Nations shall behold your vindication, and all the kings your glory.

— 1 Isaiah 62:2
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.

DATE CHANGED

MEET ST. BARBARA KC’S ADOPTED SEMINARIAN

As announced in last week’s bulletin, the St. Barbara Adopted Seminarian, Leonel Sepulveda was to attend the sandwich ministry meeting on Saturday, January 19th. Due to the forecast for 8” of snow, the St. Barbara Knights of Columbus have rescheduled their sandwich ministry meeting for this coming Saturday, January 26th, at 9:00 am. Leonel will try to attend this meeting; however, since he is coming from Mundelein, a snowstorm may preclude his attending this meeting. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.

THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

This 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.

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.

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.

Mercy Home - Sunday Mass
WGN- TV Channel 9 - Chicago

Sunday Mass: 9:30 AM

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.

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.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ARCHBISHOP QUIGLEY COUNCIL CELEBRATES 96TH ANNIVERSARY

Today we welcome members of the Archbishop Quigley Council #2428 who are celebrating the 96th anniversary of their council with a special Mass at 9:30 am.

Activities This Week

Saturday Jan. 19 - Archdiocesan Parish Announcement in Church; 6:30 pm
Sunday, Jan. 20 - Archbishop Quigley KC’s Corporate Communion Mass; 9:30 am
Sunday, Jan. 27 - Catholic Schools Week Mass followed by School Open House; 9:30 am
FROM THE DESK OF THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear People of St. Barbara,

Today we are with Mary and Jesus at the wedding in Cana. Let me at the beginning look at this event only from a human point of view. My question is: Why didn’t Jesus want to do what His mother asked Him? She told Him that they had no wine and Jesus answered, “It’s not my business.” I was thinking that Jesus was a young man, He was invited for a wedding with His friends and, simply, they had a good time. So Jesus didn’t want to think about His mission. His mission was to give life for the salvation of the world.

Jesus said to Mary, “Mommy, not yet. Let Me enjoy life with My friends. My hour has not yet come.” This is my private interpretation but truly, for me, this part of the Gospel is about faith – faith without doubt. We can see that Jesus didn’t say, “Yes, I will do a miracle”, but Mary believed that Jesus was able to change water into wine. Because of this, she said to the servants, “Do whatever He tells you.” “Do whatever” means that even though it is hard to believe that something looked impossible, Jesus could do this anyway if we have faith.

Can you imagine six stone water jugs and each one held 20-30 gallons. And the servants filled them with water – probably there was enough water for a small swimming pool. Also, probably the servants didn’t know what they were doing, but they filled the jars and there was a lot of wine. But everything was possible because of the faith of Mary.

The same is with our life. We can ask Jesus for anything and, if it is according to God’s will and gives benefit for our salvation, Jesus will answer.

Let me tell you a true story told to me by another priest. This priest said he was visiting a 6 year old boy at the Oncology Hospital and there were doctors and parents all in the room. All they knew was that the boy had only a couple of days left. Even the parents lost their hope, so it was very sad. A 6 year old is dying and there is no hope for him. When the priest was about to leave, the little patient asked the priest about prayer. The priest said, “I never, ever heard such a prayer and I probably will never hear it again.” The boy said, “Lord Jesus allowed me to kiss my mommy, my daddy and my bear for many years.”

And what happened? He is kissing his parents until today. Maybe he is not kissing his bear because he is 21 years old. He is kissing his parents because he believed in a miracle. He believed God. We also need such a childlike trust and faith.

At the end, I would like to quote an Italian proverb: “Those who live in hope can see farther. Those who live in love see deeper. Those who live in faith see everything in a different perspective.”

Fr. Andrzej

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL TO BEGIN SOON

During the next two weeks, all parishioners who contributed to the Annual Catholic Appeal in 2018 will receive a letter from Cardinal Cupich with a commitment form and an envelope for the 2019 Appeal which will soon begin. The theme of this year’s appeal is “COME FOLLOW ME… and share the Word”. We have all received God’s love. By financially supporting the ministries and services funded by the ACA, we help to extend God’s love to many, many others.

We ask that you do not mail your commitment card and envelope but hold it until the campaign is presented in church. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

The Br. David Darst Center is opening its doors to adults (21+) in the Chicago area for an opportunity to deepen their cultural and personal understanding of social justice and faith in action.

DIG DEEP! is an overnight immersion retreat designed to help build community among participants and dialog about the roots of injustice. We explore our own stories, visit local community organizations in the midst of service and justice work, and listen to where we each are called to share our gifts.

Feb. 2-3 | Incarceration
April 13-14 | Immigration
May 17-18 | Civil Disobedience

5:00 pm Day 1 – 5:00 pm Day 2
10-15 spots available each retreat

REGISTER TODAY:
Email info@darstcenter.org

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.

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.

Risharda
$500 Coverall

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
Dear Parents,

Next Sunday, January 27th, we will begin Catholic Schools Week with a short open house after the 9:30 am Mass. During this time, you will be able to visit your child’s classroom until 11:30 am and then proceed to the lower hall where the Ladies’ Guild will be serving cookies and refreshments until 12:00 noon.
**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, January 19 - Vigil of the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 p.m. + John and Loretta Knapeczyk (Rose Stronczek)
+ 1st Ann.: Victoria David (Steve Kaput)
+ Aurora Barrera (St. Barbara Lectors)
Health Blessings: Barbara Rekar (Virginia Pienta)
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

**Sunday, January 20 - The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Monday, January 21 - St. Agnes**

8:30 a.m. + Stanley Slotarski (Family)

**Tuesday, January 22 - Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**

6:00 p.m. + Stanley and Ted Piorecki

**Wednesday, January 23 - Weekday; St. Vincent**

8:30 a.m. + Edward & Rose Ciz

**Thursday, January 24 - St. Francis de Sales**

8:30 a.m. + Rita M. Lukas

**Friday, January 25 - The Conversion of St. Paul**

8:30 a.m. + David Maeshiba (Joe Mueller)

**Saturday, January 26 - St. Timothy and St. Titus**

8:30 a.m. + Mother’s Day Remembrance

**Saturday, January 26 - Vigil of the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 p.m. + 1st Ann.: Victoria David (Steve Kaput)
Health Blessings: Rose Kisielowski (Virginia Pienta)
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente & Family)

**Sunday, January 27 - The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

6:00 a.m. + 1st Ann.: Victoria David (Steve Kaput)
+ Julianne Selk (St. Barbara Thursday Night Bingo Workers)
Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
9:30 a.m. Catholic Schools’ Week Mass
+ 1st Ann.: Victoria David (Steve Kaput)
+ Mary Diaz DeLeon (Family)
Health Blessings: Ed Sraga (Family)
11:30 a.m. + 1st Ann.: Victoria David (Steve Kaput)
+ Stephen Pyznarski (Rose Stronczek)
+ Laura Bocian (Ed & B. Glabicki)
+ Ed Helma (Ed & B. Glabicki)
Health Blessings: Maryeve Lerner (Virginia Pienta)
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**Weekly Collection - January 12th - 13th**

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**YTD**

- Actual: $81,998.24
- Goal: $185,600.00
- % of Goal: 44%

**Weekly**

- Actual: $2,489.77
- Goal: $6,400.00
- % of Goal: 39%

**Votives & Vigil Lights**: $169.50

**December Give Central**: 1st $1,740.00
2nd $265.00

Electronic giving through [GiveCentral.org](http://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.

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 26TH**

5:00 p.m.
- Altar Servers: L. Thomas, A. Gorz, A. Torres, N. Garland
- Eucharistic Ministers: A. Skokal, R. Carden
- Lectors: W. Podrazik, G. Dumelle

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 27TH**

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

**9:30 a.m.**
- Altar Servers: E. Davis, M. Dunagan, R. Cabrera, Ellie Cabrera, Emma Cabrera
- Eucharistic Ministers: F. Cabrera, H. Alonzo
- Lectors: Catholic Schools Week

**11:30 a.m.**
- Altar Servers: D. Kwiatkowski, J. Kwiatkowski, L. Kwiatkowski, J.P. Kwiatkowski
- Eucharistic Ministers: D. Ramos, B. Pienta
- Lectors: Eljay Raya, Edward Raya
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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.

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MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY LITURGIES
Saturday.............................................. 5:00 p.m.
Sunday........6:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY LITURGIES
8:30 a.m.: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday; 6:00 p.m.: Tuesday

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION
6:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted

CONFESSION
Saturday 3:45-4:30 p.m.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS
Mass at 8:30 a.m., followed by a short period of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Evening Mass at 6:00 p.m., followed by Exposition and Adoration, concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:30 p.m.

THE ROSARY
Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. before the 6:00 p.m. Mass, and on Sunday at 5:30 a.m. before the 6:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.

OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Wednesday, Friday: 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.; 1:30-4:00 p.m. The office is closed on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.

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