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

You alone, O LORD, bring security to my dwelling.
— Psalm 4:9
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.

A Prayer for “Renew My Church”
English Prayer

Lord Jesus, You speak to us today, as You spoke to holy men and women who have gone before us. In every age and in our own time, You call to us and say: Renew My Church.

Pour out the gift of Your Holy Spirit upon us, and so enable us
to hear You clearly
to listen to each other attentively
to imagine our future boldly
to discern Your direction wisely
to persevere in Your holy will courageously
to stay together in charity
to surrender our own plans readily
to embrace the greater good
to hand on Your gifts to future generations.

May we remain in the holy company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles, and all the saints. May their example and presence inspire us with patient confidence in the work of Your grace.

We ask this of You who live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
Amen.

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.

Activities This Week

Sun., Apr. 15 - 5th Grade Family Mass; 9:30 am

Tues., Apr. 17 - St. Barbara Seniors Mtg.; 11:30 am
- Arch. Quigley Council KC’s Quad/Council Mtg.; 7:00 pm
- St. Barbara KC’s Mtg.; 7:30 pm

Wed., Apr. 18 - St. Barbara School Art Fair; 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Thurs., Apr. 19 - “Dine-Out” Night at Connie’s Pizza

Sat., Apr. 21 - St. Barbara KC’s Port Ministry Sandwich-Making Project; 9:00 am

2018 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We have received an email from the Archdioceses stating that the Annual Catholic Appeal gifts that were received during Commitment Weekend have arrived at the Gift Processing Center and will be processed and acknowledged in the next few weeks. They are striving to have all donations completely processed by April 23, 2018.

Thank you for your patience.

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.

BABY BOTTLES

Baby bottles were due back the weekend of March 24-25, with any spare change or bills which you have placed inside. To this date, there are many bottles that have not been returned. Even if you are unable to fill the bottle, please return it to church as the cost of purchasing baby bottles is an additional expense to the Women’s Center. Thank you for your cooperation.
OFFERTORY GIFT BEARERS
If a Mass is being said for a special intention and you would like to take up the gifts at the Offertory, please let the ushers know. They are always looking for volunteers to take up the gifts.

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK:

My Brothers and Sisters,

God Loves us, and His Love is eternal. God gives us a human body, and the gift of immortality of our souls. We believe that Jesus who resurrected forgave our sins and takes our souls to heaven. This is the reason why we should be full of joy during this time of Easter.

It is true that we experience many difficulties, times of darkness, and uncertainty in our lives. Sometimes it is difficult for us to see reasons to be joyful. From a human point of view, it was very difficult for the first Christians to believe in the resurrection. Could you imagine being an inhabitant of Jerusalem and witnessing Jesus’ condemnation, crucifixion and death? Could you imagine how it would be if, soon after Jesus’ death, His followers started to speak out in Jerusalem in order to tell you that the very person you saw crucified has resurrected from the dead? If you can put yourselves in the place of the first Christians, then you might discover that it was very difficult for them to believe in the resurrection.

This weekend, we are participating in the very same Eucharist in which the Apostles participated in today’s Gospel. The same Jesus comes to us and, through the priest, reads the Gospel and offers His Body and Blood. But do we recognize Him?

Please let me remind you that Jesus is alive and that God Loves us! This is the reality in which we as Catholics believe.

So, let us be people of hope and love.

During this season of Easter, I would like to invite you to open your hearts to Jesus, so that He may give you true joy.

Fr. Arthur

May, The Month of Mary

Because May is the month of Mary, all weekday Masses will be held at 6:00 p.m. After Mass, we will pray the Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. The only exceptions will be the Friday morning school children’s Mass at 8:30 a.m. and the Saturday morning Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Mother’s Day Mass Remembrance

Mother - Grandmother - Godmother - Aunt - Sister

Mother’s Day is fast approaching. Remembrance envelopes are available in back of church. Please return them with the names of all mothers to be remembered. Your intentions will be remembered in special Masses offered up throughout the year. You are asked to include a donation that is suitable to your intentions. Envelopes can also be brought to the rectory office.

Wish List:

To help beautify our church during this Easter season, we have purchased four altar cloths at a cost of $125 each. If anyone would like to donate toward the purchase of these cloths, please see Fr. Arthur or Fr. Andrzej.

Are you a registered parishioner? If not, please consider registering. Please stop by the parish office Monday - Wednesday or Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. or speak with Fr. Arthur or Fr. Andrzej after Mass. Please note that the rectory office is closed on Thursday.

Weekday Masses

Monday through Thursday—CHAPEL
Friday, Saturday and Sunday Masses—CHURCH
HOLY NAME NEWS

At our Holy Name meeting last Friday evening, the following “100 Club” winners were selected: 1st prize: George Jr.; 2nd prize: ABMJL; 3rd prize: Kelsey; 4th prize: Henry Diaz DeLeon; and 5th prize: My Angel 8917.

Thank you to all those who help support the “100 Club”. Also a great big thank you to those who volunteered at the Dinner Dance this past weekend, especially Cathy, Arlene, Cliff, Tony Skokal, Tony Frankowski and Ed and B. Glabicki. A great time was had by all.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Spring is here … and it’s time for our Annual Clothing Drive.

When: Saturday, May 12th, 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 13th, 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

Where: The north parking lot next to the Church. Our trailer will be waiting for your bundled, bagged or boxed clothing.

Small appliances are welcome.

PLEASE: NO BABY FURNITURE

Also, please tie or rubber band shoes separately.

WE THANK YOU!

St. Barbara School Presents
“Dine-Out” Night
Thursday, April 19th

The next “Dine-Out” Night to benefit St. Barbara Elementary School is this Thursday, April 19th. The featured restaurant this month is Connie’s Pizza, located at 2373 South Archer Avenue, or phone (312) - Connie’s. Just mention St. Barbara when ordering. This offer is good for dining in, pick-up, or delivery, and is available from 11:00 am to 11:00 pm.

SAVE THE DATE

St. Barbara’s biggest fundraiser, our parish Carnival, is fast approaching. Plans are underway for a spectacular carnival this year, so please save June 14-17 for a fun time at St. Barbara.

The Holy Name is sponsoring their 5th annual car show on Saturday, August 18th. Due to an error, the date listed in last week’s bulletin was incorrect.

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.

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.

Welcome to Fabulous St. Barbara Bingo

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Mama Katie
$500 Coverall
Alumni Spotlight

Congratulations to Ashley Staszak and Lucas Garcia (Class of 2016) for their induction into the St. Laurence National Honors Society. They have consistently excelled academically and have provided valuable service to their peers and the entire St. Laurence community. Keep up the great work, Ashley and Lucas! You make

2018 Annual Student Art Fair

On April 18, we will hold our Annual Student Art Fair in the school gymnasium from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. Our students have been creating art focusing on this year's theme, "Many Gifts, One Story". Come on out and show your support!

- Parents in need of service hours can help with Art Fair set-up on Tuesday afternoon, April 17. Please send an email to fochoa@stbarbarachicago.org to sign up.
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.

**Weekly Collection - April 7th - April 8th**

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$136,773.31 | $3,817.65

**Goal** | **% of Goal**
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$262,400.00 | 52%  60%

**Votives & Vigil Lights** | **$223.00**

**March Give Central**
1st | $1,728.00
2nd | $330.00

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**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 22ND**

6:00 a.m. + Donald Rolek (Tony & Irene Pretnik)
+ Josephine & Theresa Errichiello (Terri Rolek)
+ Michael Semmler (Mr. & Mrs. Dave Czarnecki)
9:30 a.m. + Mary Diaz DeLeon (Family)

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST**

5:00 p.m. - Geri Kaput (Virginia Pienta)
+ Casimira Nowak (Eileen & Mitch Pietraszek)

**SUNDAY, APRIL 22 - Fourth Sunday of Easter**

11:30 a.m. + Joseph Piorecki (Ted Piorecki)
+ Evelyn Ozimek (Ed & B. Glabicki)
+ Joel Mangampat (Loida Raya)
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...
