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**JANUARY 18, 2026  
SECOND SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

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**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 & Rosary**

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)

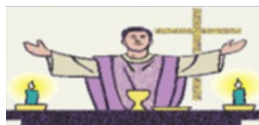
4th Sunday: 12:30 p.m.

**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



# Mass Intentions for the Week

## St. Barbara Worship Site

### **Saturday, Jan. 17th | Vigil Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 5:00 p.m. God's Will be Done on Earth as it is in Heaven by Kiselente Family
- + Birthday Remembrance: Clifford Pienta by Bette Pienta
- + Fortino L. Garibay, Sr. by Roberto & Liliana Garibay & Family

### **Sunday, Jan. 18th | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 6:00 a.m. Health Blessings: Christine Vanderford by Holy Name Society
- Health Blessings: Clifford Whitehouse by Holy Name Society
- Health Blessings: Henry Diaz DeLeon by Holy Name Society
- 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday Blessings: Janie Ferro by Jim & Christine Bertucci
- + Katherine Mesa Ramberg by Family
- + Lisa Mesa Steinberg by Family
- + Marilyn Ricci by Jim & Christne Bertucci
- 9:30 a.m. Health Blessings: Wilfredo Cruz by Cruz Family
- + Teresita Holcomb by King Family
- + Gina Ferro by Family
- + Mary Diaz DeLeon by Family
- + Dan Isacson by J. Lukwinski
- + Raul Ramos by Family

### **Tuesday, Jan. 20th | Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr**

- 8:00 a.m. + Marie DePhillips by A. Briglio

### **Thursday, Jan. 22nd | Weekday**

- 9:30 a.m. Blessings for Benefactors & Parishioners

### **Saturday, Jan. 24th | Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

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

## St. Therese Worship Site

### **Sunday, Jan. 18th | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 8:00 a.m. + Anna & Rosario Agliatoro by Family
- 10:30 a.m. Birthday Blessings for BenYu Wang by Family
- Health Blessing for GuoXin Jian by Jean Wu
- Health, Peace & Career Blessings for Stephen Wu by Jean Wu
- + Rose Lee by Lucy Moy
- + Bow Kam Dea-Woo by Marian & Leann

### **Monday, Jan. 19th | Weekday**

- 8:00 a.m. + Joan Gifford by Friend

### **Wednesday, Jan. 21st | Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr**

- 8:00 a.m. + Joseph Li and Paul Li by Family

### **Friday, Jan. 23rd | Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin**

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

*"God still loves the world through you and through me."*  
Mother Teresa

### **Prayer Intention:**



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Jesse Rodriguez**, whose Mass of Christian burial was this past Wednesday at St. Barbara Church. May he rest in peace.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Marilyn J. Ricci**, mother of Ken (Eva) Ricci. Visitation will be at 9:30am and Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30am on Saturday Jan. 24, 2026 at St. Marceline Church. May she rest in peace.

## **LITURGICAL MINISTERS:**

### **St. Barbara - Saturday, January 24th**

**5p.m. Lectors:** Johann, Mina  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Edward

### **Sunday, January 25th**

**6a.m. Lector:** J. Bertucci  
**Eucharistic Minister:** JoAnn

**9:30a.m. Lectors:** Sr. Kathy, Patrick  
**Eucharistic Minister:** Angeleo

### **St. Therese – Sunday, January 25th**

**8:00a.m. Greeters:** Joey, Naomi  
**Lectors:** Aireen, Nicole  
**St. Michael Ministry:**

**10:30a.m Greeters:** Darlene, Jade, Marian  
**Lectors:** Ellen, Nicole  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Wing (Altar) Jade (Choir)  
**St. Michael Ministry:** Pat

## Thanks

Thanks to all who attended and helped with our parish's events and celebrations last weekend: Youth Ministry, Family Mass and Appreciation Luncheon. Special thanks to **Armando Flores, Emma, Jesus, and Ella Reyes** for cooking the delicious meal for us, and to **Joe Delfin** for providing the music for us. It was a wonderful gathering of fellowship and community building.



"We are called to pray with people of good will around the globe in solidarity and support for the intentions of our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV," said Cardinal Cupich. "Let this prayer initiative be a means of uniting us in seeking the common good."

Launched through the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, the "Pray with the Pope" campaign will foster a deeper spiritual communion uniting believers not simply through digital connection, but through shared, contemplative prayer. The initiative builds on the foundation of "The Pope Video" while placing a strong emphasis on contemplation, interior prayer and shared spiritual commitment across cultures and continents.

Throughout 2026, the monthly prayer intentions will address themes that speak directly to the realities facing families, communities, and nations. These include praying with Christ's Word, support for children with incurable illnesses, effective disarmament including nuclear disarmament, universal access to quality food, promotion of sport values, respect for human life, accompaniment for those who feel alone in large cities, care for water resources and families experiencing the absence of a mother or father.

The "Pray with the Pope" website offers accessible resources for participation, including guidance on how to pray each month's intention, "The Pope Audio" which allows listeners to pray directly with Pope Leo XIV, and a downloadable prayer toolkit designed for individuals, parishes, schools, and small groups. Videos and prayer resources will be available in multiple languages to support global participation.

To view January's Pray with the Pope: For Prayer with the Word of God video, visit: <https://youtu.be/s1CBCcEIkME?si=QnlCOAP6O1MXVsqI>

For more information and to participate, visit: <https://www.popesprayer.va/praywiththepope/> or the website of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

This weekend is also the **Word of God Sunday** instituted by Pope Francis in 2019. We pray that God's grace will empower us to deepen our appreciation for the Word of God and know its importance in our lives. Pope Francis' intention was to set "a Sunday given over entirely to the [word of God](#), so as to appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people."

This week (Jan. 18-25) is also **Christian Prayer for Unity week**. I encourage you to keep this intention in your prayers and also pray for unity in our Church and World.

*Peace, Fr. Francis*



## Pray with Pope Leo

On Jan, 13, 2026, the Archdiocese of Chicago announced that it will participate in the global "Pray with the Pope" campaign, a worldwide prayer initiative that invites all to join Pope Leo XIV in monthly prayer for intentions that touch the heart of the Church and the needs of the world. The January prayer intention focuses on praying with the Word of God, encouraging individuals and communities to encounter Christ more deeply through Scripture and allowing God's Word to shape daily life and decision-making.

# SUPER DUPER BOWL

**Sunday, February 8, 2026**

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta will be selling Super Duper Bowl Squares for \$100 each. You can buy multiple squares or split one with friends - whatever your budget allows. This is a great way to support the parish AND potentially win some money!

## 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 7, 2026 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

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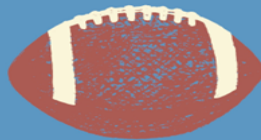
- Give Central - scan QR code to pay
- Checks payable to St. Mother Teresa Parish.  
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Come watch the super bowl with us! Big Screen TV, Food, Drinks, and Gentle Banter.

Location: Community room at the St. Therese Worship Site. Doors open at 5pm.

Admission is free with purchase of a square. \$20 without purchase.



## Families Serving Families



**“The family that prays and serves together stays together.”**

All families are invited to help provide light refreshments after our monthly Family Mass. Families may sign up in small teams to share in this ministry of fellowship and hospitality. If you would like to participate, please sign up at the church entrance table.

# NEWS & EVENTS



## Mondays with the Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity:

4pm-5pm, Street Rosary and 5pm-6pm.  
Adoration at St. Therese Church.  
All are welcome.

## Good Shepherd Catechism

Sundays for children from 3 to 7 years old at 10:30am. This class is taught by Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity.

## St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish Special Events Schedule

- Jan. 17---English Alpha Following the 5pm Mass
- Jan. 18---10:30am Family Mass Followed by Reception
- Jan. 20---12 Noon Vicarate Meeting
- Jan. 21---9:40am Faith Formation Meeting; 10:40am Staff Meeting & 6:30pm Finance Council Meeting
- Jan. 25---12:30pm Mandarin Mass Followed by Go-Deeper & 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for the Church in Latin America
- Jan. 26---Parish Liturgy Committee Meeting
- Jan. 28---8am School Mass & 6pm School Board Mtg.

## St. Therese Worship-site Christmas Donations as of 01/12/2026

|                                |       |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| Darlene Chan Lowe & Chris Lowe | \$600 |
| Lonnie Lee                     | \$150 |
| Mimi Chin                      | \$40  |
| Groh Family                    | \$300 |
| Eva Liu & Andrew Feng          | \$200 |
| Matthew Feng                   | \$100 |
| Dominique M. Feng              | \$30  |
| Maria B. Feng                  | \$30  |
| Earl E. Hokens                 | \$300 |
| Suip Tse                       | \$50  |

**GRAND TOTAL AS OF 01/12/2026: \$45,662**

## St. Barbara Worship-site Christmas Donations as of 01/13/2026

|                       |                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Mr. & Mrs. Jose Perez | \$100 *(correction) |
| Ken & Eva Ricci       | \$250               |

**GRAND TOTAL AS OF 01/13/2026: \$10,112**

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are taking down Church Christmas decorations Sunday, Jan. 18th after 9:30am Mass at St. Barbara and after 10:30am Mass at St. Therese. Your help is greatly appreciated.

## 2026 Offering Envelopes:

Registered Parishioners at St. Therese Site, please pick up your 2026 offering box.

The 2026 Chinese Calendar is available at the Church entrance table.



**Wedding Banns:**  
**Samantha Perez and  
Salvador Reyes**

## Annual Second Collection for the Church in Latin America (Jan. 24-25):

On the weekend of January 24-25 many Catholic dioceses in the United States will take the annual Collection for the Church in Latin America, which supports ministries among the poor in Mexico, Central and South America and the Caribbean.

“This annual collection exemplifies the spiritual journey of Pope Leo XIV, who was born in Chicago but spent most of his ministry serving the poor in Peru,” said Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, SDV, of the Diocese of Fall River, and chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America, which oversees this annual collection and the grants it funds.

During the decade that then-Bishop Robert Prevost was Bishop of Chiclayo, his diocese received several grants from the Collection for the Church in Latin America. With this support, the diocese improved youth ministry in impoverished parishes, promoted care for the environment and educated thousands of parents, teachers and catechists in the prevention of child abuse.

“The Second Vatican Council, which ended a dozen years before Robert Prevost entered the Augustinian order, encouraged Catholics to reach out in love across all national borders, especially those between the wealthy global north and the developing global south,” said Bishop da Cunha, a Brazilian whose diocese includes Portuguese and Spanish-speaking Catholics. “Pope Leo XIV’s faith journey embodies the spirit of why the bishops of the United States created the Church in Latin America program six decades ago to make an impact in Latin America.”

In 2024, gifts to the Collection for the Church in Latin America provided more than \$8 million for 344 projects. Some sample projects are:

- Evangelization, faith formation and pastoral care of teenagers in the Archdiocese of Caracas, Venezuela, whose parents have migrated to work in other countries.
- Prison ministry in the notorious Litoral Penitentiary in Guayaquil, Ecuador, with 10,000 severely overcrowded inmates and frequent lethal violence.
- Forming hundreds of Haitian lay leaders in marriage ministry so they can promote strong families in a society that is disintegrating from poverty and gang violence.
- A conference for 1,500 Colombians to seek peace in a six-decade civil war through evangelization that emphasizes Jesus’s command to love our enemies.
- Preparing lay leaders in the Archdiocese of Havana, Cuba, to become evangelists in their communities, despite communist repression of the Catholic faith.
- An international gathering of 130 faith leaders in Mexico City to explore the continuing importance of the Vatican II document on Scripture, *Dei Verbum*.

“All of these projects represent the types of initiatives that inspired Father Prevost to go to Peru as a missionary,” Bishop da Cunha said. “In supporting the Collection for the Church in Latin America, we are able to honor Pope Leo XIV and, above all, serve the Lord who calls us to love our neighbors.”

# WEEKLY COLLECTION- JANUARY 11, 2025

|                         | St. Barbara |                 | St. Therese |                 |
|-------------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Sunday Envelopes        | \$          | 739.00          | \$          | 1,213.00        |
| Sunday Loose            | \$          | 846.00          | \$          | 490.00          |
| Give Central            | \$          | 497.00          | \$          | 644.00          |
| <b>Total Collection</b> | <b>\$</b>   | <b>1,722.00</b> | <b>\$</b>   | <b>2,247.00</b> |
|                         | <b>YTD</b>  | <b>Weekly</b>   | <b>YTD</b>  | <b>Weekly</b>   |
| Actual                  | \$          | 63,250.00       | \$          | 62,422.00       |
| Goal                    | \$          | 75,600.00       | \$          | 75,600.00       |
| % of Goal               |             | 84%             |             | 87%             |
|                         | \$          |                 | \$          |                 |
|                         | \$          |                 | \$          |                 |

**ATTENTION:** For those who make your offering in the form of a check, please make checks to **St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish**. Our parish has a **new givecentral** account, through which people can still choose to make their donations to either Worship Site.  
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*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, Marlene & Walter Annerino, 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, Laverne Connolly, Joe Cruz, Patti Cuchetto, Paul DeGrazia, Henry Diaz De Leon, Nenita Feliciano, Jerry Felske, Minnie Ford, Natalia Francone, Bill Frank, Darlene Frost, Paul Gadomski, Ray Gadomski, Lily Ann Galloway, John Gasca, Bernadette Glabicki, Koen Guest, Kellar Harris, Jasmine Henson, Barbara Herr, Denise Holland, Gwen Holub, Morris Humphrey, Michaeline Hunter, Ted Hunter, Suzanne Ivester, Jennifer Janson, Dr. Joe, Anna Kolendo, Craig Labudda, Sunny Labudda, Baby Kinsley Paige Leschinsky, Kiera Litwin, 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, Cydney Muti, Stephanie Nicks, Deacon Jack O'Leary, Allison Pakula, Virginia Pakula, Eva Castillion Parcon, Josie Petkus, Michael Petruck, Theresa Pickens, Dolores Pienta, Beverly Pirelli, Megan Pirelli, Barbara Rekar, Josephine Richardson, Sandra Rios, Joel Rivera, Jose Rodriguez, Jose C. Rodriguez, Mila Rolon, Dolly Roti, Maria Saludo, Kennedy Shepski, Anthony Sinople, Adeline Skokal, Joanne Stewart, Lauren Stroncsek, Emily Rose Thomas, Norbert Trojanowski, Bill Ufferman, Dave Ulczycki, Christine Vanderford, George Vanderford Jr., Juan Vargas, Joyce Vogt, Ava Walczak, Sadie Walker, 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, Sister Noel Devine, Jimmy Distasio, MAD & Rose Marie Donato, Mark Donato, Mia Rose Faciana, 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, John Paleoik, Anne Pataka, Rose Perez, Gerard Phillips, Ali Powers, James Rak, Victor Roa, Phyllis Robinson, D. Mary R. Joseph Rubin, David Sero, Kay Siani, Nicholas Tobar, Richard Tobar, Anthony Valentino, Luz Whitehead, Luke Williamson, Bai Xue, Ching Shiu Yau, Lan Ying Yee, Yaoyao Wu, Ramona Zavala, Susan Zibricky, Sonny Furmanek, Juliana, Kate Lynch, Josephine Laco, Dolores Becatti, Michele Young, Charles Corbett, Rick Deleon, Shirley Mendoza, Gary Leverence, MingYing Liu, FanYa Zhang, Diana Cardinal, Karen Zovko, Darlene Phillips Smith, Ella Dover, Jian GuoXin, Jeffrey Fockler, Anthony A. Briglio, Kelly Chrusciel, John Allan, Jack Martin, Sharon Solverson, XiaoMei Rack, Bach-Tuyet Therese Nguyen Chau, Shirley Podobailo, RenYing Huang, Dan Spano, Marion Roti, Mary Keating, Cheri Groark, Ron Lukwinski, Cory Chan

**\*\*\*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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## Sacraments/Sacramental

*Please contact parish office for any of the following:*

**Baptisms:** Parents must be registered practicing parishioners 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. Parish has English, Cantonese & Mandarin-OCIA available.

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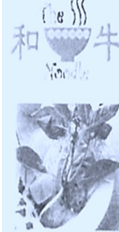
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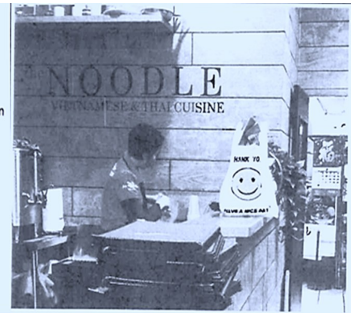
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**SUNDAR'S JOURNEY**  
 By Fr. John Cuff

In today's Gospel John the Baptist calls Jesus the "Lamb of God." He could have chosen "Lion of Judah." Both biblical terms refer equally to the long-awaited Messiah, but John tends toward the former, the "Suffering Servant" theme mentioned in Isaiah. A true story, origin unknown, focuses on this idea of self-sacrifice:

A Christian hunter, Sundar, lived in the Himalayan Mountains. During a freezing winter he was traveling by foot with a Buddhist monk. Their destination was a monastery high in the mountains. Suddenly, the weather changed. The temperature dropped, and the journey became dangerous. Night was approaching, and the weather was turning even worse. As they trudged on through the snow, there was a very good chance that Sundar and the monk would freeze to death, but onward they went. Crossing over a narrow path above a steep cliff, they heard someone calling out for help. Below them, another traveler had fallen and lay deep down in a ravine. He'd broken his leg. The monk warned Sundar, "Don't stop. God has brought this man to his fate. It is his karma. He must work it out himself. That is our tradition. We must hurry on ourselves before we die." Sundar responded, "But I am a Christian; it is my tradition that God has led me here to help my brother. I cannot abandon him." So Sundar went down into the ravine. Meanwhile, the monk hurried on alone. When Sundar got to the injured man, he found that he'd broken his leg. So Sundar fashioned a rough sling and hauled the man onto his back. He struggled greatly, but he was able to carry the man up to the path. Sundar felt his body overheating, but he continued to carry the man on his back. They were both warmed by each other's bodies. Sweating hard and almost fainting, Sundar finally caught sight of the monastery. Then, a few hundred yards from the monastery, Sundar stumbled and fell. He'd fallen over the dead body of the monk who had left him. The monk had frozen to death within sight of the monastery. Brushing the snow from the monk's body, Sundar recalled the words of the Gospel: "He who would save his life will lose it. And he who would lose his life for my sake will find it." Sundar was saved by doing what Jesus the Lamb of God did: giving His life so that others might live.



**HOLY NAME NEWS**

**Holy Name holiday Split the Pot winners:**  
 1st Jane 6am \$459; 2nd Fr. Cuff \$230; 3rd Jane 6am \$77  
**Our 100 Club winners for the month:**  
 1st David P; 2nd Bea; 3rd Jane 6am; 4th Monica Cruz  
 5th Bea Congratulations to all!

All men are invited to join us every 2nd Friday of the month. Our next meeting is February 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Chapel dining room. We support our parishioners and our community. Come and enjoy a delicious meal prepared by Chef Jeff and support our community!

**English Alpha**  
 Explore Life, Faith & Meaning.  
 Sat. Jan. 17th at 6 PM

Following 5 PM Mass at St. Barbara Church  
 Location: St. Mother Teresa Hall  
 2832 S. Quinn, Chicago, IL 60608

Alpha is a welcoming, judgment-free space to explore life's biggest questions about faith, purpose, and meaning —no matter where you are on your faith journey. Everyone is welcome.

**Alpha is for you if you are:**

- New to faith or the Catholic Church
- Curious or questioning about God and spirituality
- Practicing your faith and wanting to go deeper
- Interested in exploring life's big questions with others

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity." -1 Timothy 4:12

Join us for 5 pm Mass followed by discussion, pizza, and open gym.

Why: Come together to build friendship with one another and with Jesus.

Who: Youth in grades 6-12

When: Saturdays beginning with the 5pm Vigil Mass until 7:30 pm

February 7, 2026  
 March 7, 2026

Where: St. Barbara Worship Site

Contact Mrs. Jaqman with questions  
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# St. Therese School News



## Keep Christ in Christmas

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for hosting their Annual Keep Christ in Christmas Art Competition. There were over 80 student submissions this year. Thank you to all students who participated and a big congratulations to the winners!



## In-School Art Field Trip

Our 6<sup>th</sup> graders participated in an in-school pottery painting field trip. They created their designs and then painted them on ceramic plates. We can't wait to see how they turn out!



# CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Our Catholic Schools Week begins with our **Open House on Sunday, January 25 at 12 pm**, as we welcome prospective students and families to visit our school and learn about all that a St. Therese School education can offer.



**JANUARY 25-JANUARY 31**

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### MONDAY

#### PRAY THE ROSARY

We will pray for:

- our school community
- our parish community
- the sick
- our personal intuitions



### TUESDAY

#### FAITH TESTIMONIAL

Jing Zhang will come to speak to our students about her faith journey and what it means to be Catholic.



### WEDNESDAY

#### ALL SCHOOL MASS

- Our entire school community will gather at St. Therese Church for Mass at 8am.
- Father Li will discuss "Living the Little Way" inspired by St. Therese.
- Catholic Song Sing Off



### THURSDAY

#### CATHOLIC BOWL

Students will participate in our Catholic Bowl, where they answer questions about the Bible, general Catholic knowledge, and the history of our parish.



### FRIDAY

#### BUILD OUR PRAYER WALL & MAKE CARDS FOR SENIORS

Students, teachers, & staff will post their prayer intentions on our prayer wall. Students will make Happy New Year Cards for seniors.

