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

If God is for us, who can be against us?—Romans 8:31b
A NIGHT OF HEALING

Last Tuesday evening, the Knights of Columbus hosted an evening with Colleen and John Willard. Colleen was diagnosed with multiple health issues -- the most serious, an inoperable brain tumor. Her tumor was located in the center of her brain and it was causing all her bodily functions to shut down.

After almost every hospital in Illinois, and also the Mayo Clinic, turned down her requests for an operation, she begged to take a pilgrimage to Medjugorje. Her inspirational talk told of discussions she had with visionaries while staying at the home of one of the children that the Virgin Mary had appeared to. Colleen was miraculously healed and her healing has been documented and approved by the Catholic Church. It was a great honor to listen to her inspirational speech and speak with her after her talk.

COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in over 25 countries that are still struggling to recover in the aftermath of communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/ccee.

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.

LADIES’ GUILD MEETING MONDAY AT 7:00 PM

The Ladies’ Guild will hold their monthly meeting on Monday evening at 7:00 pm in the lower hall. The meeting will focus on last minute details for the Vendor Fair, which will take place in the gym and lower hall next Saturday, March 3rd, from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. A list of the vendors promoting their wares is included on the insert in this week’s bulletin. Please come and help support the ladies with their fundraising efforts.

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.
LAST WORDS FROM THE CROSS

“Mother, behold your son.
Behold your mother.”

Only four people stand close to the cross: Mary, the mother of Jesus; John, the disciple who loved Jesus; Mary, the sister of Mary and wife of Cleophas; and Mary Magdalene. Four people who were brave. Four people who had enough love.

Thousands were fed with bread; many, many were cured, and the disciples closest to Him … some said they would give their lives for Him

One man and three women …
But this picture is not from there; it doesn’t match with the crucifixion, pain, cursing, and screaming. Jesus, with love, says to his mother, “this is your son”. In the last moments of his life, He cares. It means that His mother was completely alone—she had no one to take care of her. And John … he replaced Jesus and became her son. This is such a beautiful moment! When I think about this, I don’t see the soldiers; I don’t see the crowd; I only see a loving son and mother taking care of each other and those they love.

Who are “those they love”? It is you and me. Jesus doesn’t want anyone to be an orphan. He doesn’t want anybody to feel lonely, not wanted or not loved. She is my mother and, when I become like Jesus, I become a son of God. John the disciple took Mary into his home. With her, he took the blessing. Jesus wants you to take Mary into your home. With her motherly love, she will change your life. With her, you will always bless Jesus, the fruit of her womb. She will pray for you now and at the hour of your death.

Amen

Fr. Andrzej

LENTEN PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

**Weekday Morning Mass:**
Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday — 8:30 am in the Chapel; Friday and Saturday— 8:30 a.m. in the Church

**Weekday Evening Mass:**
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.

**Stations of the Cross:**
Fridays at 6:30 p.m. in Church
Stations will follow the evening Mass.

**Lenten Sharing: Soup and Spiritual Book**

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 sessions will be held on Tuesdays after the 6:00 pm Mass.

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.

**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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**First Friday Masses March 2nd**

* 8:30 a.m. Mass (in Church)
* 6:00 p.m. Mass (in Church)
* 6:45 p.m. Exposition

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**Weekday Masses**

Monday through Thursday—**CHAPEL**
Friday, Saturday and Sunday Masses—**CHURCH**
Activities This Week
Sun., Feb. 25 - Finance Council Mtg.; 10:30 am
- St. Barbara KC’s Chili Dinner;
  12:30 - 3:00 pm
Mon., Feb. 26 - Ladies’ Guild Mtg.; 7:00 pm
Tues., Feb. 27 - Lent with Soup and Spiritual Book;
  6:45 pm
Wed., Feb. 28 - RMC Mtg. w/Key Parish Leaders;
  6:30 pm
Fri., Mar. 2 - First Friday School Mass; 8:30 am
- First Friday Evening Mass followed by
  Stations of the Cross; 6:00 pm
Sat., Mar. 3 - Ladies’ Guild Vendor Fair; 11:00 am -
  4:00 pm
Sun., Mar. 4 - 7th and 8th Grade Confirmation;
  9:30 am
- Altar & Rosary Mtg.; 1:00 pm

HOLY NAME SOCIETY NEWS

THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO BUY LOTTO TICKETS! Lotto tickets
are being sold at the usher’s table in back
of church. Tickets are just $10.00.

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

The following officers for the 2018-2019 year were
installed at Mass last Sunday:

- President: Phil Whitehouse
- 1st Vice President: Tony Skokal
- 2nd Vice President: Ed Glos
- Secretary: Ryan Whitehouse
- Treasurer: Cliff Whitehouse
- Trustees: Ron Cabrera, Patrick Gorz
- Marshall: Michael Lemke

Congratulations to these fine dedicated men!

Baby Bottle Project

The Baby Bottle Project is in progress. Due to the snowstorm, the Confirmation
candidates were not able to hand out many baby bottles. If you did not receive a bottle, please take one
this weekend. The Confirmation Candidates will collect the bottles the weekend of Palm Sunday
(March 24-25).

The St. Barbara Knights of Columbus will sponsor a
Chili Dinner today, 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
next Saturday, March 3rd. Split-the-Pot tickets can be purchased at the back of church for $5.00 each.

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.

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.

Stacy and Raquel
U-Pick-Em
$1,802 split
$901 each

Chinese New Year
$488 Coverall
Barb and Maribel
$244 each
The following students have achieved Honor Roll status for the first semester of the 2017-18 school year:

**A HONOR ROLL**
Nathen Calderon
Lucas Garcia

**B HONOR ROLL**
Matthew Dyjak

Congratulations to these fine St. Barbara alumni.

**100 DAYS OF SCHOOL**
On February 8th, Kindergarten, 1st grade and 2nd grade celebrated 100 Days of School!

Activities included a “100th Day Fitness Challenge”, a “100 Structure Challenge” and a “List 100 Words Challenge”. It was great to see our students dressed up as 100 year-olds!

**RENEW MY CHURCH**
On Wednesday evening, St. Barbara hosted its first Renew My Church parish meeting. The meeting was led by our “tour guide” for the evening, Jeanne Lassendrello, a member of St. Germaine Parish. Approximately 60 parishioners attended this very important meeting. At that meeting, our Parish and School representatives were introduced. The Parish representatives are: Fr. Artur Marat, Hazel Alonzo, Adrian Goetz, and Bette Pienta. School representatives are Mrs. Nicole Nolazco, Angelo Alonzo and Frank Ochoa. This group of representatives, along with representatives from other parishes in our grouping, are involved in making strategic decisions regarding the future of our parish.
Electronic giving through 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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| **Saturday, February 24 - Vigil of the Second Sunday of Lent** | 5:00 p.m. + Robert Baker 
In Thanksgiving (Parishioner) 
+ Casimira (Carrie/Casie) Nowak (Your Family) 
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family) |
| **Sunday, February 25 - The Second Sunday of Lent** | 6:00 a.m. + Michael Semmler (Mr. & Mrs. David Czarnecki) 
+ Casimir Krupa (Daughter, Christine) 
Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family) 
9:30 a.m. + Bill Beyer (Ed & B. Glabicki) 
Divine Mercy for All (J. Lukwinski) 
11:30 a.m. + Catherine Piorecki (Ted Piorecki) 
+ Joanna Goga (Virginia Pienta) 
Blessings for Lerner Family (Pienta Family) 
Health Blessing: Urszula (Irene Zima) |
| **Monday, February 26 - Lenten Weekday** | 8:30 a.m. + 3rd Ann.: Stanley Piorecki (J. Lukwinski) |
| **Tuesday, February 27 - Lenten Weekday** | 6:00 p.m. + John Kutyba (Victoria Skala) |
| **Wednesday, February 28 - Lenten Weekday** | 8:30 a.m. + Mary Domagala (Mike Domagala) |
| **Thursday, March 1 - Lenten Weekday** | 8:30 a.m. + George Domagala (Mike Domagala) 
+ Birthday Rem.: Albina Adomaitis (John & Susan Adomaitis) |
| **Friday, March 2 - Lenten Weekday; First Friday** | 8:30 a.m. + David Maeshiba (Marilyn Rzasa) 
6:00 p.m. + Jean Dimitri (Ed & B. Glabicki) |
| **Saturday, March 3 - Lenten Weekday** | 8:30 a.m. All Parishioners, Living & Deceased |
| **Saturday, March 3 - Vigil of the Third Sunday of Lent** | 5:00 p.m. + Patricia Douglas (Sylvester Maryas) 
+ Ted Novak (Family) 
+ Sophie Rzasa (Diane & Marilyn Rzasa) 
+ David Maeshiba (Rose Stronczek) 
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family) |
| **Sunday, March 4 - The Third Sunday of Lent** | 6:00 a.m. + Ignatius & Evelyn Goetz (Bill & Barbara Webb) 
+ Norbert & Donald Rolek (T. Rolek) 
Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family) 
9:30 a.m. Confirmation 
11:30 a.m. + Joseph Piorecki (Ted Piorecki) 
+ Blessings: Ed Sranga Family (Ed Sranga) 
+ 27th Ann.: Paul Jachim (Dan and Anita Isaecon & Family) 
Divine Mercy for All (J. Lukwinski) |

**Weekly Collection - February 17th - 18th**

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**Ash Wednesday**

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**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 3RD**

**Altar Server**: L. Kwiatkowski, D. Kwiatkowski, J. Kwiatkowski, J. P. Kwiatkowski
**Eucharistic Ministers**: B. Rekar, J. Lukwinski
**Lectors**: J. Lukwinski

**SUNDAY, MARCH 4TH**

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

**9:30 a.m.**
**Altar Server**: E. Cabrera, E. Cabrera, R. Cabrera, M. Arteaga, C. Kelly, A. Torres
**Eucharistic Ministers**: P. Rodriguez, J. Rodriguez
**Lectors**: Confirmation

**11:30 a.m.**
**Altar Servers**: P. Young, A. Gorz, X. Lopez, A. Alonzo
**Eucharistic Ministers**: A. Skokal, B. Pienta
**Lectors**: Eljay Raya, Edward Raya, Jr.
Baptism:
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:
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 or telephone change.

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