He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

— Titus 3:5
**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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**MEET ST. BARBARA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS’ ADOPTED SEMINARIAN**

The St. Barbara Knights of Columbus have adopted a seminarian to sponsor for the 2019 year. He is 23 year-old Leonel Sepulveda. Leonel’s family lives in Harvey, Illinois, but he was born in Mexico. He is in his second year of theology at Mundelein and comes very highly recommended by the Very Rev. Peter Snieg, the Rector-President of St. Joseph Seminary. Leonel will attend the Sandwich Ministry meeting this coming Saturday at 9:00 am. If you would like to meet Leonel, please come to the meeting and say hello. Also, please keep him in your prayers. In case you are not familiar with what the Port Ministry does, a flyer is included in the bulletin.

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**THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA**

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support to the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how you can make a difference, please visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).

There are envelopes for the collection in your monthly packet. In case you need another envelope, they are on the small table in back of church.

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**Mercy Home - Sunday Mass**

*WGN- TV Channel 9 - Chicago*

Sunday Mass: 9:30 AM

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**ALL SOULS’ REMEMBRANCE**

We have received a request to add Catherine Zombec and Anthony Zombec to the list of All Souls Remembrance intentions.

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**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.

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**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.
FROM THE DESK OF THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear People of St. Barbara,

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord. We can think of many aspects of this celebration, but I would like to focus on the relationship between Baptism and our Catholic life. When we think about the Baptism of the Lord, we see that Jesus, who came to John to be baptized, did what was actually very important to all Israelites. Jesus didn’t have to be baptized. He was the one who gave to the Apostles the authority to baptize all nations. John the Baptist said, “I don’t have power to baptize you because you are God”, but Jesus was baptized in the Jordan anyway to show that it is important to be faithful to the Israelite faith.

Now we can compare the Baptism of Jesus with baptism in the Catholic Church. In the Catholic Church we say that it is important to baptize children as soon as possible after birth. But I see more and more people who wait with baptism and baptize children when they are 6, 7, or even older. Yes, I agree that we are free, but what about faithfulness to our religion? Jesus didn’t have to be baptized, but He came for baptism anyway.

Another thing from the life of Jesus. In many places in the Gospels, they say that Jesus came on the Sabbath to the synagogue according to His custom. Again, Jesus is the Lord of the Sabbath. He is bigger than the Sabbath. He is God, but He went to the temple every Sabbath because this was His religion. The question is, what do we do on Sunday? How many excuses do we have not to go to Church? Sunday Mass is part of our religion. Sunday Mass is what you are. Sunday Mass means to be faithful to Jesus and the Eucharist. Again, we can say we are free people, but Jesus was freer than me, and He was faithful to His religion.

Another example of Jesus’ faithfulness. Jesus was faithful to the prayer which helped Him to be connected with the Father. The Gospel said that Jesus prayed very often in deserted places and prayer gave Him strength and wisdom. Did He have to pray? I don’t think so, because Jesus Himself said, “I am one with the Father. The Father and I are one.” What He showed to his disciples and the crowd that followed Him is that prayer is like breathing. Without prayer, our faith can die.

I know that very many of you are praying and are praying a lot. But, I also know that many of us are not praying at all. I had a sad experience with children from our school. When I asked them if they have time for prayer every day, their answer to me is “not really”. Jesus taught us that prayer is an essential thing in our life and is a sign of our faithfulness to our faith.

So, the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord teaches us that the gift of Baptism is an enormous gift. In Baptism we become the children of God. Baptism freed us from original sin and, during Baptism, what really happens is what happened during the Baptism of Jesus. The heavens are opened and from heaven we can hear the voice of God: “This is my beloved daughter or son in whom I am well pleased.”

But I think it is also a time to ask ourselves how faithful we are to our faith and church.

Fr. Andrzej

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

JULIANNA SELK
Daughter of Barbara and Bill Webb

and

WILLIAM “TEX” McALEER
Member of St. Barbara KC’s

Please keep the Webb, Selk and McAleer families in your prayers.

MASSES

Unless otherwise noted, weekday and Saturday morning Masses will be held in the chapel. The only Masses being held in Church will be the Friday morning students’ Mass, and the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.

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.
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.

ST. BARBARA SENIORS

Are you 55+? Do you enjoy socializing with your neighbors? Interested in playing Bingo? If so, come to the next St. Barbara Senior Citizens Meeting. Because New Year’s Day fell on the first Tuesday of the month, our next Seniors meeting will be held this Tuesday, January 15th, at 11:30 a.m. Try it — you might like it!

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.

Join Our Family of Faith

Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and a commitment to the life of the parish family. Being a registered parishioner makes things much easier when it is time for baptism, confirmation and weddings, when asked to be a baptismal or confirmation sponsor, and even funerals. We are often asked to provide affidavits for baptismal and confirmation sponsors. We can only do this if a person is a registered, active, and contributing member in our parish. How do you know if you are already registered? A registered parishioner receives all parish mailings.

Are you a registered parishioner? If not, please consider registering. Please stop by the parish office Monday - Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. or speak with Fr. Arthur or Fr. Andrzej after Mass.

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.

YOUR PICTURE COULD BE HERE

Next Week!!!

Come try your luck at bingo.. You might win the $500 coverall or even the $1,199 odd/even game. When you win, your picture will appear in this column of the bulletin. Plan to join us for our future celebrations:

Chinese New Year: February 7th
Valentine’s Night: February 14th
SAVE THE DATE!!!

SPEND THE MORNING AT ST. BARBARA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

THE ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE AND BOOK FAIR TAKES PLACE ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2019, AFTER THE 9:30 AM MASS (FROM 10:45 AM TO 12:30 PM)

Visit classrooms, talk to teachers, parents and students. Learn about our academic programs, athletics and clubs. An informational session will be held at 11:15 am followed by guided school tours for families interested in learning more about the school. Refreshments and snacks will be sold in the school kitchen.

Please call the school office for more information at (312) 326-6243. We hope to see you there!

CHURCH RENOVATIONS CONTINUE

Renovations have been continuing on the rear of the rectory and in church. As you have noticed, some lights in church were upgraded to LED bulbs which will last for at least five years and provide greater light while using less energy and lowering the maintenance cost.

Also, we have replaced the cement staircase at the rear entrance to the rectory and added new railings. New steps and railings have also been replaced on the east side entrance to the church. If anyone wishes to help in donating toward these upgrades, please see Fr. Arthur or Fr. Andrzej.
**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, January 12 - Vigil of The Baptism of the Lord**
5:00 p.m. + David Maeshiba (Marilyn Rzasa)
+ Lawrence and Mary Noga (Rose Stronczek)
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

**Sunday, January 13 - The Baptism of the Lord**
6:00 a.m. + Julianna Selk (Ed & B. Glabicki)
Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
9:30 a.m. 6th and 7th Grade Family Mass
11:30 a.m. + Ray and Pauline Pyznarski (Rose Stronczek)
+ Ted Lech (Ed & B. Glabicki)
+ Jean Dimitri (Ed & B. Glabicki)
+ Paul & Sophie Jachim (Dan & Anita Isacson & Family)
Special Intention: Wedding of Felicito and Vercelita (Maria Saludo)
Health Blessings: Dolores Becatti (V. Pienta)

**Monday, January 14 - Weekday**
8:30 a.m. + Robert Baker

**Tuesday, January 15 - Weekday**
6:00 p.m. + 15th Ann.: Sister Michaeline Oleszkiewicz (Family)
+ John Bialek, Sr. (Daughter)
Birth. Blessings: Crisalgen Saludo (Tita Inday)

**Wednesday, January 16 - Weekday**
8:30 a.m. + John Kutyba (Victoria Skala)

**Thursday, January 17 - St. Anthony**
8:30 a.m. + Rita M. Lukas

**Friday, January 18 - Weekday**
8:30 a.m. + Ann.: Elizabeth Nardi (Dee Dee)
+ David Maeshiba (Marilyn Rzasa)

**Saturday, January 19 - Weekday**
8:30 a.m. + All Souls’ Remembrance

**Saturday, January 19 - Vigil of the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
5:00 p.m. + John & Loretta Knapczyk (Rose Stronczek)
+ 1st Ann.: Victoria David (Steve Kaput)
+ Aurora Barrera (St. Barbara Lectors)
Health Blessings: Barbara Rekar (V. Pienta)
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente & Family)

**Sunday, January 20 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
6:00 a.m. Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
9:30 a.m. Archbishop Quigley KC Corporate Communion Mass
+ Ima Whitehouse (St. Barbara Holy Name Society)
+ Mary Diaz DeLeon (Family)
11:30 a.m. + Baby Kaz (V. Pienta)
+ Fred Stronczek (Wife, Rose)
+ Anne & Mitch Kizys (A. Kizys)
+ Gail Helma (Ed & B. Glabicki)
+ Bernice Glabicki (Ed & B. Glabicki)

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**Weekly Collection - January 5th - 6th**

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**Votives & Vigil Lights**

- November Give Central: 1st $1,500.00
- November Give Central: 2nd $280.00

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**GiveCentral.org**

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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**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 19TH**

5:00 p.m.
- Altar Servers: J. P. Kwiatkowski, L. Kwiatkowski, D. Kwiatkowski, J. Kwiatkowski
- Eucharistic Ministers: J. Lukwinski
- Lectors: J. Lukwinski, V. Godinez

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 20TH**

6:00 a.m.
- Altar Server: G. Vanderford
- Eucharistic Ministers: S. Guest, J. Balasa
- Lector: J. Bertucci

9:30 a.m.
- Eucharistic Ministers: P. Rodriguez, J. Rodriguez
- Lectors: H. Diaz DeLeon, B. Curry

11:30 a.m.
- Altar Servers: A. Gomez, A. Torres, G. Parcon, L. Calderon, A. Calderon
- Eucharistic Ministers: D. Ramos, A. Alonzo
- Lectors: E. Pollock, H. Alonzo
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...
