Every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thorn bushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles.

— Luke 6:44
Activities This Week

Sun., Mar. 3 - Altar & Rosary Mtg; 1:00 pm
- St. Barbara KC’s sell Shamrocks after all Masses
Tues., Mar. 5 - St. Barbara Seniors Mtg.; 11:30 am
- 6:00 pm Mass followed by Mardi Gras Concert and Hospitality
Wed., Mar. 6 - Ash Wednesday: Masses at 6:00, 8:30, and 11:30 am; 7:00 pm
Fri., Mar. 8 - Holy Name Mtg.; 7:00 pm
Sat., Mar. 9 - Mother/Son Dance: 2:00 pm;
Father/Daughter Dance: 5:00 pm
Sun., Mar. 10 - Grades 2 and 3 Family Mass

ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass Schedule
6:00 a.m.
8:30 a.m. School Mass; all are welcome
11:30 a.m.; 7:00 p.m.

All Masses will be in Church. Ashes will be distributed immediately after the Homily.

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.

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!!!

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

This weekend, our parish will be conducting the follow-up weekend for the Annual Catholic Appeal. Please remember that the Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift payable in installments.

The ACA theme, “Come, Follow Me...and Share the Word”, was selected to remind us to continue to answer Jesus’ call to follow Him in thought, word and deed by providing the necessary contribution to fund ministries and services to share God’s love with many others in our Parish and our Archdiocese.

Each pledge makes a difference! Remember, our goal this year is $10,851.78. Any money pledged and paid after our goal is reached will be returned to us to help pay our gas and electric bills. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

ST. MARY’S PENNY SOCIAL

TODAY, MARCH 3RD

St. Mary of Perpetual Help is sponsoring their Penny Social on Sunday, March 3rd, at 11:00 am. Tickets for prizes are 25 for $1.00 to win small auction prizes. Prizes include toys, jewelry, household items, etc. There will also be raffle tickets available for larger prizes, such as a flat screen TV. The auction begins at 12:30 pm and winners must be present.
FROM THE DESK OF THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear People of St. Barbara,

Very often when Christmas comes, we hear people say that it is a magical time of the year, especially for the children. It’s like a fairy tale and people are trying to make it a magical time. But there is nothing magical about Christmas, because it is the birthday of Jesus Christ. So we should treat as a real thing.

You are wondering why I’m talking about Christmas when we are about to start Lent. We are three days before Ash Wednesday. The reason is that, for many people, Ash Wednesday is like magic. On Ash Wednesday, everyone wants to receive ashes on their foreheads. They think that, by putting ashes on their head, something extraordinary – magic – will happen in their lives.

When I was working as a Chaplain in the hospital, Ash Wednesday was the most busy day during the year. All Chaplains were running through the hospital and putting ashes on everyone’s heads. More interestingly, we had a special stamp in the form of the cross and we put the stamp in the ashes and then stamped people’s foreheads. It didn’t matter if they were Catholic, Christian, Muslim, or Jewish. Everyone received a regular stamp with the cross.

In many places in Chicago, some priests were going to the train station and they gave ashes to people who were going to work. I say, again, that giving ashes is not something which happened automatically. The ashes are the sign of our conversion. You can put a bucket of ashes on your head but there will be no conversion of hearts, nor changing of life. If we do not come back to God, it means nothing.

We are about to start Lent. It is the time of prayer, alms, and fasting. Everything I will do is because of love of God and our neighbors. If I only go to church to receive ashes, it means nothing. Receiving ashes on your head is not magic. It requires your effort to do something to be a better person.

Fr. Andrzej

LENTEN PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Weekday Morning Mass:
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday: 8:30 a.m.; (Chapel)
Friday: 8:30 a.m.; (Church)

Weekday Evening Mass:
Tuesday (Chapel) and Friday (Church); both at 6:00 p.m. (Please note that there will be both a morning and evening Mass on Fridays in Lent.)

Stations of the Cross:
Fridays at 6:30 p.m. (Church)
(Stations will follow the evening Mass.)

Baby Bottle Project through April 13-14

The Baby Bottle Project is to benefit The Women’s Center, counseling women in crisis pregnancies with kindness, respect, prayer, and compassion. They assist women materially by providing diapers, formula, clothes, high chairs, strollers, car seats, and more. Mass, Eucharist Adoration, the Rosary, and the Divine Mercy Chaplet are said daily for all women struggling with their pregnancies so they choose life and not abort their babies.

You are asked to return the bottle back to Church on April 13 and 14 with any spare change or bills which you have placed inside. If you have not picked up your baby bottle, please do so now. They are on the tables in the center aisle of the church.

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.

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.

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.
END OF YEAR STATEMENT FOR CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

If you would like to receive your year-end statement of church contributions, please contact the rectory during business hours: 312-842-7979.

**Lenten Fasting and Abstinence Regulations**

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. The following fasting and abstinence regulations are observed:

Abstinence from meat is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent by all Catholics 14 years of age and older.

Fasting is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 years of age. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one’s needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

The special Paschal fast and abstinence are observed on Good Friday and, where possible, on Holy Saturday. On these days, Christians prepare themselves by these disciplines in anticipation of the renewal of their baptismal commitment on Easter.

From its earliest days, the Church has urged the baptized and the catechumens to observe the threefold discipline of fasting, almsgiving, and prayer as a preparation for the celebration of Easter. Failure to observe any penitential days at all or a substantial number of such days must be considered serious.

**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.

**Church in Eastern and Central Europe**

Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 20 countries that are still struggling to recover in the aftermath of communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/ccce.
During the past week, members from St. Barbara attended two events in the Chinatown community. On Saturday, February 23rd, Fr. Arthur attended the annual St. Therese Chinese Catholic School Lunar New Year Dinner Benefit at the Furama Restaurant in Chinatown. This is a major fundraiser for St. Therese. As you can see from the pictures, many important Archdiocesan clergy attended this fundraiser, including Bishop Robert Casey and Fr. Jason Malave. Fr. Arthur was joined by a number of key organization representatives from St. Barbara.

This past Wednesday, Fr. Arthur, parishioners and a few school families attended the Meet and Greet in the St. Therese Church hall. The meeting began with song and a prayer, continued with dinner and getting to know key parishioners at St. Therese and followed with a history of St. Therese Church and various activities and organizations presented by St. Therese parishioners. We then went upstairs to the Church, where Fr. Francis Li pointed out special features of the church and statues. There was time for parishioners to speak personally to Fr. Li.

We then proceeded to the school, where Mrs. Oi gave us a tour of their building and gave us information regarding how the school is run. It was a very informative and worthwhile meeting.

St. Barbara will be presenting their Meet and Greet for St. Therese parishioners and parents on Tuesday, March 26th in our school hall beginning at 6:30 pm. Our evening will also include a light dinner, a discussion of school life and St. Barbara ministries, and a tour of the St. Barbara facilities.
**Weekly Collection - February 22nd - 23rd**

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**YTD**  | **Weekly**
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Actual | $95,740.41 | $2,469.50
Goal   | $224,600.00 | $6,400.00
% of Goal | 43% | 39%
Votives & Vigil Lights | $236.02
January Give Central: 1st | $1,455.00
2nd | $255.00

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**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**ASH WEDNESDAY LECTOR SCHEDULE MARCH 6TH**

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**SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH**

**5:00 p.m.**

* Altar Servers: J. Kwiatkowski, D. Kwiatkowski, L. Kwiatkowski, J. P. Kwiatkowski
* Eucharistic Ministers: J. Lukwinski
* Lectors: V. Godinez, P. Saletta

**SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH**

**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. Arteaga, G. Salinas, M. Dunagan, K. Ruiz
* Eucharistic Ministers: F. Cabrera, J. Lukwinski
* Lectors: Family Mass - Grade 2

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**Mercy Home - Sunday Mass**

WGN- TV Channel 9 - Chicago

Sunday Mass: 9:30 AM

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**Weekday Masses**

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

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**Saturday, March 2 - Vigil of The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 p.m. + Edward Lenicky (Barbara Rekar)
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente & Family)

**Sunday, March 3 - The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

6:00 a.m. + Julianne Selk (Ed and B. Glabicki)
Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
9:30 a.m. + Nancy Marren (The Salinas Family)
+ Mary Diaz DeLeon (Family)
Special Intention: Ed Sraga
11:30 a.m. + Barbara Czerniak (Ed and B. Glabicki)
+ 6th Ann.: Leopoldo Roque Saludo (Inday)
+ Joyce Eneberg (Ed and B. Glabicki)

**Monday, March 4 - Weekday**

8:30 a.m. + Robert Baker

**Tuesday, March 5 - Weekday**

6:00 p.m. + John Kutyba (Victoria Skala)

**Wednesday, March 6 - Ash Wednesday**

6:00 a.m. + Julianne Selk (Dolores Becatti)
8:30 a.m. + The Mezydlo Family: John, Genevieve, Genevieve (Jean), Aloysius, and Eleanore
11:30 a.m. + Rita M. Lukas
7:00 p.m. + Health Blessings: Ed Glabicki (Dolores Becatti)

**Thursday, March 7 - Weekday**

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

**Friday, March 8 - Weekday; First Friday**

8:30 a.m. + Theodore and Stanley Piorecki
6:00 p.m. + Edward & Rose Ciz

**Saturday, March 9 - Weekday**

8:30 a.m. + All Souls Remembrance

**Saturday, March 9 - Vigil of The First Sunday of Lent**

5:00 p.m. + Josephine Kavalaukas (Jan)
+ Matthew Rekar (Wife)
+ Joseph Windorfer (Rosemary)
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente & Family)

**Sunday, March 3 - The First Sunday of Lent**

6:00 a.m. + Julianne Selk (Anthony & Jodie Ryndak)
Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
9:30 a.m. Grades 2 and 3 Family Mass
11:30 a.m. + Jean Lech (Ed and B. Glabicki)
+ Dennis Riley (Ed and B. Glabicki)
Pastor: Fr. Wojciech Artur Marat
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Mrs. Carol Spalla

Religious Ed.: Mrs. Roberta Carden

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...


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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

CONFESSON
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.

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