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

It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit. — John 15:16

Celebrant: Rev. W. Arthur Marat

FIRST COMMUNICANTS
Evan Covarrubias
Christopher Dimperio
Kaylee Guzman
Beckett Hulten
Autumn Moon
Brendan Sibri

PARTICIPATING CLASSMATES
Zosia Czarnecki-Lichstein
Ethan Davis
Miley Diaz
Jeffrey Eng
**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.

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**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.*

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**WE WELCOME YOU**

Seeking a parish?  
A spiritual family?  
A place to pray, deepen your faith, or serve others?

If so, our hearts and doors are open to you! We thank God for sending you. Please introduce yourself to either Fr. Arthur or Fr. Andrzej after Mass.

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**Mother’s Day Mass Remembrance**

*Mother - Grandmother - Godmother - Aunt - Sister*

Mother’s Day is next week. 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.

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**THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION**

Thursday is the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord. This day commemorates forty days after Jesus rose from the dead and is ascended bodily into heaven. While not a holy day of obligation, it is still a great feast in the Church. Please try to make time to attend Mass at 6:00 pm on this special day. The feast will be celebrated next Sunday.

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**May, The Month of Mary**

Because May is the month of Mary, **all weekday Masses will be held at 6:00 pm.** 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 am, the Saturday morning Mass at 8:30 am, and the Memorial Day Mass (May 28th), which will be held at 9:00 am.

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**Altar & Rosary May Crowning**

Today, May 6th, **after the 11:30 am Mass**

The Altar & Rosary Sodality will celebrate Our Blessed Mother with a May Crowning in church before our May meeting today. Following the 11:30 a.m. Mass, benediction will be offered, along with praying of the Rosary and crowning of Our Lady. Join us for prayer and devotion, followed by a special Cinco De Mayo meal and the usual playing of Bingo and our Raffle game. All are welcome to stay and pray!!

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**Dreaming Big about the**

Archdiocese of Chicago

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Sometimes, in order to experience God’s love, we must endure many difficulties and trials. God allows us to be tempted to sin in order to test our love for and faithfulness to Him. Why does God allow us to experience many difficulties and trials? Because He Himself experienced many difficulties and trials.

In order to show us His Love — a Love that is given for free, without preference and without measure — God became Man in Jesus Christ. He also suffered and died for us. Each of us who is baptized is called to follow Jesus’ example.

When Jesus died for us, He proved His Love for us. If we are to follow in Jesus’ footsteps, then this means that we must first fall in love with Him, and then die for Love of Him.

Simply ask Him for the grace to discover how He has fallen in Love with you. When you truly discover how He has fallen in Love with you, then You will be ready to give your life out of love for Him and for others.

Fr. Arthur

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

During May, The Divine Mercy Chaplet is said after 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 WINDOW REMEMBRANCE
ALTAR & LITURGICAL REMEMBRANCE

The St. Barbara Stained Glass Window illumination (donation-$100) and the Altar/Liturgical Remembrance (donation-$50) are special ways of remembering someone prayerfully. These remembrances can be for someone celebrating a birthday, a couple celebrating their anniversary, someone sick in need of prayers, for the repose of the soul of a loved one who has died, etc. These donations help with the upkeep of the church and help to cover the expense of various altar/liturgical supplies for the week: hosts, wine, candle oil, etc. To give a remembrance, call the church office: (312) 842-7979.

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.

TO TEACH WHO CHRIST IS

Report as of April 15, 2018

Campaign Goal: $275,000
Total Pledged $281,667*
Percent of Goal: 102.4%
Total Collected to Date $ 82,523
60% Returned to St. Barbara $ 55,920

* The total amount pledged has been reduced by $5,000 due to the cancellation of a pledge.

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!

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR
Activities This Week

Sun., May 6 - First Eucharist (Communion) Mass; 9:30 am
- Altar & Rosary Mtg.; 1:00 pm

Tues., May 8 - St. Barb’s KC Mtg.; 7:30 pm

Fri., May 11 - Carnival Mtg.; 6:30 pm
- Holy Name Mtg.; 7:00 pm

Sat., May 12 - St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive;
8:30 am - 5:30 pm
- St. Barbara KC’s Port Ministry Sandwich-Making Project;
9:00 am

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HOLY NAME NEWS

Our next choir practice will be on Wednesday, May 9th at 7:00 pm. We will sing at the 9:30 am Mass next Sunday (Mother’s Day).

Our next meeting will take place this Friday, the 11th of May.

SAVE THE DATE

The 5th annual Car Show will be held on Saturday, August 18th. Free viewing is open to the public from 1:00 - 8:00 pm. The parking lot and registration opens at 12:00 pm. Show car registration fee is $20.00. If you need any additional information, please call Phil Whitehouse, (312) 316-3888.

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.

CARNIVAL MEETING

The April 30th Early Bird Winner chosen was Joe Boniewicz. The Grand Raffle Jackpot is up to $1,125; the Split-The-Pot raffle is at $580.

Our next Carnival Meeting will be held this Friday, May 11th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center. Please join us for this meeting. We are still looking for some fresh ideas and more volunteers. We hope to see you on Friday.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES MOTHER’S DAY COLLECTION

Next week is Mother’s Day. Give to Catholic Charities on Mother's Day so people are fed, comforted, sheltered and cared for at any stage in life. Funds raised from the collection will be used to help struggling families and individuals living right in our own communities. Extra envelopes are available on the table in back of church.

Please consider remembering St. Barbara Parish in your will.

Thursday,
April 26, 2018
Darlene
$500 Coverall
School Happenings
(School Website: www.stbarbaraschool.org)

Sports Awards Night

This past week, we recognized our athletes during our annual “Sports Night” award ceremony. It was great to see our students in their basketball, volleyball and soccer jerseys accompanied by their supportive family and friends! A special thank you to our coaches for their unwavering commitment to our sports program. A special thanks to Coach Cabrera for moderating the event!

SCHOOL CANVAS & CREATIVITY EVENT

On Friday, the Ladies' Guild hosted a "Canvas and Creativity" event for our students. Over 60 students participated and created beautiful artwork for Mother's Day! A very special thank you to Mrs. Godinez for organizing this fun activity.

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.
**WeeklyCollection-April 28th - 29th**

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**SATURDAY, MAY 12TH**

5:00 p.m. G. Godinez, V. Sandoval, Q. Do, I. Echevarria, A. Gorz

8:30 a.m. J. Bertucci

9:30 a.m. R. Villareal, H. Alonzo

**SUNDAY, MAY 6TH**

6:00 a.m. G. Vanderford

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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...
