

Archdiocesan Center for Chinese Apostolate

聖德肋撒堂區總教區華人牧靈中心

January 14, 2024 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SMTCP Mission and Vision Statements:

Mission Statement:

Inspired by the example of Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta and the Gospel, we strive to be humble and joyful missionary disciples in welcoming, educating, evangelizing, serving and sustaining all people in our community and neighborhood to build up the Kingdom of God in union with the universal Church.

Vision:

To be Jesus Christ in Bridgeport, Chinatown, and beyond.

MASS SCHEDULE

St. Barbara Chapel
Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday: 8 a.m.
St. Barbara Church
Saturday: 5 p.m.
Sunday: 6 a.m./9:30 a.m.
Indonesian: 2nd Sunday: 11:30 a.m.
DEVOTIONS
First Saturday Healing Mass
St. Barbara Chapel: 8 a.m.
The Rosary

Sunday 5:30 a.m. Before 6 a.m. Mass

St. Therese Chinese Catholic Church

Monday/Wednesday/Friday: 8 a.m. Sunday: 8 a.m./10:30 a.m.

Cantonese: 1st Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Mandarin: 2nd Saturday: 4:00 p.m. (TBA) 4th Sunday: 12:30 p.m.

DEVOTIONS

Mondays with Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity: 4-5 p.m. Rosary and 5-6 p.m. Holy Hour First Friday Holy Hour: After the 8 a.m. Mass



St. Barbara Worship Site

Saturday, Jan. 13th Vigil | 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Health Blessings: Gary Solverson by Aunt Rose

Health Blessing for Jeffery Fockler by Jane Fockler

God's Will be Done on Earth as it is in Heaven by Kisielente Family

- + Frank & Casimira Novak by Kisielente Family
- + Andrew & Catherine Kech by B. Glabicki
- + Richard and Jean Fockler by Jane Fockler
- + John Fockler by Jane Fockler
- + Sister Helene Robin, SSND by Jane Fockler

Sunday, Jan. 14th | 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:00 a.m. + Ronald Ropke Sr. by daughter Janet Ropke

- + Mark Racinowski by Jim & Christine Bertucci
 - + Therese Ryndak by Pulaski Savings Bank
 - + James (Boody) Bertucci by cousin Janet Ropke
- 9:30 a.m. Health Blessings: Rick & Donna Olund by Aunt Rose 100th Year Anniversary Archbishop Quigley

Council 2428, Knights of Columbus

- + Mary Diaz DeLeon by Family
- + Teresita Holcomb by King Family
- + Dorothy Lech by B. Glabicki

Tuesday, Jan. 16th |Weekday

8:00 a.m. + Dorothy Kawalerski by Judy Lukwinski

Thursday, Jan. 18th |Weekday

8:00 a.m. + Therese Ryndak by B. Glabicki

Saturday, Jan. 20th | Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr

8:00 a.m. + Father's Day Remembrance

Saturday, Jan. 20th Vigil | 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 5:00 p.m. God's Will be Done on Earth as it is in Heaven by Kisielente Family
 - + David Jarzyna, Anniversary Remembrance by Marion Roti
 - + Marion Roti, Anniversary Remembrance by Marion Roti
 - + Rose Capinegro, Anniversary Remembrance by Marion Roti
 - + Virginia Pienta by J. Lukwinski
 - + Ken Stempinski by B. Glabicki
 - + Frances Dever by B. Glabicki

Sunday, Jan. 21st | 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 6:00 a.m. + Rosemary Gleason Naponiello by Jim & Christine Bertucci
 - + Joseph Frasca by Janet Ropke
 - + John German & Deceased Members of German Family by Family
- 9:30 a.m. + Teresita Holcomb by King Family + Herman Jandrisitz by B. Glabicki

St. Therese Worship Site

Sunday, Jan. 14th | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 a.m. + Mariano Caruso by Family
 - + Marie Roti by Francine
 - + Mary Kay Ungarelli by Family
- 10:30 a.m. Health Blessings for Jian Guoxin by Jean Wu + June Moy by Ricky Yong
 - + Manuel Hugo Moreno by Darlene & Chris
 - + Issabella Frecmuth by Sr. Caritas
 - + Ho Kuan Yuen by Wendy Sin & Pat Culen

Monday, Jan. 15th | Weekday

8:00 a.m. Blessings for Benefactors & Parishioners

Wednesday, Jan. 17th | Saint Anthony, Abbot

8:00 a.m. Birthday Blessings for Judy Lukwinski by Friend

Mercy for All Souls of the Bertucci & Barbaro Families by Dominic Barbaro

- + Antoinette Pacelli by nephew Jody
- + 80th Birthday Remembrance, Clifford Pienta by Bette Pienta & Family
- + Jan Paollo by Marian Woo Torrez & Family

Friday, Jan. 19th | Weekday

8:00 a.m. Blessings for Benefactors & Parishioners

"I know I am touching the living body of Christ in the broken bodies of the hungry and the suffering."

~ St. Mother Teresa



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Louis Phillips**, **Sr.** who was buried this past Saturday through St. Therese. May he rest in heavenly peace.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

- St. Barbara Saturday, Jan. 20th:
- 5p.m. Lectors: L. Saletta, M. Tse
 - Eucharistic Minister: J. Lukwinski

Sunday, Jan. 21st: 6a.m. Lector: J. Bertucci

- Eucharistic Minister: J. Balasa
- 9:30 a.m. Lectors: H. Alonzo, A. Alonzo, III Eucharistic Minister: A. Alonzo

St. Therese - Sunday, Jan. 21st:

 8:00a.m Greeters: N. Lowe, J. Lowe Lectors: R. Centofanti, N. Gonzalez St. Michael Ministry:
 10:30a.m Greeters: C. Lee, J. Yee, D. Lowe Lectors: FAMILY MASS
 Eucharistic Ministers: Edy (Altar) Jade (Choir) St. Michael Ministry: Pat

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: Jan. 18-Jan. 25

The theme for this year's Week of Christian Prayer for Unity is: "You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbor as yourself" (Luke 10:27). It reflects the connection between love of God and love of neighbor with a particular concern for challenging the boundaries of who is considered "neighbor". In this pericope, Jesus is questioned as to the path to eternal life. His answer is not to only observe the commandments, but to also imitate the love of God in the giving of self for another. It is a call for charity, mercy, justice, and unity.

See the link for details: <u>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</u> 2024 | USCCB

We pray, O gracious Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, that we all may be one as you are one. In your community of complete unity, we have our beginning and our end. To you we pray, asking for the gift of visible unity among all who believe in your Christ. As we commemorate this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we are reminded by your Word that all human beings are our neighbors and that we are to love them like ourselves and in the same way we love you. Help us to overcome the barriers and divisions we have nurtured against your will.

Grant to us, O Lord, a new Spirit of love and solidarity, that we may proclaim your good news to all of creation. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirt are one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Word of God Sunday: Jan. 21 "He opened their minds to understand the Scripture" (Luke 24:45).

Next Sunday is our annual Sunday of the Word of God. It calls us to reflect on the importance of the Word of God for our celebrations and in our everyday living. The Words are not only informative, but formational for us. They tell us what God's will is and empower us to put that into practice. When the Words are proclaimed, we are invited to listen, respond and reflect and practice.

"Perhaps the best way to understand the readings at Mass and our response to them is offered by Saint John Paul II in his Instruction *Dies Domini*. He encourages "those who take part in the Eucharist—priest, ministers and faithful... to prepare the Sunday liturgy, reflecting beforehand upon the word of God which will be proclaimed" and adds that if we do not, "it is difficult for the liturgical proclamation of the word of God alone to produce the fruit we might expect" (no. 40). In this way we will till the soil, preparing our souls to receive the seeds to be planted by the Word of God so that seed may bear fruit."

Peace ~ Fr. Francis

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel





St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God,

thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

O glorious prince St. Michael, chief and commander of the heavenly hosts, guardian of souls, vanquisher of rebel spirits, servant in the house of the Divine King and our admirable conductor, you who shine with excellence and superhuman virtue deliver us from all evil, who turn to you with confidence and enable us by your gracious protection to serve God more and more faithfully every day.



EARLY MORNING WALKS WITH GOD by Roberta Cheong

There have been several lengthy periods of times when I was bedridden or in a wheelchair and unable to walk. When I finally regained my ability to walk, I walked everywhere I could as a way of saying "Thank You!" to God for healing me and to show Him that His healing was not in vain.

Nowadays, I try to take an early morning walk with God in my nursing home every day at 4 or 5 am in the physical therapy gym when no one is there. It's my favorite time of the day, and it's also when my head is clearest. I look out the large windows all along the sides of the gym, and it is pitchblack outside. It's pure silence in my soul and around me, and this silence is necessary in order for me to hear God, our Creator, because sometimes we communicate telepathically. I love this time with God. It's just Him and me, and we walk and talk intimately together. One of the best aspects of being Catholic is that we get to enjoy God's friendship now while we are alive on Earth—and this is precisely God's will for everyone. Don't we all need some alone time with God every day?

As we grow in intimacy with God and more mature in our relationship with Him, He transforms us to become more like Him and our life begins to look more like Jesus' life. "Rising very early before dawn, Jesus left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed" (Mark 1:35). See what I mean?

There are many instances in the Bible of people walking with God. When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD said to him: I am God the Almighty. Walk in my presence and be blameless (Genesis 17:1). Enoch walked with God, and when he was 365 years old, God took him up to Heaven (Genesis 5:24). So did Noah (Genesis 6:9). Mary, Joseph, and Jesus' disciples walked with Him.

Perhaps the most vivid example was when two disciples of Jesus were talking about Jesus' death while walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus. The resurrected Jesus suddenly drew near and walked with them. Jesus explained the scriptures to them so that they were able to understand God's loving plan of salvation through the death and resurrection of Christ. Later, the disciples said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning [within us] while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?" (Luke 24:32). As I walk and talk with God, He conforms my mind, my heart, my spirit, and my will to His, as Jesus did to His disciples on the road to Emmaus.

I stretch and make the sign of the cross, breathe in the fresh air of the new day, and joyfully exclaim, "Good Morning, God! Good Morning, Jesus! Good Morning, Holy Spirit! Thank you for creating this beautiful day and for giving me life today! Thank you, God, for loving me! I love you too! I invite you to come walk with me..." and then I do my 1-2 hours morning prayers and talk to Him about things that are on my mind while keeping "an open heart" to listen to anything He might want to say to me, because prayer is a dialogue with God. Almost every day, God gives me new wisdom, insights, directions, instructions, or messages during morning prayers.

Talking with God helps put everything in the right perspective at the start of my day, remembering what's most important to love God and other people and to live and work to make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19)—and this is why we exist, why God woke us up this morning and gave us another day to live. He instills in me His peace and reassures me that He's got this day, that He's in control. When we put God first in our day and give Him the very best of our time—when we are most alert—He makes the rest of our day fall perfect-

ly into place.

I ask God, "What would YOU like me to do today?" recalling that we are created to do GOD'S will. Then continually ask Him, "Lord, what would you like me to do *now*?" after each task. The goal is to do God's will in every moment.

These walks I take with God alone are also a daily reminder for me that I will stand alone before God at my Judgment after death. Because by focusing on the *end* of our life, then we'll truly know how to live the *rest* of our life. At that time, I'll be face to face with God, devoid of anyone else's opinions of me. All that matters is what God thinks. And it is to God whom I will have to be accountable for every word I said or didn't say, everything I did or didn't do, and every choice I made with the time, talents, treasures, abilities, and authority He gave me.

Our walks with God shall continue in Heaven if we remain faithful to God and His teachings for as long as we are on Earth. "You have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their garments; **they will walk with me dressed in white**, because they are worthy" (Revelation 3:4).

SHARING OUR FAITH by Fr. Cuff

Several years ago an old man was brought to a Catholic Hospital; judging from his poor medical condition, it was obvious he wouldn't live much longer. As the sister nurse made him comfortable in the hospital bed, she had to fill out a few routine questions on the hospital admission form: name, date of birth, residence, next of kin, etc. One of the questions she asked him was "religious preference"? The old man suddenly beamed at her and said, "I'm so glad you asked me that, Sister; oh yes, Catholic. Put me down as Catholic. I've always wanted to become a Catholic, but nobody ever asked me. You're the first one. Thank you!" Sister was caught off guard. She just needed to know what religion if any he belonged to, not to evangelize or convert him at that moment. In any event she alerted the hospital chaplain, and the old man was baptized a Catholic a few days before he died.

This story raises an embarrassing question: why do so many of us hesitate to share our faith with others? Or, why do we assume others are not interested in religion? Or, to put the question in another way, if we believe the Gospel is good news, why don't we share it with others? If we believe that Christ is the greatest treasure the heart can possess, why don't we make him known? One answer we hear is that others are not interested in Jesus; of course, many thought the old man was not interested in Jesus either. They probably thought, "Well, if that old timer had wanted to become a Catholic, he'd have taken action a long time ago." However, there are many like that old man who for one reason or another are waiting to be invited. Today's Gospel invites us to examine our own reluctance to share our faith with others and to introduce them to Christ. If we really believe that the Christ event is the greatest thing that's ever happened to mankind, why are we so timid or reluctant to share our faith with others who are searching for something to believe in, or are just waiting for an invitation?" One thing we learn from today's Gospel is that when the two disciples begin to follow Christ, he suddenly turns around and asks, "What are you looking for?" Andrew and the other disciple desire only one thing: they ask, "Where do you live?" Jesus says, "Come and see." They in turn invite Philip and Bartholomew. We too are also invited to "come and see." Let's follow the apostles' example to go and see where Christ lives; then, once we know, we'll be able to go out and bring others to him.





Mondays with the Sisters of the Missionary of

Charity: 4pm-5pm Street Rosary and 5pm-6pm Adoration at St. Therese Church. All are welcome. Good Shepherd Catechism for Children ages 3 to 7 years on Sundays at 10:30am at St. Therese

Jan. 13---5pm Mass Followed by Youth Ministry in the Gym

Jan. 14---9:30am Family Mass with Blessing of Marriage Followed by Reception & Open Gym

Jan. 15----No School

Jan. 17---12pm Vicariate Meeting at St. Barbara

Jan. 20---5pm Mass Followed by English Alpha

Jan. 21---10:30am Family Mass with Blessing of Marriage

Jan. 22----6:30pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting at St. Mother Teresa Hall

Jan. 24---6:30pm Liturgy Meeting - St. Mother Teresa Hall Jan. 25---10am Archdiocese Priests' Day

Jan. 28----12:30pm Mandarin Mass Followed by Faith Sharing

Annual 2nd Collection for the Church in Latin American at all Masses

Jan. 29---Catholic School's Week 6:30pm Finance Council Meeting

Jan. 31---1pm All School Mass at St. Therese

Help Needed with taking down Christmas

Decorations This Sunday we will take down Christmas decorations and put up decorations for Ordinary Time after the 9:30am Mass at St. Barbara and after the 10:30am mass at St. Therese. You are invited to help and also take home a poinsettia if you want.

Two Events, One Weekend! **Youth Ministry** Saturday, Jan 13th For 6th - 12th graders 5 - 6 PM Mass at St. Barbara 6 PM Youth Ministry with discussion, pizza, and Open Gym Open Grym Sunday, Jan 14th after SBC Family Mass For adults and children 9:30 - 10:30 AM Mass

10:30 - 11:30 AM Open Gym

CHRISTMAS DONATIONS 2023

St. Barbara-site Christmas donations as of 01/09/2024.

Jolenna Chan \$150 Adelina Skokal \$200 Ya Solorrd Gallardo \$5 St. Barbara Church Total as of

01/09/2024: \$12,069

St. Therese-site Christmas donations as of 01/09/2024.

| Ming Kam Chiu | \$100 |
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| So Sau Ho | \$300 |

St. Therese Church Total as of 01/09/2024: \$38,547

Thank YOU to all who donated!

VIGIL FOR LIFE

Bishop Bartosic, along with other bishops and priests from around the Archdiocese of Chicago, will lead a Holy Hour for life for 12 hours from the UIC Newman Center Chapel. This national prayer event will join the nation in solidarity for the hope of changing hearts and minds to build a culture of life and leads up to the morning of the National March for Life.

Save the date to join us in person or through livestream. Thursday, January 18 to Friday, January 19: 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. CST

St. John Paul II Newman Center Chapel at UIC 700 South Morgan Street Chicago, IL 60607 Link: https://www.youtube.com/live/

mKwAe7avF0M?si=nyTbXItBxvR7odP3

To commit to a holy hour time for yourself or a group, contact Julie Saunders-Franklin at 773-388-8670.

HOLY NAME NEWS



Holy Name meeting was canceled last Friday the 12th due to the weather, and will be held on Friday the 19th.

The Split the Pot and 100 Club will be drawn

on the 19th. All men welcome come enjoy the company and a great meal! We meet at 7 pm at in the mobile unit at St. Barbara's site.

2024 St. Therese Offering Boxes are available to be picked up at the Church entrance table for registered parishioners.

2024 Chinese Calendars are available at St. Therese Church.

Bring your own water bottle!

WEEKLY COLLECTION—JANUARY 7, 2024

| | | St | . Barbara | | St | t. Therese |
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| Sunday Envelopes | | \$ | 1,347.00 | | \$ | 650.00 |
| Sunday Loose | | \$ | 548.00 | | \$ | 287.00 |
| Give Central | | \$ | 407.00 | | \$ | 464.00 |
| Total Collection | | \$ | 2,302.00 | | \$ | 1,401.00 |
| | YTD | | Weekly | | YTD | Weekly |
| Actual | \$ 55,140.00 | \$ | 2,302.00 | \$ | 59,489.00 \$ | 1,401.00 |
| Goal | \$ 75,600.00 | \$ | 2,700.00 | \$ | 75,600.00 \$ | 2,700.00 |
| % of Goal | 73% | | 85% | | 79% | 52% |
| | | \$ | | | \$ | |
| | | \$ | | | \$ | |

Attention: For those who make your offering in the form of a check, please make checks to St. Mother <u>Teresa of Calcutta Parish</u>. Electronic giving through GiveCentral.org is the safe and secure way to make your weekly donations. Donate via credit card or electronic check (ACH). Thank YOU, and God Bless you for your generosity! St. Therese Church : www.givecentral.org/location/190 St. Barbara Church: www.givecentral.org/ location/445



Please pray for those who are ill, homebound, hospitalized and in need of continued prayers.

Amalia Agins, Austin Agins, Bernadette Agins, Joyce Agins, Stephen Agins, Mary Aguirre, Angeleo Alonzo, Debbie Annoreno, Amy Averet, Kimberly Babe, Geraldine Baldwin, Judith Beaudry, Christine Bertucci, Joseph 'Joey' Bertucci, Lonnie & Theresa Bertucci-Falls, Jennifer Bond, Jeff Bowman, Andrea Brongiel, Mary Camarda, Anthony Capone Sr., Laverne Connolly, Joe Cruz, Patti Cuchetto, Paul DeGrazia, Henry Diaz De Leon, Kathy Egle, Nenita Feliciano, Jerry Felske, Minnie Ford, Natalia Francone, Bill Frank, Darlene Frost, Harold Frost, Paul Gadomski, Ray Gadomski, Lily Ann Galloway, John Gasca, Bernadette Glabicki, Ed Glos, Pat Grieco, Koen Guest, Jose P. Gutierrez, Kellar Harris, Jasmine Henson, Barbara Herr, Denise Holland, Gwen Holub, Morris Humphrey, Michaeline Hunter, Ted Hunter, Suzanne Ivester, Jennifer Janson, Maryann Januszewski, Chester Jendryczka, Dr. Joe, John Kaput, Rose Kisielowski, Anna Kolendo, Christine Krupa, Craig Labudda, Sunny Labudda, Baby Kinsley Paige Leschinsky, Kiera Litwin, Barbara Lokey, Lenny Loretto, Richard Lyznicki, Nancy Mallory, John Mangan, Kayle Marth, Paul Martinez, Bill Marczuk, Zena Masi, Maria Mawgwi, Lil' Joe Michalak, Cindy Moore, Dr. Mike, Tony Mrgan, Cydney Muti, Stephanie Nicks, Deacon Jack O'Leary, Allison Pakula, Virginia Pakula, Eva Castillion Parcon, Josie Petkus, Michael Petruck, Theresa Pickens, Dolores Pienta, Ellen Pietrzak, Beverly Pirelli, Megan Pirelli, Barbara Rekar, Josephine Richardson, Sandra Rios, Joel Rivera, Jose Rodriguez, Jose C. Rodriguez, Mila Rolon, Dolly Roti, Ellen Ryan, Maria Saludo, Bernard Sandacz, Kennedy Shepski, Anthony Sinople, Adeline Skokal, Raymond Smolinski, Gary Solverson, Sharon Solverson, Diane Spata, Joanne Stewart, Lauren Stronczek, Rose Stronczek, Shirley Synal, Robert Synal, Baby Zachary Synal, Emily Rose Thomas, Norbert Trojanowski, Bill Ufferman, Dolores Ufferman, Dave Ulczycki, Christine Vanderford, George Vanderford Sr., George Vanderford Jr., Juan Vargas, Joyce Vogt, Ava Walczak, Sadie Walker, Barbara Webb, Bill Webb, Sylvia Wiertel, Madison Young, Eugene & John Zabek, Evelyn Zaleski, Virginia Zawacki, Al Zipf, *** Ken Barber, Hu Bin, Jose Cardinal, Joseph Caruso, Roberta Cheong, Kim Chiu, Brian Cook, Sister Noel Devine, Jimmy Distasio, MAD & Rose Marie Donato, Mark Donato, Mia Rose Faciana, Kerry Fluder Setter, Gyna Gazzi, James Gemkow, Roseann Gurgone, Michael Howley, Frank Karagianes, Levi Kirkland, Angela Lasillo, George Lee, David Leung, Shiu Wah Leung, Felina Li, James Longo, III, Matthew Mantia, Phil Maraldi, Jerry McCarthy, Barbara McElroy, Xue Ying Mou, Lucy Moy, Mina Preysler Munoz, Cita Orendain, John Paleoik, Anne Pataka, Rose Perez, Gerard Phillips, Ali Powers, James Rak, Victor Roa, Phyllis Robinson, Joseph Rubin, Amelia Lorraine Schroeder, Karl Schroeder, David Sero, Richard Shew, Kay Siani, Nicholas Tobar, Richard Tobar, Anthony Valentino, Luz Whitehead, Luke Williamson, Bai Xue, Ching Shiu Yau, Lan Ying Yee, Ramona Zavala, Susan Zibricky, Sonny Furmanek, Juliana, 蔡宏恩, Kate Lynch, Josephine Laco, Dolores Becatti, Michele Young, Charles Corbett, Rick Deleon, Shirley Mendoza, Gary Leverence, Diane Rzasa, MingYing Liu, FanYa Zhang, Diana Cardinal, Karen Zovko, Darlene Phillips Smith, Ella Dover, Jian GuoXin, Louis Phillips, Jeffrey Fockler

***Please review the above Prayer List to identify if there is a name that should be removed OR inform us if there is someone that needs to be added. Please call the rectory to make changes. Thank YOU!

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Please contact parish office for any of the following: **Baptisms:** Parents must be registered practicing parishioner and attend a baptismal preparation session before a baptism will be scheduled.

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. **Confessions:** Saturdays, 4:15-4:45 p.m. at St. Barbara Church or by appointment.

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.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is a program for anyone inquiring and seeking information about entering the Catholic faith.

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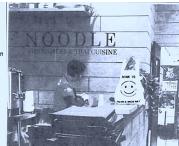


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Payout Details:

- Final Score: \$2,500
- Halftime Score: \$500
- 1st and 3rd Quarter: \$250
- Score Changes: \$1,000 total (e.g., if there are 8 score changes, each gets \$1,000/8 = \$125)

Numbers for squares will be randomly drawn on Saturday, February 10, 2024 after the 5pm Mass at St. Barbara Church.

Once drawn, we will email and make the completed square sheet public.

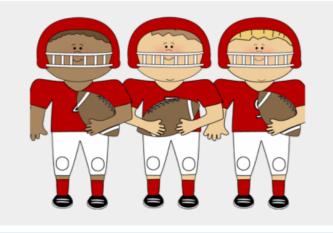
To purchase Super Duper Bowl Squares or for more information, please contact:

- Parish Office at 312-842-6777 or at 312-842-7979
- Nick Andriacchi at 312-933-7712 or email at nandriacchi@yahoo.com

Purchase Options:

- Give Central: https://www.givecentral.org/location/445/event/12573
- Checks payable to St. Mother Teresa Parish. Please add SDB in the memo.

Come watch the super bowl with us! Big Screen TV, Food, Drinks, and Gentle Banter. The location: Community room at the St. Therese Worship Site. Admission is free with purchase of a square. \$20 without purchase. Doors open at 5pm.



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RESPECT LIFE

Living out Christmas in the New Year – The Octave Day of Christmas falls on the first day of the New Year, on which we also celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. Mary's courageous "yes" to God show us how to live year-round—with hearts open to the Lord, placing our trust in Him and following where He leads. We are called to enter compassionately into the suffering of others, to love one another as Christ loves us, and, like Our Blessed Mother welcoming Jesus, to cherish and protect the gift of human life, at every stage and in every circumstance. To live out this message of Christmas, we can join *9 Days for Life* (9daysforlife.com), a novena for the protection of human life, from Tuesday, January 16 to Wednesday, January 24. There are daily intentions, reflections and suggestions on how to help build a culture of life. National Eucharistic Congress – The event is the first one in 83 Years. It is to be held in Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, Indiana, beginning on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, 5 days in a row. It is open to laypeople, clergy and religious. More information on: https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/.

Quote – "When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others' lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them." — USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "*How to Build a Culture of Life*" (respectlife.org/culture-of-life).

Our Prayer – For all Christians: May we live out our baptismal call to proclaim the Gospel of God's love and the dignity of every human life; *We pray to the Lord:*