

He Has Risen...Once Again

The good news, according to Dr. Fauci, is that we are officially out of the "Pandemic Phase" of Covid, though I am not sure exactly what that means. It did appear to be the case for our parish this Easter.

Throughout the Easter Triduum, our pews were overflowing - Praise God! Yes, our God showed us once again that any darkness in life can lead to the light of Resurrection. Perhaps, due to the recent pandemic, people seemed moved by the Liturgies more than ever this year. I saw people in tears as we recalled our Lord's Passion and death. I saw tears of joy as we brought new people into the faith at the Easter Vigil.

As we head toward summer, it is a very exciting time for our parish. We are moving into the final phase of our Building Project. The details of all that will be involved are still being worked out. I will update you in Church as we proceed. SO, Stay tuned for coming attractions.

~God Bless,
Fr. John



Festival Season is Almost Here!

Festival season is right around the corner! Be sure to save the dates for the St. Barbara Rocktoberfest 2022: Sept 9-10-11. Watch for more details!

The Rocktoberfest Festival Steering Committee is looking for volunteers. They are urging Parish members new and old, to step up to keep our ministry alive and vibrant. If you are interested in joining the parish festival family, please contact Tina Bowen at 859-640-8766.

Our BID-N-BUY team is now accepting donations for our 2022 festival. Please place your donation in the bin labeled "Bid N Buy" in the Welcome Center or arrange for pickup by contacting Tina Bowen.

Support parishes in our diocese at their summer festivals and be sure to spread the word about our Rocktoberfest! The local 2022 schedule can be viewed at www.stbarbaraky.org/spotlight.



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The 2022 Diocesan Parish Annual Appeal (DPAA) campaign began on March 12 with Bishop John Iffert's video message to all of us. The video is available on the diocesan website, covidio.org/stewardship-missions for any who may have missed it or wish to view it again.

St. Barbara needs the support of all parishioners to reach, and hopefully surpass the goal of \$109,300. Thank you to all who have already contributed!

If you have not had the opportunity to give, please prayerfully consider God's love for you and how you may share that gift with those in need.

Please use the pledge envelope mailed to your home or one found in the church pews, then place it in the collection basket at Mass. Pledges, credit card, and EFT donations can also be made on the diocesan website securely by clicking the Donate Now button. Your generosity will serve those you may never meet, but you will know their gratitude.

"Stand Firm in the Lord." Philippians 4:1

Our Church Grows through RCIA

Springtime is a time of change, new beginnings, and new growth. Our Eastertide celebration reminds us of the sacrifice of our Risen Lord and the new life in Him that He has secured for each of us.

At the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday evening, we welcomed five adults and two children into our Catholic Family. It was a joyous celebration and the culmination of seven months of meeting and learning about the Faith. I think it is important that we recognize these committed members for their dedication and participation during these months. Jenna Densler, TJ Lauer, James Payne, and David Stringer were baptized into the Faith. They, along with Malia Gladen, were then Confirmed and received into full communion with the Church. Jade Densler and Beau Stringer were also among those who were Baptized.

The months spent with these folks were a great pleasure for me and the RCIA team that works with me each week throughout the year. I also want to note that this year we had many additional family members participating. Some have been away from the Church for many years, others looking to refresh the Faith that they grew up with and to support their loved ones on this journey of Faith. To Jennifer, Tom, Nancy, Stacy, Rosie, and Bill, along with team members, Willy, Christine, Joyce, Lindsay, and Rita, thank you for your presence and your active participation.

Blessings to all!
Deacon Chuck



VBS Returns This Summer!

St. Barbara Vacation Bible School for children will take place on June 20 - June 24 from 9:30am till noon each day, with a closing celebration on Friday. Bible stories, skits, songs, and snacks will be included each day. Youth Group members will assist in all activities. Contact Jackie Koop or John Kidwell to volunteer for one or more days. Registration and details will be available on the St. Barbara website.

**Congratulations to the 2022 grade school,
high school, and college graduates of our parish!**

Students Celebrate the Sacraments

After months of preparation, 27 students were happy to celebrate First Reconciliation on February 16 and First Communion on April 24. On May 16, the sacrament of Confirmation was received by 26 students when they were anointed by Bishop John Iffert. Please keep our young parishioners in your prayers so that they will remain committed Catholics.

Thank you to the families, second-grade catechist Cyndi Dennemann, Confirmation catechist Diane Blackwood, Father John Sterling, and Deacon Chuck Melville for their love and support for our students during their preparation for the sacraments.



OUR 2022 FIRST COMMUNICANTS:

Brandon Alvarez, Aria Boehmker, Vincent Bolanos, Ville Brinkman, Daniel Crouch, Michael Dennemann, Jade Densler, Timothy Eten, Dylan Ferayorni, Elias Fulmer, Emilee Goldsberry, Shawn Greenwald, Elliott Hopple, Brady Keckeis, Zachary Kertis, Adam Kigi-Ude, Jacob Kues, Evan Lageman, Isabelle Lageman, Marshall Leininger, Sayirah Lopez, Macie Martin, Ivan Pomales, Sebastian Pomales, Colton Rapien, Mason Ruschman, Frank Rust, Arabella Wendling



OUR 2022 CONFIRMANDI:

Maria Alvarez, Rachel Brockman, Cole Bunch, Alissa Dorgan, Austin Dorgan, Brian Dorgan, Kayden Durrett, Kanaan Forste, Christopher Fulmer, Ian Hawkes, Allison Hernandez, Kaitlin Keeton, Anna Kolar, Katie McMillan, Grissel Mejia, Austin Morehead, Tyler Morehead, Braydon Perez, Ivan Pomales, Isaiah Reinhart, Will Steczynski, Julie Stephens, Maddie Strunk, Avery Tharp, Anna Vogelpohl, Lauren Williams

Rosary Ministry

By Courtney Mueller

One of Joyce Levo's favorite things about being part of the Rosary Ministry is taking the time to notice how many parishioners join in with the prayers. She says that this reminds her of Matthew 18:20: "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

The only requirements for joining the ministry are a love of praying the Rosary and the ability to arrive at Mass at least 30 minutes early. The Rosary is prayed before each weekend Mass and after daily Mass at 10AM.

For more information or to volunteer to be a Rosary Leader or substitute, parishioners can contact Joyce Levo via email at jlevo@twc.com or via text at 859-446-1791. Please provide the time of the Mass at which you would like to lead the Rosary, your email, and phone number. The ministry schedule is published in the bulletin each week.



Our Parish Family

New Parishioners

Peter Kindzieski
Malia Gladen
Stacy Kreidler
Thomas Lauer
TJ Lauer
Darin & Victoria Taylor
Charles & Virginia Hans
Tyler & Tosha Carpenter
Gregory & Donna Herzog
Tania Perez
Ryan & Nicole Zumdick
Robert Brake
James & Karen Sturgeon
Christine Vilardo
Regina Deward
John Decker

In Memoriam

Jeffrey Janning (Sept. 2021)
Elsie King (Oct. 2021)
James Baum (Dec. 2021)
John Huff (Feb. 2022)
Joan Halfhill (Feb. 2022)
Rosemary Rippe (Mar. 2022)
Rev. Robert Rosing, pastor 1981-1987 (Mar. 2022)
Katherine Brink (May 2022)

Crusader Nation

By Dennis Wolff, Principal



During the Lenten season, our St. Henry students have had a variety of opportunities to deepen their relationship with God through almsgiving, prayer, giving something up, and more. Our 6th graders led our school-wide almsgiving effort by carrying on the St. Henry tradition of collecting money for the CRS rice bowl. They created a campaign, developed, and presented information to all homerooms, made school-wide announcements, then collected and counted the money. Every morning, and throughout the day in classes, students participated in Lenten prayer with daily Bible readings and reflection questions. In class, students studied the stations of the cross before participating as a student body in the stations in our church.

Other prayer and relationship deepening opportunities included our 7th and 8th-grade student council members attending the service at the Cathedral when Bishop Iffert consecrated the Immaculate Heart of Mary to Ukraine. All of our 3rd through 8th graders had the opportunity to attend confession, and our 2nd graders had their First Reconciliation.

We had a tough winter addressing Covid, but once the spread was controlled, we moved to masks optional and fell right back into our routine of doing the things that make St. Henry such a great place. Our musical was performed at the Drees Auditorium at SHDHS for the first time, students are going on field trips, students are moving more freely in the building, and we're thankful for it. We've even started having liturgical music practice and it's a blessing to hear our children's voices fill our church.

There are opportunities to be part of our school community in a number of ways. If you have school-age children, please call to schedule a tour, and come by for a visit. We are blessed to be able to hire more staff next year and are in need of instructional aides, interventionists, a PE teacher, preschool, and aftercare staff. Call the office if you or someone you know is interested. If you have a passion for another content area or expertise, call the office, and let's talk anyway. I'm always interested in meeting with and talking to people that love St. Henry and want to be part of our Crusader Nation.

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sthenryschool.net



Father John visited St. Henry School during a lunchtime in February.

Servers Recognized for Dedication

Bishop Iffert conferred the Serra Club award to six servers from our parish on April 3 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption. The award was received by Delaney Wolfe, Janalee Teegarden, Elliot Lageman, and Aden Thompson (pictured below) plus Cole Bunch and Isaiah Reinhart. We are very grateful for their dedication and service at our Sunday Masses.

Youth or adults interested in becoming altar servers can contact John Kidwell at 859-750-3380 about joining this important ministry.



Step Up and Volunteer!

Several of our ministries need more volunteers, especially as we approach the summer months. Please call the office (859-371-3100) or email ministry@stbararaky.org if you are interested in these ministries.

- Take the Vocations Crucifix for a week to pray for vocations at home. This is a great opportunity to pray as a family and discuss vocations with children.
- Lead the Rosary before a weekend Mass.
- Take Holy Communion to Woodcrest and to Emerald Trace.
- Assist at Mass as an Altar Server

Learn about stewardship opportunities at our parish!

Go to the Ministry tab on our parish website or app.

Who inspires you? Share the good news!

Suggestions for the Stewardship and Ministry features are welcomed and can be sent to crosstalk@stbararaky.org.

Stewards Among Us

By Courtney Mueller

Laura Scheben has been a member of St. Barbara since its "Saint Levi's" days. From her work with the Altar Society to Rocktoberfest, Laura's dedication to our parish is clear to all who know her.

While she loves all of the ministries in which she is involved, Laura especially loves the ministries that involve kids and being a sacristan. She loves being a sacristan because she has met so many people. Though she was active in school activities and committees at St. Henry when her kids were young, once her kids graduated from high school, she wanted to continue to stay active. Now, Laura is involved in planning Lunch with Santa, Pumpkinfest and serves as the chair of Children's Games at Rocktoberfest.

Laura credits her love of service to those she saw serving our parish as a child. Specifically, she credits her grandmother for inspiring her to get involved. Her grandmother was on many different committees, including making coffee after mass on Sundays. Her mother was a CCD teacher, and her father helped with some of the wiring in the original church. Laura says that she loved getting a "behind-the-scenes look." No matter what, her family was always involved, and Laura has carried on this tradition.

In her spare time, Laura enjoys spending time with her family and friends, doing yoga, reading, and crafting.



Fantastic Fish Fries

Finally, after 2 years of the awful pandemic, our parish was able to have our annual Lenten fish fry once again. The men of the Holy Name Society would like to thank all our volunteers, most especially the Holy Dames for all their dedication and time to making this such a wonderful event! We can't go without giving a huge thank you to John Kidwell and our youth group who volunteer so much of their time to help us out. We also would like to thank all those parishioners and friends of St. Barbara who came out to support this fun community-building event. It was great seeing everyone's smiling faces and our patrons really enjoyed being able to come out and share fellowship and the fantastic food at our fish fry.

Upcoming Events

See future bulletins for more details.

Cross the Bridge for Life.....June 5
Men's Night Out.....June 10
Vacation Bible School.....June 20-24
Parish Picnic.....July 30