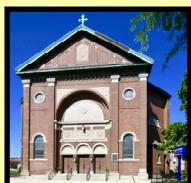


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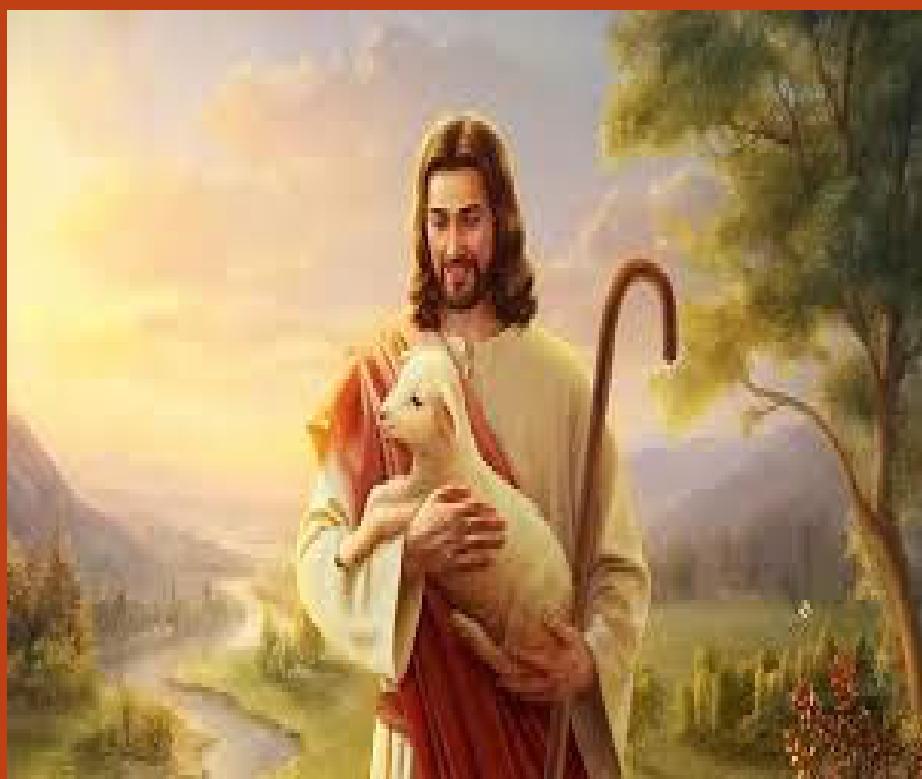


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**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Sept.
15,
2019**



**A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew
within me.**

— Psalm 51:12



Activities This Week

- Sat.-Sun., Sept. 14-15 ~ St. Barbara Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive after all Masses
- Sat., Sept. 14 ~ Youth Night following 5:00 pm Mass
- Sun., Sept. 15 ~ St. Therese Family Mass followed by blessing of teachers and catechists; 10:30 am
- Tues., Sept. 17 ~ St. Barbara-St. Therese Staff Mtg.; 10:00 ~ 11:30 am
~ St. Barbara Seniors Mtg.; 11:30 am
- Sat., Sept. 21 ~ Young Adult Ministry (YAM) Mass at St. Therese Worship Site at 1:00 pm

ST. THERESE MASS CHANGE

The Indonesian Mass, formerly held at St. Therese Chinese Catholic Church, will be held at the Divine Word Mission Center at Techny until January.



PILGRIMAGE TO MUNSTER, INDIANA

St. Therese is sponsoring a Pilgrimage to the Carmelite Shrine in Munster, Indiana. The DATE is October 12th.

We will begin with Mass at St. Barbara's Site at 8:00 am. Departure for the pilgrimage will be at 8:45 am. Bus cost: \$10; Lunch \$10.

Further information and a registration sheet will be available next week.



Thursday Night Bingo is always looking for volunteers. If you would like to help us, we have openings for sellers and kitchen help. Please give Jim Bertucci a call (312) 835-5411. This is a great way to help support our combined parish.



Thursday,
September 5, 2019

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HOLY NAME NEWS



At our Holy Name meeting on Friday, September 6th, the following "100 Club" winners were chosen: 1st prize: Sharon Guest; 2nd prize: Sebastian Diaz DeLeon; 3rd prize: B. Glabicki; 4th prize: Henry P. Diaz DeLeon; and 5th prize: George Vanderford, Sr.

Thank you to all who support our "100 Club". Remember, tickets are always on sale from the ushers. The cost is \$1.00 each.

Dear Parishioners,



As many of you know, as of August 1st, Archbishop Cupich gave me an official letter of retirement. After 9-1/2 years in this parish, I have decided to take better care of my health. The weekend of September 28-29, I will celebrate my last official Masses at St. Barbara. I am planning to return to Poland, see my doctors and spend time with my family.

Fr. Li has given me a room in the rectory for my use, so don't be surprised when you see me again. I must tell you that, after almost 10 years, you were such great people to me. It never, ever happened that I was upset or angry because of you.

Thank you very much for the kindness and love you have shown me. I will celebrate all Masses the weekend of September 28th and 29th, so please come and pray with me. Fr. Francis has graciously offered to give me a farewell party after the 9:30 am Mass on September 29th. If you are free to come and celebrate with me, you are very welcome. If you plan to attend, please sign up on the sheets on the table in back of church.

Fr. Andrzej

ATTENTION ALL VIETNAM VETERANS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL

 Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside will proudly display The Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Moving Wall and Museum from Thursday, September 26th through Monday, September 30th. The exhibit will be open 24 hours a day and will provide many events and ceremonies to honor the more than 58,000 who lost their lives for our freedom. All are welcome, especially all parishioners and all ministries and groups.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

THANKS

Thanks to all who made the Feast of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta an amazing celebration! Many of you helped with hospitality, decoration, worship aid, and all other liturgical ministries. I have received so many comments on the beauty of the Mass. It was God's grace, St. Mother Teresa's intercessions, and your participation that made it possible. Heartfelt thanks to Bishop Manz and, of course, our joyful thanksgiving to our God! In the words of St. Mother Teresa, "Gratitude to God is to accept everything, even my problems, with joy."

Thanks to all who attended the Vision Day sponsored by Renew My Church last Friday. It was an inspirational day to be with one another from many different newly-unified parishes in the Archdiocese, a day all participants were invited to pray to dream big for our new parishes and to be empowered to evangelize. It was a powerful experience to receive Bishop Casey's special blessing for our parish group. The question of the day is relevant to all of us: "What is your dream for your new parish?"

Thank the good Lord for a busy, but fruitful, Sunday. We had our first Family Mass at St. Barbara Worship Site. It was a wonderful blessing to have had the faculty and staff of our School and many of our students and families to celebrate this special day. At St. Therese Worship Site, we had our annual SMI celebration in honor of our Mother Mary. Bishop Perry, his co-celebrants, and an inspired congregation enjoyed Mary's birthday.

Thanks to John Ligda Funeral Home and the James Bertucci family for donating a beautiful framed picture of Our Lady of China to the St. Barbara Worship Site! Your generosity and thoughtfulness are greatly appreciated by our whole parish!

Thanks to Jimmy Bertucci and his entire Thursday Bingo team for their hard work and dedication. In the last few months, they have brought \$8,000.00 to our parish and paid about \$2,000.00 to cover advertisements and St. Barbara Church carpet cleaning.



MERCIFUL FATHER

Today's Gospel includes three "lost and found" parables. They all remind us of God's mercy. Like the lost sheep and coin, we too experience being lost in our lives. Like the lost ones, we too sometimes want to walk away or stay away from our God. Sometimes, the kind of lost we are talking about is not physical but spiritual; being lost from God and from one's true self may not be obvious.

In the classical story of the prodigal son, the focus usually is on the younger son who insulted his father and squandered all, or his share of the inheritance. Then he came back and was warmly accepted by the father. Of course, there are a lot of lessons we can learn from him. However, I think a lot of us oftentimes feel more like the older son, who is trying hard to live a good Christian life. Our obedience and hard work cause us to think that we deserve more or God is not fair. "Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends." This is why the older son needs conversion. Do we?

The Good News is that our loving Father is merciful: "everything I have is yours." God is generous to all. Indeed, everything in life is a gift from God, even when it is not obvious to us that our relationship with Jesus has strayed. It is the blessings the Holy Spirit granted us this past week that so lovingly help to bring us back to enrich our relationship with our God. So, let's strive to be merciful to one another as our heavenly Father is to us.

Peace

Fr. Francis

Alive Again By Sr. Caritas

Sometimes in our lives we do things that hurt others and we need to ask forgiveness. We can make serious mistakes in important relationships and we know we need forgiveness. The process of coming to the point of going to the person and saying we are sorry and want to be forgiven can be a long process. We wonder, will the person forgive us? Will they take us back and still be our friend? It is even harder when the event has not been deliberate. We have, it seems, done something and we don't know what we have done that has offended our friend. Taking the steps back to the person without assurance that we will be welcomed is difficult.

The first reading today tells of God's anger with His chosen people. They have made a calf of gold and are worshiping it. God tells Moses to go to the people. God is about to punish the people, but Moses pleads with God to spare them. God hears Moses and does not punish the people. God is merciful and forgiving. St. Paul, in the second reading, tells of God's great mercy and forgiveness given to him over and over. God is generous and loving, "slow to anger and abounding in kindness."

The Gospel today is the well-known passage of the story of the Prodigal Son. Despite his sinfulness, the son returns to his father. He makes the long trip back home. He makes the journey of forgiveness, acknowledging all that he has done wrong. He does not hesitate to come back to his father. He knows his father loves both of his sons. The Father embraces him and says he is alive, no longer dead. That is the welcome of God, our heavenly Father. He will always welcome us home.

The other son in the story is angry with his father and describes all he has done and what the father has not done. He is eager to point to the son not as a forgiven brother but as a bad, sinful person, unworthy of the father's love. The father does not love the wayward son because he is worthy of his love. The Pharisees and Scribes, for whom Jesus is telling this story, seem much like the second son. Jesus is willing to eat with the tax collectors and sinners whom the Scribes and Pharisees condemn. They want to condemn Jesus for being with "such people". Jesus does not condemn but gives them an opportunity to again draw closer to God. Jesus shows the Father's love and mercy. Which son are you like? Do you believe God is merciful and loving, always willing to forgive? Will you be like Jesus and His Father?

news and events

St. Barbara KC's Tootsie Roll Weekend: This weekend after all Masses the St. Barbara Knights of Columbus will conduct their yearly Tootsie Roll Drive collection. For a small donation, you will receive a Tootsie Roll.

Youth Night: Beginning in September there will be a youth night once a month after the 5:00 pm Saturday evening Mass. The first youth night will be held on Saturday, September 14th.

Family Mass: Family Mass for students at the St. Therese Campus will take place this Sunday (Sept. 15) at 10:30 am and every third Sunday of the month.

Vicariate III Vitality Day: On Wednesday, September 18th, Vicariate III will hold a Vitality Day at St. Mary of the Angels from 5:30 to 9:00 pm. This will be a workshop designed for all parish leaders who want to be part of the renewal efforts in our community.

Young Adult Ministry (YAM): There will be a YAM Mass at 1:00 pm on Saturday, September 21st, in St. Therese Catholic Church. This YAM Mass will be geared to all young adults in the Bridgeport/Chinatown area.

First Friday Mass: Our next First Friday devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will take place on Friday, October 4th, at the St. Therese Worship Site with the praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and time for silent meditation and benediction. All are welcome.

First Saturday Healing Mass: Our next First Saturday of the Month Healing Mass will be at 8:00 am on Saturday, October 5th, at the St. Barbara Worship Site Chapel. We will have the Sacrament of Anointing and pray the Marian Litany. One of the questions people ask is, "who can receive the Anointing"?

This sacrament is not only for those who are dying, but for all who are seriously ill. Are you suffering from serious illness, chronic pain, or the debilitating effects of advancing age? Are you preparing for surgery or recovering from the effects of surgery? Come and receive this sacrament. Let Jesus heal you.

Family Mass: The next Family Mass for the St. Barbara Campus students will take place on October 13th. Family Mass occurs every second Sunday of the month.

Leadership Retreat Day: On Saturday, October 26th, from 9:30 am - 3:30 pm, there will be a Leadership Retreat Day at the Cenacle Retreat and Conference Center, 513 West Fullerton Parkway. Please think about joining us for this retreat.

Religious Education: If you have a child who is interested in receiving religious education classes (PREP), please fill out a form located on the table in back of church. Forms can be placed in the collection basket, returned to the rectory, or emailed to ChrisDelfin@gmail.com. The Religious Education Program begins this Sunday, September 15th.

RCIA: We are offering RCIA classes in English, Cantonese, and Mandarin. If you know someone who would like to learn more about the Catholic faith, please fill out a form in back of church and put it in the collection basket, return it to the rectory or email Tom Howard at thoward@sttheresechicago.org

Special September Masses



Date	Time	Worship Site	Description
Thursday 9-5-19	10:00AM	St. Barbara	Feast of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Bishop John Manz, Celebrant
Sunday 9-8-19	9:30AM	St. Barbara	Family Mass and Back to School Bash
Tuesday 9-10-19	8:00AM	St. Barbara	School Mass for St. Barbara Campus
Sunday 9-15-19	10:30AM	St. Therese	Family Mass, Catechetical Sunday, Blessing of Teachers Catechists for BOTH campuses
Monday 9-16-19	8:00AM	St. Therese	School Mass for St. Therese Campus
Tuesday 9-24-19	8:00AM	St. Barbara	School Mass for St. Barbara Campus
Wednesday 9-25-19	8:00AM	St. Therese	Class Mass for 7th Graders of BOTH Campuses
Monday 9-30-19	8:00AM	St. Therese	Feast of St. Therese, Little Flower

SCHOOL MASSES are first and third Monday at St. Therese and second and fourth Tuesday at St. Barbara.

ALL-SCHOOL MASSES would require both campuses to attend.

CLASS MASSES are focused on a single class (grades 5-8) at a specific campus.

FAMILY MASSES are Sunday Masses that invite the entire families of students.



Are you interested in becoming an altar server?

We welcome anyone grade 5 and up in this important ministry!

Contact Mr. Joe A Delfin
at
jdelfin@sttheresechicago.org



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, September 14 - Vigil of the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. + Edward Lenicky
+ Cecile (Cis) Krok (Diann Bak)
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

Sunday, September 15 - The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:00 a.m. + Cecile (Cis) Krok (Krzyzanski Sisters)
Health Blessings: Virginia Zawacki
(Krzyzanski Sisters)
Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)

9:30 a.m. + Nick Paolino (Wife, Mary)
+ Alfred Helma (Ed & B. Glabicki)
+ Florence Jandrisitz (Ed & B. Glabicki)
+ Ted and Ann Glowacki (Family)
+ Ed Glabicki (St. Barbara Thursday Night Bingo)
+ Blessings: Lerner and Pienta Families
(Virginia Pienta)

Monday, September 16 - Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Therese Church

Tuesday, September 17 - Weekday; St. Robert Bellarmine

8:00 a.m. + Vernon Sandacz (John & Susan Adomaitis)
+ Dolores Schultz (Pacella Family)

Wednesday, September 18 - Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Therese Church

Thursday, September 19 - Weekday; St. Januarius

8:00 a.m. + Henry Pimental (Emmanuel and Angelica King)
+ Michael Radziewicz (Children)

Friday, September 20 - Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Paul Chong Ha-Sang

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Therese Church

Saturday, September 21 - St. Matthew, Apostle

8:00 a.m. All Parishioners, Living and Deceased

Saturday, September 21 - Vigil of the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. + Edward Lenicky (Dee)
+ Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

Sunday, September 22 - The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:00 a.m. + Cecile (Cis) Krok (Krzyzanski Sisters)
Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)

9:30 a.m. + Joseph A. Michalak (Children)
+ Mary Diaz DeLeon (Family)
+ Lucille Helma (Ed & B. Glabicki)
+ Joan Bartkowski (Ed & B. Glabicki)
+ Ed Glabicki (Diane Ramos)

**For those unable to attend Mass due to illness,
please be sure to watch the Mass on television:**

**Mercy Home - Sunday Mass
WGN- TV Channel 9 - Chicago**

Sunday Mass: 9:30 AM

Weekly Collection - September 7th - 8th

Sunday Envelopes (67)	\$ 1,058.50
Sunday Loose	\$ 829.50
Utility Bill Fund (39)	\$ 502.00
Total Collection	\$ 2,390.00

	YTD	Weekly
Actual	\$ 25,415.92	\$ 2,390.00
Goal	\$ 64,000.00	\$ 6,400.00
% of Goal	40%	37%
Votives & Vigil Lights:	\$ 208.16	
August Give Central: 1st	\$ 1,449.00	
2nd	\$ 285.00	

Attention: For those who make your offering in the form of a check, please continue to make checks payable to your respective Worship Site Churches until it is announced otherwise.



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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST

5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: M. Hui, R. Hui, E. Andriacchi
Eucharistic Ministers: R. Carden, A. Skokal, B. Pienta
Lectors: D. Annoreno, B. Hudren

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND

6:00 a.m.

Altar Server: G. Vanderford
Eucharistic Ministers: J. Bertucci, S. Guest, J. Balasa
Lector: J. Bertucci

9:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: C. Kelly, G. Parcon, A. Alonso
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Lectors: Sr. K. McNulty, H. Alonso

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The current staff at St. Therese Church is not listed here.

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.

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND LITURGIES

St. Barbara: Saturday: 5:00 pm; Sunday: 6:00am, 9:30 am
St. Therese: Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am; and Mandarin Mass on the 4th Sunday of each month at 12:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY LITURGIES

St. Barbara: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday: 8:00 am
St. Therese: Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 8:00 am

Holy Days of Obligation

St. Barbara: Vigil Mass: 7:00 pm; Holy Day Masses: 6:00 am, 8:00 am

St. Therese: 8:00 am, 7:00 pm

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR: St. Therese - 7:00 pm

FIRST SATURDAY HEALING MASS: St. Barbara Chapel - 8:00 am

CONFESSION

St. Barbara: Saturday 4:15–4:45 pm or by appointment
St. Therese: By appointment

THE ROSARY

St. Barbara: Sunday at 5:30 a.m. before 6:00 am Mass

OFFICE HOURS: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. The office is closed on Thurs. Sat. and Sun.

Please pray for those homebound, hospitalized and in need of continued prayers:
Amalia Agins, Austin Agins, Bernadette Agins, Joyce Agins, Stephen Agins, Mary Aguirre, Walter Annerino, Amy Averet, Kimberly Babe, Geraldine Baldwin, Tony Baressi, Judith Beaudry, Christine Bertucci, Joseph 'Joey' Bertucci, Lonnie & Theresa Bertucci-Falls, Jennifer Bond, Fr. Michael Bowler, Jeff Bowman, Andrea Brongiel, David Brost, Mary Camarda, Anthony Capone Sr., Adele Castro, Laverne Connolly, Tim Consola, Joe Cruz, Patti Cuchetto, Paul DeGrazia, Jacqueline Dybas, Kathy Egle, Jerry Felske, Minnie Ford, Natalia Francone, Bill Frank, Darlene Frost, Harold Frost, Paul Gadomski, Ray Gadomski, Lily Ann Galloway, John Gasca, Cheryl Lynn Gilhooley, Bernadette Glabicki, Ed Glos, Pat Grieco, Koen Guest, Jose P. Gutierrez, Kellar Harris, Lynette Heidemann, Jasmine Henson, Denise Holland, Gwen Holub, Morris Humphrey, Michaeline Hunter, Ted Hunter, Suzanne Ivester, Jennifer Janson, Chester Jendryczka, Dr. Joe, John Kaput, Dorothy Kawalerski, Rose Kisielowski, Stanley Kiwala, Anna Kolendo, Janice Kutansky, Craig Labudda, Ken Labudda, Sunny Labudda, Baby Kinsley Paige Leschinsky, Kiera Litwin, Lenny Loretto, Richard Lyznicki, Nancy Mallory, John Mangan, Kayle Marth, Paul Martinez, Bill Marcuk, Zena Masi, Maria Mawgwi, Lil' Joe Michalak, Cindy Moore, Dr. Mike, Cydney Muti, Stephanie Nicks, Deacon Jack O'Leary, Theresa Oleszkiewicz, Allison Pakula, Virginia Pakula, Eva Castillion Parcon, Josie Petkus, Michael Petrucci, Dolores Pienta, Mitchell Pienta, Virginia Pienta, Beverly Pirelli, Ray Polakowski, Robert Potter, Josephine Richardson, Sandra Rios, Joel Rivera, Jose Rodriguez, Jose C. Rodriguez, Mila Rolon, Dolly Roti, Ellen Ryan, Therese Ryndak, Dorothy Rzasa, Maria Saludo, Laverne Scianna, Kennedy Shepski, Adeline Skokal, Raymond Smolinski, Gary Solverson, Sharon Solverson, Jeff Spaargaren, Jr., Rosalie Spalla, Diane Spata, Joanne Stewart, Lauren Stronczek, Rose Stronczek, Robert Synal, Baby Zachary Synal, Emily Rose Thomas, Norbert Trojanowski, Bill Ufferman, Dolores Ufferman, Dave Ulczycki, George Vanderford Sr., George Vanderford Jr., Juan Vargas, Ava Walczak, Sadie Walker, Barbara Webb, Bill Webb, Sylvia Wiertel, Madison Young, Eugene & John Zabek, Virginia Zawacki, Irene Zima

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