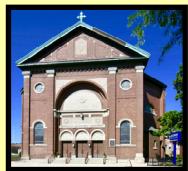


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**Dec.
29,
2019**



**Over all other virtues, put on
love, that is, the bond of
perfection.**

– Colossians 3:14

news and events

Faith Formation for Children, ages 3-7, on Saturdays at 9:30 am at the St. Therese Worship Site: The Sisters of Charity are offering the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program for children between the ages of 3 to 7 in our community room on Saturdays from 9:30 - 11:00 am. Storytelling, interactive games, art projects, and hands-on activities will highlight the dynamic, faith-filled program. Parents are welcome to accompany their children or simply drop them off and return. The program will run through May, 2020. You can still enroll your children in these classes. Please call either of our parish offices to register.

First Friday: Our next First Friday devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will take place at 7:00 pm on Friday, January 3rd, 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: The First Saturday of the Month Healing Mass will be at 8:00 am on Saturday, January 4th, in the St. Barbara 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.

An Evening with Yam: St. Mother of Teresa of Calcutta Parish is calling all young adults to attend the 5:00 pm Mass at the St. Barbara Worship Site on Saturday, January 11, presided by Fr. Brad Zamora. Mass will be followed by dinner and drinks hosted by Fr. Li. Sports, games and shenanigans will follow. There is a sign-up sheet near the entrance to the church. Please register by January 5th.

Save the Date: All parish volunteers, ministers, committee members and staff are invited to an "Appreciation Dinner" on Sunday, January 12th. More details will follow soon.

COFFEE WITH FR. FRANCIS

Do you have questions about the life of our new parish? Would you like to be involved with our ministries and organizations? What are your concerns and hopes for our new parish?



If you would like to share your hopes and suggestions for our parish with me, please email me at flisttherese@gmail.com, call our parish offices at 312-842-7979 or 312-842-6777 to schedule a coffee time. I want to listen to you and to hear from you.

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

December 31st: Anticipated New Year's Mass at St. Therese at 5:00 PM followed by **Benediction** and Hot Pot Dinner.

New Year's Day Masses

6:00 A.M. and 9:30 A.M. at St. Barbara Church
10:00 A.M. at St. Therese Church

Calling Parishioners and Friends to Ministries

In the *Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity*, the Church tells us that all Christians have a vocation to "share in the mission of the whole people of God in the Church and in the world." (2)

"Our own times require of the laity no less zeal: in fact, modern conditions demand that their apostolate be broadened and intensified. With a constantly increasing population, continual progress in science and technology, and closer interpersonal relationships, the areas for the lay apostolate have been immensely widened particularly in fields that have been for the most part open to the laity alone."

Is the Spirit calling you to be part of the following ministries in our parish?

- a. Liturgical Ministry (Lector, Choir Member, Greeter, Server, Translator....)
- b. Educational Ministry (Catechist, Formation, Evangelizer....)
- c. Service Ministry (Outreach, Church Cleaning, Gardening, IT....)
- d. Parish Life Ministry (Youth, Young Adult, Senior Ministry, Holy Name, St. Vincent Society, St. Barbara Knights, Committee Members....)

If you are ready to be more involved with any Committees, and/or Ministries, please speak with or email Fr. Francis or Fr. Lukas.

PARENT
FORMATION

**Catholic
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AN OVERVIEW

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

THANKS

Thanks to Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity for teaching our students about Adoration. It was a powerful encounter for students to learn and experience Adoration and Benediction. The next one will be on Friday, Jan. 10, 2020 in St. Barbara Church.

Thanks to our Filipino community for a spirit-filled Simbang Gabi celebration on Sat., Dec. 14th. The mass was a prayerful expression of faith and culture and the food was delicious.



PRAYING FOR ALL FAMILIES

On this Feast of the Holy Family, we are called to celebrate the lives of St. Joseph, Mary and Jesus and to pray for our own families. Families are people connected by blood or adoption. Family relationship is one of the most important relationships we have in life.

The Fourth Commandment teaches us to “honor your father and your mother”. This is a great reminder to all children about their responsibilities toward their parents who give them life. This relationship is most universal and it also extends to one’s elderly and superiors, which demands respect, affection, and gratitude.

Family life also speaks about marriage, the relationship between husband and wife. “God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it’” (Gen 1: 26-28). And we also read, “Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh” (Gen 2: 18, 21-24).

Unfortunately, nowadays many couples experience tremendous difficulties in their married relations and over 50% of the marriages end up in divorce. Compared to years past when the divorce rate was so low and couples were taught to work out their differences, it is safe to say that there is a crisis in today’s marriage. We need to pray for our young people who are getting married and pray for all couples.

Marriage is a vocation and our Church must strive to offer a better pastoral care for our young people getting married and all newlywed and all married couples. Family formation must be one of the most important aspects of our ministries.

I found the following wisdom on family from St. Mother Teresa helpful, which might be a source of enlightenment for you and your family.

1. **“If you want to bring happiness to the whole world, go home and love your family.”**
2. **“Whatever you do for your family, your children, your husband, your wife, you do for God. All we do, our prayers, our work, our suffering, is for Jesus.”**
3. **“It is easy to love people who are far away. It is not always easy to love those close to us. Bring love into your home, for this is where our love for each other must start.”**
4. **“Love begins at home, and it is not how much we do...but how much love we put in that action.”**
5. **“The child is the beauty of God present in the world, that greatest gift to a family.”**
6. **“The problem with our world is that we draw the circle of family too small.”**
7. **“The family that prays together, stays together, and if they stay together they will love one another as God has loved each one of them. And works of love are always works of peace.”**

Finally, please join us for our New Year's celebration as we thank God for this past year and pray for a better New Year. Our masses are at 5 P.M. on New Year's Eve, December 31st, followed by Benediction and the traditional Hot Pot dinner at St. Therese Church and on New Year's Day, 6:00 A.M and 9:30 A.M at St. Barbara Church and 10:00 A.M. at St. Therese Church.

We wish you and your family have a very blessed New Year and let's pray for one another and for all families!

Peace

Fr. Francis

THE HOLY FAMILY - YOUR HOLY FAMILY **By Sister Caritas**

Today, the Sunday after Christmas, we celebrate family. We are reminded of the fact that every member of the family has an important role. The reading from Sirach reminds us of the important role the father of the family has. Honor is so important and the scripture tells us how God blesses those who honor their father and who care for their father. They will be heard by God. Though it is not in this reading, fathers are also told about how to care for their children. Fathers are not to put burdens on their children. Women are to honor their husbands and obey them in family matters. Husbands are to care for their wives as they love and care for themselves.

Our best example of how to act in the family is the model of the Holy Family: Mary, Joseph and Jesus. Joseph took care of the family. He kept them safe. He worked as a carpenter and taught Jesus what he needed to know. Mary cared for Jesus and Joseph. They were a happy family. They faced difficulties but they cared for each other. The Gospel tells of their return from Egypt and how Joseph was concerned and followed the call of the angel in a dream. They went to Nazareth and began their life as a faithful Jewishfamily.

In a few days we will be celebrating the start of a New Year. Perhaps, as we consider resolutions to improve our life, we could look at our own family. How do we treat each other? How do we take care of each other? What could we do to spend more “quality time” with our families? What about having meals together? What else could you do? Look at Mary, Joseph and Jesus and consider their example. Ask God the Father to bless your family in a special way.

SCHOOL NEWS



2019 Fr. Tolton Essay Contest winner and 2019 STCCS graduate Jackie (Jacqueline) Del Raso visited St. Therese School. "Jackie is an inspiration. I am so glad she got to speak to our 3rd graders about being more kind, respectful, and inclusive in their social interactions," commented Thomas M. Howard, Director of Religious Education.



St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish community enjoyed "Breakfast with Santa". The annual holiday breakfast, sponsored by the St. Therese Parent Association, was held on Sunday, December 8 at the St. Barbara Worship Site.



Students show excellent stewardship by dedicating their time on the weekend to care and clean St. Therese Worship Site.



Fun Fridays, hosted by Student Youth Council at St. Barbara Campus.



Students gather in the St. Therese Worship Site Community Room for a special presentation by Sister Justus.



Ho ho ho! Santa brings Christmas cheer as he makes his grand appearance to St. Mother Teresa Parish.



The Missionaries of Charity at St. Therese Church led our 4th-8th Graders in their first experience of Eucharistic Adoration.



May you and your family have a safe, blessed Christmas holiday!



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 28 - Vigil of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

5:00 p.m. + Ed Glabicki (Dee Dee Nardi)
+ 1st Ann. Rem.: Aurora Barrera (Gabriella & Ruben)

+ Jesus Elizondo, Sr. (Rita Munoz & Family)
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

Sunday, December 29 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

6:00 a.m. + Cecile (Cis) Krok (Diane Ramos)
Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
9:30 a.m. + Mary Diaz DeLeon (Family)
+ Florence Brown (Ed & B. Glabicki)
+ Ed Glabicki (Sharon Guest)
+ Joseph & Bernice Nawracaj (Steve Kaput)
+ Matt & Evelyn Pyznarski (Steve Kaput)
+ Joseph & Sue Michalak (Steve Kaput)
+ Stanley & Verne Kaput (Steve Kaput)
+ Joseph & Victoria Kaput (Steve Kaput)
+ Dave & Geri Kaput (Steve Kaput)
Health Blessings: Virginia Pienta (Diane Ramos)

Monday, December 30 - Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

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

Tuesday, December 31 - Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

8:00 a.m. + Birth. Rem.: Rocco Roti (Marion Roti)
+ Allan Campione (Family)

Tuesday, December 31 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Anticipated Mass

5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Therese

Wednesday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother Of God

Masses at St. Barbara:

6:00 a.m. Health Blessings: All Thursday Night Bingo Workers

9:30 a.m. All Parishioners, Living and Deceased

Mass at St. Therese

10:00 a.m.

Thursday, January 2 - Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

8:00 a.m. + Stanley Slotarski (Family)
+ The Mezdylo Family: John, Genevieve,
Genevieve (Jean), Aloysius and Eleanore

Friday, January 3 - Holy Name of Jesus

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Therese Church
7:00 p.m. First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart

Saturday, January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:00 a.m. + All Souls' Remembrance
+ Agnes Kuberska (Family)
Healing Mass

Saturday, January 4 - Vigil of The Epiphany of the Lord

5:00 p.m. + Ed Glabicki (Karen & Adrian Goetz)
Divine Mercy for All (C. Kisielente Family)

Weekly Collection - December 14th - 15th

Sunday Envelopes (59)	\$ 1,077.00
Sunday Loose	\$ 536.75
School Support Collection (30)	\$ 480.76
Total Collection	\$ 2,094.51

	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Weekly</u>
Actual	\$ 60,295.06	\$ 2,054.51
Goal	\$153,600.00	\$ 6,400.00
% of Goal	39%	33%
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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1ST

6:00 a.m.

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

Lector: J. Bertucci

9:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: TBD
Eucharistic Ministers: J. Rodriguez, P. Rodriguez
Lectors: V. Godinez, B. Hudren

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4TH

5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: A. Chan
Eucharistic Ministers: R. Carden, A. Skokal,
J. Lukwinski

Lectors: V. Godinez, G. Dumelle

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5TH

9:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: G. Parcon, C. Parcon, Q. Do
Eucharistic Ministers: D. Ramos, B. Pienta, F. Cabrera
Lectors: W. Podrazik, B. Curry

Sunday, January 5 - The Epiphany Of The Lord

6:00 a.m. + 1st Ann. Rem.: Julianne Selk (Christine and Jim Bertucci)
+ Cecile (Cis) Krok (George Tadin)
Health Blessings: Koen Guest (Guest Family)
9:30 a.m. + Ed Glabicki (Sharon Guest)
+ Lottie Chwalisz (B. Glabicki)
+ Ted Lech (B. Glabicki)

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. The office is closed on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.

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.

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

CONFESION

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

St. Therese: By appointment

THE ROSARY

St. Barbara: The Rosary is prayed on Sunday at 5:30 a.m. before 6:00 am Mass.

Please pray for those homebound, hospitalized and in need of continued prayers:

Amalia Agins, Austin Agins, Bernadette Agins, Joyce Agins, Stephen Agins, Mary Aguirre, Debbie Annerino, 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, Henry Diaz DeLeon, Jacqueline Dybas, Kathy Egle, Nenita Feliciano, Jerry Felske, Minnie Ford, Natalia Francone, Bill Frank, Darlene Frost, Harold Frost, Paul Gadowski, Ray Gadowski, Lily Ann Galloway, John Gasca, Cheryl Lynn Gilhooly, 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 Marczuk, 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, Ellen Pietrzak, Beverly Pirelli, Ray Polakowski, Robert Potter, Barbara Rekar, Josephine Richardson, Sandra Rios, Joel Rivera, Jose Rodriguez, Jose C. Rodriguez, Mila Rolon, Dolly Roti, Ellen Ryan, Therese Ryndak, Dorothy Rzasa, Maria Saludo, Laverne Sciana, 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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