Merciful and gracious is the LORD, slow to anger and abounding in kindness.

— Psalm 103:8
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.

THE SPRING VENDOR FAIR IS COMING!
The Spring Vendor Fair will be held in the school gym and lower hall on Saturday, March 2nd, from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. There will be representatives from vendors featuring all types of products, including soaps, jewelry, home décor, and food items, to name a few. There will also be raffles and a concession stand. Please enter by the gym doors on Quinn Street.

MARDI GRAS CONCERT
The Holy Name Society presents its annual Mardi Gras Concert following the 6:00 pm Mass on “Fat Tuesday”, March 5th, 2019. The concert will consist of secular songs, including many country songs. Hospitality will follow in the school lower hall. It promises to be a GREAT CONCERT!!!
Dear People of St. Barbara,

Today’s Gospel is very demanding. Jesus tells us what our Christian life should look like and we think that it is almost impossible to live like this. Jesus tells you and me to love our enemies. How can I love somebody who hates me, curses me and all the time mistreats me? But Jesus tells me anyway to “stop judging, and condemning. Forgive and you will be forgiven.” But, as I said, it is very difficult to live like this, but it is possible.

We have a beautiful story from the first reading. A story about King Saul and young David. David was a very good soldier, even a friend of King Saul and a very good friend of the son of King Saul. People admired David and, finally, King Saul began to be extremely jealous and started to hate young David. So David had to escape from the town and was hiding with his companions in the mountains.

Saul gathered 3,000 well-trained soldiers and went in search of David. You heard what happened. David found Saul sleeping amidst his soldiers with his spear thrust into the ground beside him. David and his servant came upon King Saul unnoticed by anyone. His servant said, “God has delivered your enemy into your hands,” and he wanted to kill Saul. But David said, “no”. David’s heart was free from hate even though he suffered a lot from the hand of Saul. At one time, Saul had thrown his spear at David and wanted to nail him to the wall. Still David didn’t hate him. Even though King Saul was searching for him for many years in the mountains and David could not live a normal life, David didn’t hate him. David forgave him.

This is an example of how God treats you and me. God forgives me over and over. God can forgive people the worst sins, but people very often cannot forgive their neighbor even a small thing.

For me, it is very sad when people tell me “I hate that person.” Very often, they have good reasons but, many times, their “hate” is over something very small. When I ask them “why do you hate that person”, they say “because”. We are children of God and we must try to be like Him. Jesus said, “be merciful just as your Father is merciful”.

Let me give you an example of forgiveness. A couple of years ago, in one of the provinces of India, people started to persecute the Christians. The armed men simply went to the town and were throwing everyone out of their houses. They killed thousands of people; thousands ran away and found shelter in the refugee camp. So those armed people were taking innocent lives, killed women and children and didn’t care who they were. They took away all belongings of the people but, after a couple of weeks, a miracle happened. Some of the persecutors came to the camp, knelt before the Christians, and asked them, “Please let us be baptized. We don’t want to be like them. We want to be like you.”

This is an absolutely true story and it happened a couple of years ago. So, when people hate us, don’t hate back because we become like them. If people are judging one another, try not to be the judge because you will be like them. When you hear that someone condemns another person, try not to condemn them. Love your neighbors and those who mistreat you, because Jesus says at the end of today’s gospel, “For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.”.

Fr. Andrzej
The Ladies’ Guild Spring Vendor Fair will take place this Saturday, March 2nd, from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.

The Holy Name Men’s Mardi Gras Concert and Hospitality will be held in Church on Tuesday, March 5th following the 6:00 pm Mass. This concert will feature secular songs, including many country songs. It promises to be a GREAT concert.

The Holy Name Society will sponsor a Mother/Son and Father/Daughter dance on Saturday, March 9th. The Mother/Son dance will be held from 2:00 - 4:00 pm; the Father/Daughter dance will be held from 5:00 - 7:00 pm.

The School Art Fair will take place on April 10th from 6:00 - 7:30 pm.

Our 5th Annual Car Show will be held on Saturday, August 17th.
TO THE PARENTS OF ST. BARBARA STUDENTS

THERE IS STILL AN OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND AN UPCOMING SESSION OF

COFFEE WITH THE ST. THERESE PRINCIPAL

Coffee and informal tour
Wednesday, February 27th at 6:00 pm
at St. Barbara School

Questions?
312-326-2837
ADMISSIONS@STTHERESECHICAGO.ORG

DE LA SALLE ANNOUNCES SECOND QUARTER HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to the following St. Barbara graduates who have made the second quarter honor roll at De La Salle Institute:

Gabriela Aguilar
Samantha J. Brost
Leonardo Jimenez-Tovar
Jack Anthony Murrihy
Alanna Frances Saucedo
Raina Villareal
Kelly Alicia Zotamba

St. Barbara is proud of your accomplishments and you are great examples of the quality education received at St. Barbara Elementary School.

MOTHER McAULEY ANNOUNCES HONOR ROLL

Mother McAuley has announced that the following student has made the second quarter honor roll:

Mia Perez

Congratulations, Mia, on your great achievement. You make St. Barbara proud.

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.
**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, February 23 - Vigil of The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**
5:00 p.m. + 16th Ann.: John Rzasa (Diane and Marilyn Rzasa)
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente & Family)

**Sunday, February 24 - The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**
6:00 a.m. + Julianne Selk (Cliff and Arlene Whitehouse)
Health Blessings: Thursday Night Bingo

Workers
Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
9:30 a.m. + Mary Diaz DeLeon (Family)
11:30 a.m. + Bill Beyer (Ed and B. Glabicki)
  + Tony Hetzel (The Szczepanski Family)
Health Blessings: Maria Salvacion G. Saludo (Ed and B. Glabicki)

**Monday, February 25 - Weekday**
8:30 a.m. + Robert Baker

**Tuesday, February 26 - Weekday**
6:00 p.m. + Ann.: Stanley Piorecki

**Wednesday, February 27 - Weekday**
8:30 a.m. + John Kutyba (Victoria Skala)

**Thursday, February 28 - Weekday**
8:30 a.m. + John Bialek, Sr. (Daughters)

**Friday, March 1 - Weekday; First Friday**
8:30 a.m. + David Maeshiba (Marilyn Rzasa)
6:00 p.m. + Albina Adomaitis (John & Susan Adomaitis)

**Saturday, March 2 - Weekday**
8:30 a.m. All Parishioners, Living and Deceased

**Saturday, March 2 - Vigil of The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
5:00 p.m.
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente & Family)

**Sunday, March 3 - The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
6:00 a.m. + Edward Lenicky (Barbara Rekar)
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente & Family)

Mercy Home - Sunday Mass
WGN- TV Channel 9 - Chicago
Sunday Mass:  9:30 AM

Relevant Radio - Mass & Rosary
950 AM WNTD - Chicago
Sunday Mass:  9:00 AM
Daily Mass:    7:30 PM  Mon. - Sat.
Rosary:        7:00 PM  Sun. - Sat.
Chaplet:       3:00 PM  Mon. - Fri

**Weekly Collection - February 16th - 17th**

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Actual: $93,270.91
Goal: $218,200.00
% of Goal: 43%

Votives & Vigil Lights: $199.72

January Give Central: 1st $1,455.00
  2nd $255.00

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.

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 2ND**
5:00 p.m.
Altar Servers:  G. Godinez, M. Lemke, Q. Do, A. Gorz, L. Thomas
Eucharistic Ministers: TBA
Lectors:  L. Saletta, V. Godinez

**SUNDAY, MARCH 3RD**
6:00 a.m.
Altar Server:  G. Vanderford
Eucharistic Ministers:  S. Guest, J. Balasa
Lector:  J. Bertucci

**9:30 a.m.**
Altar Servers:  K. Guzman, C. Kely, Emma Cabrera
Eucharistic Ministers: TBA
Lectors:  Sr. K. McNulty, B. Curry

**11:30 a.m.**
Altar Servers:  A. Alonzo, A. Gomez, A. Moon, L. Calderon, A. Calderon
Eucharistic Ministers: TBA
Lectors:  B. Pienta, 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:


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 p.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.

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