One Does Not Live On Bread Alone

The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart.

— Romans 10:8
Activities This Week
Sun., Mar. 10 - Grade 2 Family Mass  
Baby Bottle Project Begins  
Tues., Mar. 12 - Combined St. Therese/St. Barbara Parish Leadership Meeting; 6:30 pm  
- CAPS meeting in gym; 6:30 pm  
Wed., Mar. 13 - St. Vincent de Paul Society; 6:30 pm  
Thurs., Mar. 14 - Fr. Arthur’s Birthday  
Fri., Mar. 15 - Morning Students’ Mass; 8:30 am  
Evening Mass followed by Stations of the Cross; 6:00 pm

HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
FR. ARTHUR  
Fr. Arthur celebrates his birthday on Thursday, March 14th. Please be sure to wish him a Happy Birthday!

Sto lat, sto lat, Niech żyje, żyje nam. Sto lat, sto lat, Niech żyje, żyje nam. Jeszcze raz, jeszcze raz, niech żyje, żyje nam. Niech żyje nam!

Holy Name Society News  
The Holy Name Society will once again be selling lottery tickets. Prizes will be given out each day in the month of April. Your ticket number must match the winning evening Illinois Lottery Pick 3 game number. Daily winners will receive $100.

Tickets are just $10.00 each and can be purchased after Mass from the ushers, from any Holy Name Member, or at the rectory. Please remember that all tickets must be paid for by March 31st. No tickets

Annual Catholic Appeal  
If you did not attend St. Barbara for the last two weeks 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.

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.

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 Begins Today  
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.

Please pick up your baby bottle today. 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. Additional baby bottles are available in the back of 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 Eucharist.
From the Desk of the Associate Pastor

Dear People of St. Barbara,

I would like us to look to the cross during Lent; to look to the cross in a different way. People try to avoid the cross – seeing in it the source of sufferings, humiliation, despair and death.

At the beginning of Lent, let us look to the cross in a new way. I do believe that these reflections, based on God’s Word, will help us to be witnesses to the cross, which does not terrify, but reveals God’s love. I encourage you to open your Bible and meditate in the light of God’s Word.

**Look to the Cross for Forgiveness**

It is not popular today to kneel before God and ask for forgiveness. Some say that sin does not exist anymore. If it does not – where do sufferings and tears come from? If it does not – where do wars and terrorisms come from? Many times we ask people for forgiveness, or they make us ask. So, we bow our heads, admit that we were wrong, made a mistake and then, sooner or later, they will reproach our weakness and might use it to humiliate us. It is safe and rewarding to look to the cross and cry, “Have mercy on me, God, in your goodness”; take away this sadness which dwells in my heart, sometimes even on sunny days. When you ask for forgiveness, God gives you more: wisdom to see clearly what is good and what is wrong. God gives you more: the joy in His salvation, a willing spirit in you, and you will praise His healing power. (Psalm 51)

Looking to the cross for forgiveness, we realize that we need to ask not only for ourselves, but also for the world – we feel like crying out to God out of the depths. Sometimes the world appears as an abyss, full of violence, corruption, lies and crime. The abyss of lack of love. Asking for forgiveness, we learn that there is the One who never wants to destroy people, even if their deeds are bad. “If the Lord marks our sins, Lord, who can stand!” God gives us another chance over and over again. He wants us to experience His kindness and fullness of redemption. (Psalm 130)

Looking to the cross for forgiveness, God gives you the gift of life, which allows you to see the world and yourself in the way it really is or, should we say, in the way God wants it to be. Very often, the world appears to be only an illusion. People spend energy to look good - not to be good. Food looks good, but has no flavor; a perfect body, but no heart inside; uplifting declarations, but no good deeds behind them. God desires to bring light into our lives. When you stand before Him with all your physical, moral, spiritual and emotional weaknesses, God will never condemn you. He will reveal to you how beautiful life can be when you live in truth, when you are forgiven. (John 1: 5-9)

Looking to the cross for forgiveness, we can feel like our heart is changing and God Himself is writing the law of love. Your heart will start to feel, you will smile and your smile will reflect God’s light. Many people smile all day but, when they come back home, their faces hurt because the smile was only a painful attachment. Our forgiving God will change you so people will like to be around you. People will experience much warmth, goodness and care, with every word you say. The forgiving God will create in you a heart flowing with joy and love. The person forgives but always remembers. God forgives and does not remember. Once you say, “Please forgive me”, you will never hear from God that you made a mistake or committed sin. (Jeremiah 31: 31-34)

Looking to the cross for forgiveness, we see God who is waiting. He will never say, “It is enough; I have no more time.” We have choices as the prodigal son had. We can live with our weakness, sin, worry, frustration, sadness, discontent, or we can say, “I shall get up and go to my Father”. If you do so, you will experience how beautiful it is to see your Heavenly Father who, filled with compassion, will run to you, embrace you, kiss you and forgive you. (Luke 15:11-24)

Looking to the cross for forgiveness, we see Jesus and we are astonished by the goodness of God, Jesus is asking for forgiveness for those who hated Him, persecuted Him, accused Him falsely, tortured Him and crucified Him. Jesus asks because He knows that the Father is willing to forgive. There is only one question: Do people want to accept forgiveness, or are their hearts hardened so much that they are unable to cry like the one who was crucified? “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” Jesus tells us from the height of His cross that there is no sin which cannot be forgiven if you only ask for it. (Luke 23:32-34)

**Look to the cross for forgiveness – And do not be afraid of it.**

Fr. Andrzej
**Lenten Fasting and Abstinence Regulations**

The following fasting and abstinence regulations are observed:

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

Fasting is observed on 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.

**Save the Date**

- The School Art Fair will take place on April 10th from 6:00 - 7:30 pm.
- The Holy Name Society’s 6th Annual Car Show will be held on Saturday, August 17th.
- The Holy Name Society will also be holding a Car Show on Saturday, August 31st, to benefit the veterans. This car show will be held at the Bridgeport VFW Post, 3202 S. May Street. Car show entrance fee is $20/vehicle. For additional information, please call Phil Whitehouse (312) 316-3888.

**YOUNG ADULT WOMEN’S FAITH FORMATION GROUP**

The Young Adult Women’s Faith Formation Group is hosting a three-part Lenten Bible Study on March 13, March 27, and April 10. Each session is from 7pm - 8:30pm in the school building behind St. Mary’s of Perpetual Help. Come for faith-filled conversation, fellowship, and snacks. This is open to all young adult women (ages 25-45) from any parish in the Bridgeport area.

**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.

Last Friday, the school and rectory staff met a very special visitor. Mrs. Nolazco brought Baby Emily to visit. Baby Emily especially liked being held by our interim principal, Mrs. Hether Lytton. Everyone was thrilled to welcome Baby Emily to St. Barbara.
ST. BARBARA ANNOUNCES STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The Administration and Faculty are pleased to announce the February 2019 Students of the Month, students going above and beyond in work ethic, attitude, and/or willingness to be a St. Barbara Bulldog team member.

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Congratulations to these fine students.

STATE OF ILLINOIS SCHOLARSHIPS

The State of Illinois provides scholarships for families in need to attend Catholic schools. More than 6500 students in Illinois have received tax credit scholarships this year. Over 40,000 have already applied for scholarships for next school year. Nearly $2 million of scholarships were awarded in our schools of Pilsen, Little Village, Back of the Yards and Brighton Park.

We need your help to show support for the program. It is in danger of being cut.
Saturday, March 9 - Vigil of The First Sunday of Lent
5:00 p.m. + Josephine Kavalauskas (Jan)
  + Matthew Rekar (Wife)
  + Joseph Weindorfer (Rosemary)
  Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente & Family)

Sunday, March 10 - The First Sunday of Lent
6:00 a.m. + Julianne Selk (Anthony & Jodie Ryndak)
  Health Blessings: Jim Pedro Guerra (St. Barbara Thursday Night Bingo)
  Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
9:30 a.m. Grade 2 Family Mass
11:30 a.m. + Jean Lech (Ed and B. Glabicki)
  + Dennis Riley (Ed and B. Glabicki)
  Health Blessings: Florence Goga and Family (Virginia Pienta)

Monday, March 11 - Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. + Matthew Rekar (Family)

Tuesday, March 12 - Lenten Weekday
6:00 p.m. Birthday Blessings: Vercelita Obaob (Jun & Nanay)

Wednesday, March 13 - Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. Special Intention: Amanda Lerner (V. Pienta)

Thursday, March 14 - Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. + Ann.: Fred Cermak Roti (Dee Dee)
  + Vetina Lotta (John & Susan Adomaitis)

Friday, March 15 - Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. + Birth. Rem.: Martin J. Becatti (Dolores)
6:00 p.m. + Edward & Rose Ciz
  Stations of The Cross

Saturday, March 16 - Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. Mothers’ Day Remembrance

Saturday, March 16 - Vigil of The Second Sunday of Lent
5:00 p.m. + Ann Rzas (Diane & Marilyn Rzasa)
  + Brother Conrad (Rosemary)
  Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente & Family)

Sunday, March 17 - The Second Sunday of Lent
6:00 a.m. + Julianne Selk (Anthony & Jodie Ryndak)
  Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
9:30 a.m. + Rose Furmanek (Sonny Furmanek)
11:30 a.m. + Bill Bartkowski (Ed & B. Glabicki)
  + Ralph Musial

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

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.

Weekly Collection - March 2nd - 3rd

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**YTD** $98,471.41 **Weekly** $2,731.00
**Goal** $231,000.00 **Weekly** $6,400.00
% of Goal 43% 43%

Votives & Vigil Lights: $168.50

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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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
11:30 a.m.
Altar Servers: N. Bunda, A. Moon, A. Torres, G. Parcon
Eucharistic Ministers: H. Alonzo, A. Alonzo
Lectors: Eljay Raya, Edward Raya, Jr.
**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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