will be in Church. Ashes will be distributed immediately after the Homily.

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.
— 1 Corinthians 10:31
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.

Ash Wednesday Announcement from the Archdiocese

This year, the largely secular celebration of Valentine's Day (Feb. 14) coincides with Ash Wednesday and some have inquired if a dispensation from the obligations to fast and abstain from meat will be given.

Catholics throughout the world recognize Ash Wednesday as the solemn beginning of a period of prayerful reflection and penance, as is evident by the large number of churchgoers on this day.

In view of the significance of Ash Wednesday the obligation of fast and abstinence must naturally be the priority in the Catholic community. Valentine's Day can appropriately be celebrated the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, which also happens to be Mardi Gras, a traditionally festive time before beginning our Lenten observance.
FROM THE DESK OF THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

LAST WORDS FROM THE CROSS

“Father forgive them; they know not what they do.”

That is a surprise. The first words that Jesus says while hanging on the cross are about forgiveness. It is a surprise because those who were crucified curse their mother and father, they cry for help and shout blasphemies.

Jesus, quiet and gentle, asks the Father to forgive. This is what He preaches His whole life. He asks us to pray for our enemies, to pray for those who persecute us, to forgive our brother seventy times seven. He shows us how to pray for forgiveness for sins. He forgives the women who were stoned and the man who was paralyzed. During the Last Supper, He gives the disciples His blood “shed for the forgiveness of sins”. And, finally, after His resurrection, He gave the power of forgiving sins to His disciples.

Jesus shows us how to forgive. He doesn’t ask “why”; He simply knows that people don’t understand. They are unable to see that they crucified God.

Very often, people offend us. They do something which harms us and they don’t even know why — they don’t understand what they are doing. Sometimes they do know what they are doing. It is then we have to remember not how bad they are, or if they are young or old. We love them because they are human and they are children of God.

Jesus on the cross forgives everyone. He forgave Peter and Judas and the disciples who deserted Him. He forgave the Jews who arrested Him and judged Him. He forgave the Romans who crucified Him and Pilate who set Barabas free and condemned Jesus to death. He forgave the soldiers who beat and scourged Him, who accompanied Him on the “way of the cross”, stripped Him and pierced His side with a spear. Jesus forgave those who did nothing but stay and look.

Think about the people you don’t talk to, who make you angry, or those who have done something which wasn’t very nice and about those who have done something really bad.

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LENTEN PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

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<th>Weekday Morning Mass:</th>
<th>Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday; 8:30 am in the Chapel; Friday and Saturday; 8:30 a.m. in the Church</th>
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<td>Weekday Evening Mass:</td>
<td>Tuesday in the Chapel and Friday in Church; both at 6:00 p.m. Please note that there will be both a morning and evening Mass on Fridays in Lent.</td>
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<td>Stations of the Cross:</td>
<td>Fridays at 6:30 p.m. in Church Stations will follow the evening Mass.</td>
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<td>Lenten Sharing: Soup and Spiritual Book</td>
<td>Lent is here. We invite you to our Lenten simple supper of soup and bread shared with others interested in deepening their relationship with God through the reading of a spiritual book chosen by Fr. Andrzej. The first session will be held on Monday, February 19th at 7:00 pm. The following five sessions will be held on Tuesdays after the 6:00 pm Mass.</td>
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If you decide to participate in these spiritual book sessions, please sign up on the sheet on the ushers’ table so that we may know how many booklets to prepare and also how big the pot of soup should be.

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LENTEN REGULATIONS

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent. Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one’s needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

The special Paschal fast, as well as abstinence, are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.

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USHERS NEEDED!

We are in desperate need of ushers. If you are in church and see that there are only one or two ushers, please volunteer to help out.
**Activities This Week**

Sun., Feb. 11 - 6th and 7th Grade Family Mass; 9:30 am
- Baby Bottle Project Begins

Mon., Feb. 12 - St. Barbara KC’s Mtg.; 7:00 pm

Tues., Feb. 13 - Evening Mass followed by Holy Name Men’s Choir Concert and Hospitality 6:00 pm

Wed., Feb. 14 - Ash Wednesday Masses at 6:00, 8:30, and 11:30 am and 7:00 pm

Fri., Feb. 16 - Lenten Evening Mass followed by Stations of the Cross

Sat., Feb. 17—Father/Daughter, Mother/Son Dance; 1:00 pm

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**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, from any Holy Name Member or from any member of the Ladies’ Guild.

Please remember, absolutely no tickets will be sold after February 28th.

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**Baby Bottle Project Begins This Weekend**

The Baby Bottle Project is a program designed to benefit The Women’s Center, counseling women in crisis pregnancies with kindness, respect, prayer, and compassion. They assist women materially by providing diapers, formula, clothes, high chairs, strollers, car seats, and more. Mass, Eucharist Adoration, the Rosary, and the Divine Mercy Chaplet are said daily for all women struggling with their pregnancies so they choose life and not abort their babies.

Distribution of baby bottles will take place in Church this weekend (**February 10-11**). We are asking you to take a bottle from our Confirmation Candidates and put your spare change in the bottle for the next four weeks. You are asked to return the bottles back to Church on **March 24-25** with any spare change or bills which you have placed inside.

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**END OF YEAR STATEMENT FOR CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS**

If you would like to receive your year-end statement of church contributions, please contact the rectory during business hours: 312-842-7979.

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The Holy Name will hold their Installation of Officers next Sunday, February 18th, at the 9:30 am Mass.

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 Dinner on Sunday, February 25th. Dinners will be served from 12:30 - 3:00 pm in the Lower Hall.

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.

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**SAVE THE DATE**

Katie—$1,050
$500 Coverall,
Regular Game and Horses
School Happenings
(School Website: www.stbarbaraschool.org)

Catholic Schools Week (cont.)

On Wednesday, 1/31, we were excited to welcome Staley, the Chicago Bears Mascot! Many students wore their favorite Bears clothing and were pumped up during the assembly. Staley reinforced the importance of reading, and then led the students in dance!

On Thursday, 2/1, our students rolled out of bed and came to school in their favorite pajamas! In the afternoon, they played Mission Bingo. They had a great time while raising money!

On our last day of Catholic Schools Week, we started off by celebrating Mass and receiving the Blessing of the Throats. Many students then received their Honor Roll certificates! In the afternoon, the N.E.D. Show came to St. Barbara. It was a great Catholic Schools Week!

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.

Please consider remembering St. Barbara Parish in your will.
**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, February 10 - Vigil of the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
5:00 p.m. + Sharon Stachnik (Mom, Midge)
  + Matthew Rekar (Wife)
  + David Maeshiba (Betty Kauer & Stanley Rzasa)
  
  Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

**Sunday, February 11 - The Sixth Sunday in O.T.**
6:00 a.m. + Donald Rolek (Darlene & Matt Hatcher)
  + Phyllis Vanderford (Bill & Barbara Webb)
  + John & Dolores Snyder (Terri Rolek)
  + Birthday Rem.: Loretta Keslinke
  
  Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
9:30 a.m. 6th and 7th Grade Family Mass
  + Rose Furmanek (Sonny)
11:30 a.m. + Joseph Pioracki (Ted Pioracki)
  + Matthew Rekar (Family)
  
  Health Blessings: Alan Goga (Virginia Pienta)
  
  Divine Mercy for All (J. Lukwinski)

**Monday, February 12 - Weekday**
8:30 a.m. + The Mezydlo Family: John, Genevieve, Genevieve (Jean), Aloysius, and Eleanore

**Tuesday, February 13 - Weekday**
6:00 p.m. + Hil & Alice Gerlach (Ed & B. Glabicki)
  + Paulette Mann (Spalla Family)
  + Ann.: Carole Meyers (J. Lukwinski)

**Wednesday, February 14 - Ash Wednesday**
6:00 a.m. Health Blessings: Johnny Bertucci
8:30 a.m. + Rose Mary Lodding (Family)
11:30 a.m. + Vickie David (St. Barbara Seniors’ Club)
7:00 p.m. + David Maeshiba (Marilyn Rzasa)

**Thursday, February 15 - Thursday after Ash Wednesday**
8:30 a.m. + Ed & Rose Ciz

**Friday, February 16 - Friday after Ash Wednesday**
8:30 a.m. + Al Campione (Family)

**Saturday, February 17 - Saturday after Ash Wednesday**
8:30 a.m. All Souls’ Day Remembrance

**Saturday, February 17 - Vigil of the First Sunday of Lent**
5:00 p.m. + Geri Kaput (Irene Zima)
  + Evelyn Goetz (Ignatius Goetz)
  + Michael Radziewicz (Children)
  + David Maeshiba (Rose Stronczek)
  + 5 Yr. Ann.: Sophie Rzasa (Stanley Rzasa & Betty Kauer)
  
  Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

**Sunday, February 18 - The First Sunday of Lent**
6:00 a.m. + Loretta Keslinke (Bill & Barbara Webb)
  + Barbara Rolek (Terri Rolek)
  
  Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)

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**Weekly Collection - February 3rd - 4th**

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**YTD**

**Actual** $104,382.54
**Goal** $204,800.00

**% of Goal** 51%

**Votives & Vigil Lights:**

$189.76

**December Give Central:**

1st $2,625.00
2nd $525.00

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**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH**

5:00 p.m.

- Altar Servers: V. Sandoval, X. Lopez, Q. Do, A. Gorz
- Eucharistic Ministers: A. Skokal, R. Carden
- Lectors: P. Saletta, L. Saletta

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH**

6:00 a.m.

- Altar Server: G. Vanderford
- Eucharistic Ministers: S. Guest, J. Balasa
- Lector: J. Bertucci

9:30 a.m.

- Altar Servers: N. Perez, J. Castaneda, L. Castaneda, E. Castaneda, P. Young
- Eucharistic Ministers: F. Cabrera, J. Lukwinski
- Lectors: Sr. K. McNulty, M. Worth

11:30 a.m.

- Eucharistic Ministers: D. Ramos, B. Pienta
- Lectors: E. Pollock, L. Szczepanski

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**Sunday, February 18 - The First Sunday of Lent**

9:30 a.m. + Mary Diaz DeLeon (Family)

- Divine Mercy for All (J. Lukwinski)

11:30 a.m. + Stanley Piorecki (Ted Piorecki)
  + David Maeshiba (Bob and Shirley Synal)
  
  Health Blessings: Virginia Pakula (Virginia Pienta)
  
  Birthday Blessings: Analisa & Leopoldo, Jr. (Tita Inday)
**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

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


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