I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

— Philippians 3:8
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.

Activities This Week

Sun., Apr. 7 - 4th Grade Family Mass; 9:30 am, followed by Easter Bunny Breakfast
- Altar & Rosary Mtg.; 1:00 pm
Mon., Apr. 8 - St. Barbara KC’s Mtg.; 7:00 pm
Wed., Apr. 10 - Students’ Art Fair in the gym; 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Fri., Apr. 12 - Students’ Mass followed by Stations of the Cross; 8:30 am
- Evening Mass followed by Stations of the Cross; 6:00 pm
- Ladies’ Guild School Craft Night in the lower hall; 6:00 pm
- Holy Name Mtg.; 7:00 pm
Sat., Apr. 13 - St. Barbara/St. Therese Lenten Retreat in the gym; 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
Sun., Apr. 14 - Palm Sunday: regular Masses; Procession around the church at 11:30 am Mass

BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

The Easter Bunny Breakfast, will be held today 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.

LENTEN RETREAT
SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH
9:30 am - 3:30 pm

Together with St. Therese Parish, we are sponsoring a Lenten Retreat this coming Saturday in the St. Barbara Gym beginning at 9:30 am.

Our Retreat Leader will be Cathy Walz. Cathy is the Director of Accompaniment for the Renew My Church Team. She believes that as the world we live in today has changed, so too must we look for new and exciting ways to help people come to know Jesus and to feel his presence in our daily lives.

Please sign up on the table at the back of church. A light breakfast and lunch will be served. The suggested donation is $10.00 per person.

Parents still 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.

LADIES’ GUILD PRESENTS SCHOOL CRAFT NIGHT

The Ladies’ Guild is hosting a Mother’s Day craft night for students on Friday, April 12th, at 6:00 pm. The idea for this is that each student attending will make a present for their mother, grandmother, godmother or mother-figure to give them for Mother’s Day.

Special thanks to the Ladies’ Guild for sponsoring this event for the students.

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.
FROM THE DESK OF THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear People of St. Barbara,

Looking to the cross for salvation, we see that many times we look to different places, people, ideologies, or new movements in order to find freedom, peace and assurance that life has meaning. But we still feel daily burdens on our shoulders and, very often, our hearts are heavy. God tells me there are two steps to be free, to be saved: to profess Jesus as the Lord and to believe that God has raised Him from the dead for you. God assures you that, once you believe in Him, you will never be put to shame.

Romans 10: 5-13

Looking to the cross for salvation, we receive the gift of love and hope. Once we believe in Jesus, God proves and reminds us that His love is for us every day, no matter how bad or good the days are. He proves His love for us in that, while “we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” We receive the strong gift of hope, which is protected within us by the gift of the Holy Spirit, whom God has poured into our hearts out of His immeasurable love. God has reconciled us through Jesus Christ and wants to give us faith, hope and love so we can experience His salvation.

Romans 5: 1-11

Looking to the cross for salvation, we are standing in awe before God’s love when we realize that He has given His only Son for the salvation of the world. We think about the world as it is … beautiful and ugly, joyful and sad, compassionate and ruthless, caring and ignoring, human and inhuman all at the same time. His salvation is about a human being in which goodness and evil coexist. Knowing this, God gave His Son anyway, because He trusts and believes that we will take His gift of salvation, so this world and our lives might be better.

John 3: 16-18

Looking to the cross for salvation, we learn not to be ashamed of who we are or of our faith. Our community needs witnesses of the Gospels. Our faith enables us to live righteous lives, and this example will drive others to salvation which is in Christ. We need to remember that, once we have faith, the saving power of God dwells in us.

Romans 1: 16-17

Looking to the cross for salvation, we discover one universal truth: that there is no one person on this planet who is free from weaknesses, who does not make mistakes, who is absolutely sinless. And this makes all of us very human and, unfortunately, keeps us away from the glory of God. But God manifests His love over and over, justifying freely, by His grace, those who have faith in Jesus. To God, it doesn’t matter who you are, where you live or if your “crimes” are big or small. What He wants is to give you His salvation and for you to accept this gift.

Romans 3: 21-26

Looking to the cross for salvation, we realize how generous God is. God, who is rich in mercy, offers His salvation regardless of human transgressions and sins. God tells us that we have been saved by His grace. When we do something, the temptation to boast arises. God wants us to boast only in the cross of Jesus, in whom we have salvation. God saves us by His grace because He wants us to use all of our energy to do good and not to worry about anything but the goodness of others.

Ephesians 2: 1-10

Fr. Andrzej
The St. Barbara Ladies’ Guild presents “Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and Egg Hunt” today 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.

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.

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.)

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.

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 next weekend with any spare change or bills which you have placed inside.

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.

Charmika and Delia $500 Coverall Split
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.

ST. BARBARA - ST. THERESE

The Nest Steps in the Renew My Church Process

The schools have been busy planning for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year. The school leadership is undergoing an effort to retain St. Barbara families and is encouraging new families to enroll at the St. Barbara Campus.

Beginning next week, you will find advertisements about enrolling at the St. Barbara Campus under the St. Therese leadership through weekly church bulletins, local ads in the newspaper, the schools’ websites and banners on the St. Barbara Campus.

We will continue to update you on the next steps of the unifying of the Schools and Parishes.

Peace,

Father Francis and Father Arthur
Saturday, April 6 - Vigil of The Fifth Sunday of Lent
5:00 p.m. All Parishioners, Living and Deceased
+ Ed Lenicky (Arlene & Cliff Whitehouse)
+ Ofelia Martinez (Marta Herrera)
+ Birthday Rem.: Donna Solverson (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)

Monday, April 8 - Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. + 16th Ann.: Deacon Andrew Brongiel

Tuesday, April 9 - Lenten Weekday
6:00 p.m. + 54th Ann.: Albert Cardinal Meyer

Wednesday, April 10 - Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. + Sister Michaeline Oleszkiewicz, SSJ-TOSF

Thursday, April 11 - Lenten Weekday; St. Stanislaus
8:30 a.m. + John Kutyba (Victoria Skala)

Friday, April 12 - Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. + David Maeshiba (Michelle Pomierski)
6:00 p.m. + Rev. Edward Skupien
Stations of The Cross

Saturday, April 13 - Lenten Weekday
8:30 a.m. Mother’s Day Remembrance

Saturday, April 13 - Vigil of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
5:00 p.m. + Ofelia Martinez (Marta Herrera)
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

Sunday, April 14 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
6:00 a.m. All Parishioners, Living and Deceased
+ Catherine Zombek (Ray Smolinski)
Blessings: Fr. W. Artur Marat (Spalla Family)
Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
9:30 a.m. + Mary Diaz DeLeon (Family)
+ JoAnn Piemonte (ONIAC Women’s Alliance)
Birth Blessings: Richard Piper (Geri Urbanczyk)
11:30 a.m. + 4th Ann.: Nick Koclanis (M. Korso)
+ David Maeshiba (Larry Haptas)
+ Russell Lech (Ed & B. Glabicki)
+ Ed and Estelle Barton (Ed & B. Glabicki)
Birth Blessings: Marissa Saludo (Tita Inday)

Weekly Collection - March 30th - 31st

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH
5:00 p.m.
Altar Servers: A. Gorz, N. Garland, Q. Do, G. Godinez, M. Lemke
Eucharistic Ministers: R. Carden, A. Skokal
Lectors: J. Lukwinski, P. Saletta

SUNDAY, APRIL 14TH
6:00 a.m.
Altar Server: G. Vanderford
Eucharistic Ministers: S. Guest, J. Balasa
Lector: K. Ricci, J. Bertucci
9:30 a.m.
Altar Servers: K. Guzman, M. Arteaga, G. Salinas, C. Kelly, K. Ruiz
Eucharistic Ministers: F. Cabrera, J. Lukwinski
Lectors: W. Podrazik, G. Dumelle
11:30 a.m.
Altar Servers: N. Bunda, A. Moon, A. Alonzo, A. Torres, G. Parcon
Eucharistic Ministers: H. Alonzo, A. Alonzo
Lectors: Eljay Raya, L. Szczechanski
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Mrs. Carol Spalla

**Religious Ed.:** Mrs. Roberta Carden

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**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.

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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

**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.