Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth.

— Revelation 1:5
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

Today, Sunday, November 25th, is the last day of our Annual Food Drive. We at the St. Vincent de Paul Society cannot perform miracles, but we can help out those less fortunate.

How? With your help, by donating to our food pantry.

Here’s a short list of some suggestions:

- Canned goods, soups, fruits, vegetables, fish, meats, etc.
- Dry products: crackers, pastas, rice, beans, potatoes, etc.

These are just a few of the more popular items. Please use your judgment, but nothing that is perishable.

If you haven’t had a chance to bring in your canned goods, bins are still available in the rear of the church for your convenience or you can drop off your donations at the rectory.

Out of ideas? A monetary gift is always appreciated. Envelopes are located on the usher’s table in back of church.

FEAST OF ST. BARBARA TRIDUUM BEGINS SATURDAY

We will begin the triduum of the Feast of St. Barbara on Saturday evening at the 5:00 pm Mass. During the weekend of December 1-2, Fr. Lawrence (Larry) Lisowski will speak at all Masses. Fr. Larry is a native of Chicago, was ordained in 1984 and, in July of 2014, became the pastor of the combined parishes of Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph in the Old Town neighborhood.

Weekday Masses

Monday through Thursday & Saturday—CHAPEL
Friday and Sunday Masses—CHURCH

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

RENEW MY CHURCH MEETING FOR PARISHIONERS AND SCHOOL FAMILIES

Thank you for your participation as we have been discerning how best to structure churches, parishes and schools to revitalize the greater ministerial vitality of our Catholic communities.

Over the past several months, the Grouping Feedback and Discernment Team, which includes representatives from all of the parishes in our grouping, met to review and discern the future structure for our area. Based on their meetings and discussions, the group submitted a report to an Archdiocesan Commission, which includes representatives from across the Archdiocese.

Based on the Grouping Team’s feedback report, as well as other considerations, the Commission will present a recommendation to Cardinal Cupich and the Archdiocese’s Presbyteral Council.

A final decision from Cardinal Cupich and the Archdiocese’s Presbyteral Council is expected at the end of the month. As such, we want to invite you to join us for a community meeting where all parishioners and school families from across our grouping will gather together to learn of the decision and discuss next steps for our area.

Meeting Details:
Wednesday, November 28, 2018
7:00 p.m.
St. Barbara Church

We ask you to remember that Jesus Christ is calling each of us to renew His Church … to find new and creative ways to make disciples, build communities and inspire witness.

May God continue to bless us all on this journey.

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, November 28.

LADIES’ GUILD MEETING NOVEMBER 26, 2018

The next meeting of the Ladies’ Guild will be on Monday, November 26th at 7:00 pm. The main topics of discussion will be the Santa’s Breakfast to be held on December 9th and the St. Barbara Teacher Appreciation Dinner, which will be held on Friday, December 14th, following the Annual Christmas Concert.
FROM THE DESK OF THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear People of St. Barbara,

Today is the last Sunday of the liturgical calendar year. We might say it is like New Year’s Eve for us Catholics. Some may ask “Why is the New Year in the Catholic Church different than the 31st of December?” I will answer that many religions have different dates for the New Year. The Chinese people have a different date, the Jewish people have a different date and we Catholics have a different date.

Today we also celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. I think this day reminds us that really we don’t belong to this world. We are subjected to the authorities, governments, presidents – in some countries to the kings. But we recognize today that we Christians have only one king. It is Jesus Christ.

A true Christian lives on the earth but his heart and soul are focusing on heaven. Today’s readings say that Christ is the King of the whole universe. All nations, all people are under His rule. And, once again, someone may ask, “If Christ is the King of the Universe, why are there a lot of people who don’t believe in Him? Why is there a lot of crime and injustice?” I think the answer is very simple. It is like in every country. There are governments and there are presidents and there are laws, but not everyone in the country lives according to the rules. Unfortunately, there are many rebels in each country.

The same is in the kingdom of Jesus. In His kingdom you have rules: you shall not kill, not steal, not lie, respect your mother and your neighbors, remember about holy days of obligation. They are very simple rules but, in Jesus’ kingdom, there are very many rebels and people who don’t want to follow His rules.

Does it mean I have to follow the rebels? Should I deny Jesus and His law of love? I can, but is it worth it? I have to remember that this life lasts only for a moment. Our destination is God’s kingdom, where Jesus sits at the right hand of the Father and is waiting for me. Someone said, “Eternity is not a joke; it is a very serious matter. It depends on yourself if you will gain eternity.”

My last thought about Jesus the King. I was asking myself, “Why, in all my life, I have seen the King of the Universe sitting on the throne which is the cross?” The answer came to my mind: because of many rebellious people and because of myself, who very often falls down. Jesus is still nailed to the cross. He wants you and me to be free. He wants you and me not to suffer, so He suffers for us. Every moment He is dying for me so I can live forever.

Fr. Andrzej

Report as of October 15, 2018

Campaign Goal: $275,000
Total Pledged: $286,697*
Percent of Goal: 104.2%
Total Collected to Date: $103,510
60% Returned to St. Barbara: $62,106

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

ST. BARBARA KC’S PORT MINISTRIES PROJECT

Last Saturday, our St. Barbara Knights of Columbus held their sandwich-making project for the Port Ministries. We had eight volunteers who helped make sandwiches for poor people. Thanks to all the great volunteers.
**Activities This Week**

- **Monday, Nov. 26** - Ladies’ Guild Mtg.; 7:00 pm
- **Wednesday, Nov. 28** - Renew My Church Mtg. in Church; 7:00 pm
- **Thursday, Nov. 29** - “Dine-Out” Night
- **Saturday - Sunday** - Feast of St. Barbara Triduum; Fr. Larry Lisowski to speak at all Masses
- **Sunday, Dec. 2** - Altar & Rosary Mtg.; 1:00 pm

**HOLY NAME NEWS**

The Holy Name Society and the St. Barbara Knights of Columbus will meet this Monday, November 26th, at 7:00 pm in the Senior Mobile to discuss a membership drive for both organizations.

The Holy Name Society will again sponsor a toy drive for needy children beginning December 1st through December 9th. The toys will be distributed to the 9th District Police Department and the Ronald McDonald House.

**9TH DISTRICT CAPS MEETING**

The 9th District held their monthly CAPS meeting this past week in our school hall. Thank you to all interested citizens for coming to the meeting. The next meeting will also be held in our hall on Tuesday, January 8th, at 6:30 pm.

**2019 ST. BARBARA CALENDAR**

Be sure to pick up your 2019 St. Barbara Calendar in back of church sponsored by the St. Barbara Thursday Night Bingo.

**OUR NEW CHOIR AREA**

As was written a few weeks ago, our choir area has been undergoing renovation. Below, you will see the before and after pictures. Choir members will now have places to sit and kneel during Mass.
ST. BARBARA SCHOOL CELEBRATES VETERANS’ DAY

The Air Force Academy High School Color Guard

Fortunato Brown — U.S. Army Uncle of the Kwiatkowski-Perez Family

Students listening to Maria Martinez Friend of the Salinas Family Speaking about her experiences

Cody Shelton— U.S. Air Force Uncle of the Kwiatkowski-Perez Family
Relevant Radio - Mass & Rosary
950 AM WNTD - Chicago

Sunday, November 24 - Vigil of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
5:00 p.m. + Casimira Nowak (Steve Oleszkiewicz)
+ Ricky Lara (Marta Herrera)
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

Sunday, November 25 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
6:00 a.m. + Patricia Galasinski (St. Barbara Thursday Night Bingo Workers)
+ Fr. Anthony Adducci (Christine Krupa)
Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
9:30 a.m. + Mary Diaz DeLeon (Family)
+ James Laughnney (Henry Diaz DeLeon)
11:30 a.m. + Tom Potthoff (Ed & B. Glabicki)
+ Baby Kaz (Virginia Pienta)
+ Deceased Members of St. Barbara Seniors’ Club (WZG)

Monday, November 26 - Weekday
8:30 a.m. Health Blessings: Irene Zima (Virginia Pienta)

Tuesday, November 27 - Weekday
6:00 p.m. + Bill Bartkowski (Ed & B. Glabicki)

Wednesday, November 28 - Weekday
8:30 a.m. + Cathy Paholski (Michael Gasior)

Thursday, November 29 - Weekday
8:30 a.m. Blessings for Pienta Families (Virginia Pienta)

Friday, November 30 - St. Andrew, Apostle
8:30 a.m. + David Maeshiba (Dave & Ruth Czarnecki)

Saturday, December 1 - Weekday
8:30 a.m. Father’s Day Remembrance

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5:00 p.m. + Joy Swulius (Family)
+ Casimira Nowak (Steve Oleszkiewicz)
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

Sunday, December 2 - First Sunday of Advent
6:00 a.m. + Helen & Casey Powaga (Barbara & Bill Webb)
+ Barbara Rolek (Terri Rolek)
Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
9:30 a.m. + Mary Diaz DeLeon (Family)
+ Ima Whitehouse (Mary Puente)
11:30 a.m. + David Maeshiba (Marilyn Rzasa)
+ Ted Lech (Ed & B. Glabicki)
Health Blessings: Ed Glabicki (Dolly Roti)

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Eucharistic Ministers: J. Lukwinski, R. Carden
Lectors: TBA

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Lector: J. Bertucci
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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...
