Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.

— 2 Corinthians 5:17
**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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**Activities This Week**

Sun., Mar. 31 - Last day for Lottery sales

Tues., Apr. 2 - St. Barbara Seniors Mtg.; 11:30 am
- Evening Healing Mass; 6:00 pm
- Carnival Mtg.; 7:00 pm

Wed., Apr. 3 - St. Vincent de Paul Mtg.; 6:30 pm

Fri., Apr. 5 - First Friday Students’ Mass; 8:30 am;
- First Friday Evening Mass followed by Stations of the Cross; 6:00 pm

Sat., Apr. 6 - Tae Kwan Do Tournament w/ Mr. & Mrs. Rodriguez in the gym; 10:00 am
- 4:00 pm

Sun., Apr. 7 - 4th Grade Family Mass; 9:30 am, followed by Easter Bunny Breakfast
- Altar & Rosary Mtg.; 1:00 pm

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**CARNIVAL 2019**

We will be holding our 1st meeting this Tuesday, April 2, 2019, at 7 pm in the Parish Center; feel free to stop by and give us your ideas.

Continue to spread the word to your family and friends to mark their calendars for Father’s Day weekend, June 13th-June 16th. We will be having our annual outdoor Polka Mass on Sunday, June 16th for the 11:30 am mass.

Wendy Kaput & Denise Holland

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**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.

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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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**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.

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**BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY**

The Easter Bunny Breakfast, will be held on Sunday, April 7th, following the 9:30 am Mass.

Tickets can be purchased at the door. At-the-door tickets will be: adults - $10.00; children 5-13 - $7.00.

The breakfast will consist of pancakes, sausage, orange juice, apple juice, milk and coffee.

Additionally, there will be several beautiful Easter baskets to be raffled off.

Don’t forget to bring your camera to take pictures with the Easter Bunny.

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**TAE KWON DO TOURNAMENT SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH**

On Saturday, April 6th, Master Juan Rodriguez and his wife Patty will present a Tae Kwon Do Tournament in our school gym from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. All are invited to watch Master Juan’s talented students in action. If you are planning to attend, please enter by the triple doors on Quinn Street.
Dear People of St. Barbara,

Looking to the cross for strength, we realize how much Jesus suffered for us. We realize how often people, and ourselves, lose heart and break down in the presence of even small difficulties. We need to strengthen our faith. Even “the earth is shaken”! God is our strength. Once we learn that God, who created the earth from the tops of the mountains to the depths of the oceans, is on our side, the gift of strength and trust will flow into our hearts.

Psalm 45

Looking to the cross for strength, we need to focus on what is solid and good. There is too much injustice around. It seems like the world enjoys contemplating human weaknesses and bringing dark clouds above our heads. We need to “look to the rock from which we were hewn”. If we walk with our faces turned to the ground, we lose our strength. God asks us to raise our eyes to heaven, to be attentive to his words. We lose our strength when we are surrounded by people who are unable to see goodness and beauty, who meditate on bad things. God tells us, “awake, awake, put on the strength of the Lord” because He is the one who can truly comfort you.

Isaiah 51: 1-11

Looking to the cross for strength, we begin to give thanks to God because He chose us for salvation. We receive strength from His Spirit and when we follow His truths. Sometimes we wonder why people create new traditions: Halloween instead of All Saints, happy holidays instead of Christmas. Isn’t it to make people forget that there is one Lord Jesus and God our Father, and from whom come encouragement, hope and strength to perform every good deed and word? We gain the strength to keep our faith when we hold fast to traditions, when we are together as the community of believers.

Thessalonians 2: 13-17

Looking to the cross for strength, we receive the armor of God to help us hold the ground when difficult days come. We are already “armed” with His mighty power. God wants to make us strong by giving us special “weapons”: a helmet of salvation, righteousness as a breastplate, faith as a shield and the sword of the Spirit. He wants us to clothe ourselves with His truth, readiness to proclaim the gospel of peace and pray at every opportunity in the Spirit. This works perfectly, and we don’t need insurance companies or special training in martial arts.

Ephesians 6: 10-20

Looking to the cross for strength, we bow low before God’s fidelity and love. God is with us to the end. He cares when we are lowly and people don’t even notice our existence. The most important thing is that, when we cry out, He answers. People might say: look at Jesus, He did cry out. “God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me”, and there was no answer. Yes. The answer came after three days when He was raised from the dead by the power of God. “Lord, your love endures forever; you never forsake the work of your hand.”

Psalm 138

Looking to the cross for strength, we might feel sometimes like we are disregarded by God. There are many people who say, “if He was with you, you would…” and there follows a long list of all good things we would have if He was with us. Those people are not helpful in seeing the presence of the Lord. We can also say there are many who have everything and never think of God. The Lord is never faint or grows weary of us. He knows what we need and His knowledge is beyond scrutiny. When we feel weak, hopeless and obtain no support from others, God tells us that He can give us the strength to soar on eagles’ wings.

Isaiah 40: 27-31

Fr. Andrzej
The St. Barbara Ladies’ Guild presents “Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and Egg Hunt” on Sunday, April 7th, after the 9:30 am Mass.

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

Our 5th Carnival is scheduled for June 13th-16th. Please plan to come out, have some fun and help support our parish.

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.

Baby Bottle Project Continues

The Baby Bottle Project is to benefit The Women’s Center, counseling women in crisis pregnancies with kindness, respect, prayer, and compassion.

If you have not picked up your baby bottle, additional bottles are available in the back of church. 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.

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.

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.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY NEWS

Today is the last day to purchase your Holy Name Society Lottery tickets. Remember, 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; Saturday winners will receive $250 and the grand prize of $500 will be awarded on Easter Sunday.

Tickets are just $10.00 each and can be purchased after Mass from the ushers or from any Holy Name Member.

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.)

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 to be held this Tuesday, April 2nd, at 11:30 a.m. Try it — you might like it!

6 Day Vigil Light Candles
$3 for one, $5 for two
Small Candles: 50¢

ST. BARBARA BINGO

Thursday, March 21, 2019
Peggy
$500 Coverall
St. Barbara School Art Show is Coming!

St. Barbara School extends an invitation to the entire community to our Annual Art Show on Wednesday, April 10, 2019, from 6:00-7:30 pm. The show will take place in our school gym. Visitors may enter through the gym doors at 2830 S. Quinn St.

All students in Preschool through 8th grades will have work displayed. This year our theme is “Celebrating Our Diversity and Unity”.

We hope that everyone will come out to see our beautiful student artwork.

1ST RECONCILIATION CLASS
MARCH 20, 2019

Jacqueline Cabral
Rafael Carmona III
Marco Castaneda
Aleksander Chavez
Leah Enriquez
Anthony Guzman
Kathryn Lee
Briana Monreal
Patrick Mulhearn
Luna Rivera
Carys Rodriguez
Yssa Villagrana
Olivia Walczak
Carter Walker
Weekday Masses
Monday through Thursday & Saturday—CHAPEL
Friday and Sunday Masses—CHURCH

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 30 - Vigil of The Fourth Sunday of Lent
5:00 p.m. + JoAnn Piemonte (ONIAC Women’s Alliance)
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente & Family)

Sunday, March 31 - The Fourth Sunday of Lent
6:00 a.m. + Julianne Selk (Anthony & Jodie Ryndak)
+ Dorothy Smolinski (Ray Smolinski)
Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
9:30 a.m. + Ann.: Joshua Abrahams-Rodriguez (Dee-Dee)
+ Daniel Pakula (Adeline Skokal)
11:30 a.m. + Chester Tobinski (Ed & B. Glabicki)
Health Blessings: Delia Vazquez (Sue Napierkowski)

Monday, April 1 - Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. + Anne Parulski (Mr. & Mrs. Stan Nawracaj & Family)

Tuesday, April 2 - Lenten Weekday; St. Francis of Paola
6:00 p.m. + 3rd Ann.: Steve Braun (Family)

Wednesday, April 3 - Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. + Stanley Slotarski

Thursday, April 4 - Lenten Weekday; St. Isidore
8:30 a.m. + Edward & Rose Ciz

Friday, April 5 - St. Vincent Ferrer - First Friday
8:30 a.m. + David Maeshiba (Marilyn Rzasa)
6:00 p.m. + Bernie Chwalisz (Ed & B. Glabicki)
+ Laura Bocian (Ed & B. Glabicki)
Stations of The Cross

Saturday, April 6 - Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. + All Souls’ Remembrance

Saturday, April 6 - Vigil of The Fifth Sunday of Lent
5:00 p.m. + Ed Lenicky (Arlene & Cliff Whitehouse)
+ Ofelia Martinez (Marta Herrera)
+ Birthday Rem.: Donna Sowlerson (Family)
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente & Family)

Sunday, April 7 - The Fifth Sunday of Lent
6:00 a.m. + Rosemary Gleason
+ Julia Smolinski (Ray Smolinski)
Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
9:30 a.m. 4th Grade Family Mass
+ Furmanek Family (Sonny Furmanek)
+ Ted Piorecki, Stanley Piorecki, Wanda Serafini (Geri Urbanczyk)
11:30 a.m. + Deacon Andy Brongiel (Ed & B. Glabicki)
+ Gladys Kaminski (Ed & B. Glabicki)
+ JoAnn Piemonte (St. Barbara Altar & Rosary Sodality)

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH
6:00 a.m.
Altar Server: G. Vanderford
Eucharistic Ministers: S. Guest, J. Balasa
Lector: J. Bertucci

11:30 a.m.
Altar Servers: A. Torres, A. Gomez, A. Moon, L. Calderon, A. Calderon
Eucharistic Ministers: A. Skokal, H. Alonzo
Lectors: E. Pollock, P. Saletta
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 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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