

St. Barbara Catholic Church

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SUNDAY LITURGIES

Saturday Mass.....5:00 p.m.

Sunday Mass 6:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and

Saturday.....8:30 a.m.

Tuesday.....6:00 p.m.

First Friday Devotions

Mass at 8:30 a.m., followed by a short period of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Evening Mass at 6:00 p.m., followed by Exposition and Adoration, concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:45 p.m.

Holy Day of Obligation

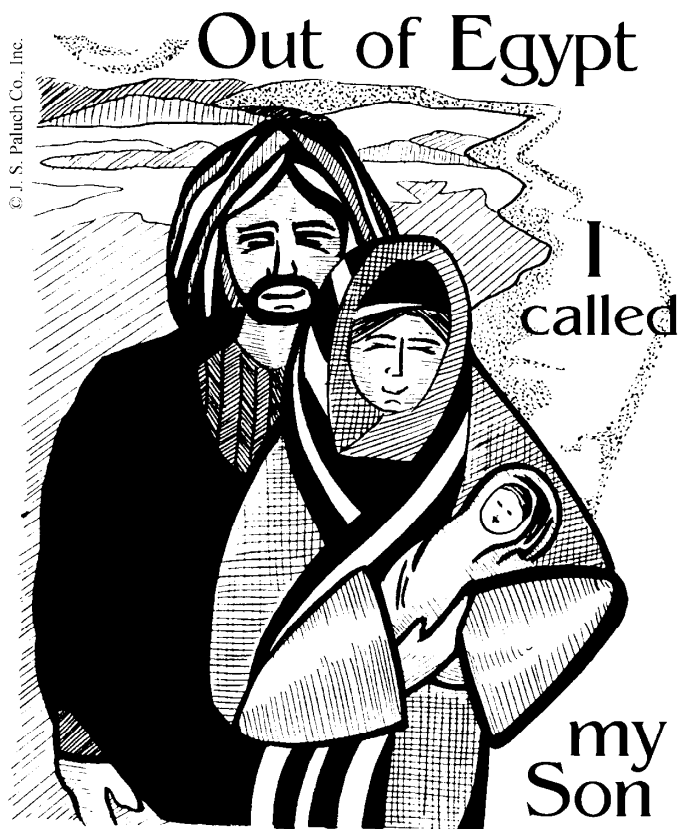
6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m.-unless otherwise noted

Confessions: Saturday 3:45—4:30 p.m.

Baptisms: Parents must attend a baptismal preparation meeting 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.

Weddings: Arrangements must be made at least nine months in advance. Please do not set a banquet hall date before setting a wedding date with the Church.



**The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary, and Joseph
December 30, 2007**

*Over all [other virtues] put on love, that is,
The bond of perfection.*

-Colossians 3:14

CONTACTS

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School Hall.....312/326-9355

Senior Citizen Center312/225-2108

Moving? Please contact the rectory with change of address.

WELCOME

St. Barbara Parish extends its warmest welcome to both new parishioners and visitors to our beautiful church. We are truly pleased that you have joined us today. Please introduce yourself to Father Dennis, our Administrator, Father Francis Li, our Associate. We hope you will join us for Mass every Sunday and become a member of St. Barbara Parish. You

Altar Servers

Saturday, January 5th

5:00 p.m. Sage Estrada, Sarah Gortowski,
Alexis Goetz

Sunday, January 6th

6:00 a.m. Thomas Skrip
9:30 a.m. Andrew Macias, Anna Hernandez,
Dominique Heil
11:30 a.m. Vanessa Torres, Gustavo Serrano,
Brian Lopez

Eucharistic Ministers

Tuesday, January 1st

9:30 a.m. Dorothy Kawalerski, Irene Zima

Saturday, January 5th

5:00 p.m. Barb Czerniak, Lori Goetz

Sunday, January 6th

6:00 a.m. Jim & Pat Blaszak, Sharon Guest
9:30 a.m. Roberta Carden, Irene Zima
11:30 a.m. Joanne Dominiak, Adeline Skokal

Lectors

Monday, December 31st

5:00 p.m. Michael Spalla, Michele Michalak

Tuesday, January 1st

9:30 a.m. Ken Ricci, Grace Dumelle

Saturday, January 5th

5:00 p.m. Deanne Hailer, Christine Hailer

Sunday, January 6th

6:00 a.m. Jim Bertucci
9:30 a.m. Rebecca Brazel, Marianne Carden
11:30 a.m. Bette Pienta, Angela Hansen

Cantors

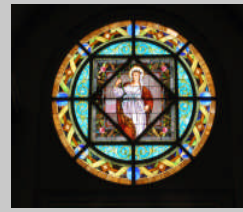
Sunday, January 5th

6:00 a.m. Jim Bertucci
11:30 a.m. Festival Choir



Altar & Liturgical Remembrance

An Altar/Liturgical Remembrance is another special way of remembering someone prayerfully. For a donation of \$50, this remembrance can be for someone celebrating a birthday, a couple celebrating their anniversary, for someone sick in prayers, for the repose of the soul of a loved one who has died, etc. This donation will help to cover the expense of various altar/liturgical supplies for the week: hosts, wine, candle oil, etc.. To give a remembrance, call the church office: 312/842-7979.



LIGHTING SPONSOR

In memory of Cecilia Sun

Requested by: Father Li

TRUST IN GOD

Saint Matthew's account of the flight into Egypt takes center stage today as we continue to follow the story of the Holy Family. Once again the angel of the Lord appears to Joseph in a dream, telling him to take the child Jesus and his mother to Egypt. Joseph heeds the command and takes them on what must have been a strenuous journey. Saint Matthew does not give us any of the details, but we can only imagine what this journey must have been like. Where did they eat? Where did they find shelter? What were the roads like? Was Joseph able to find work? The Holy Family survived in no small measure because they put their trust in God. This is exactly what today's feast calls us, God's holy family, to do.

MARKET DAY CORNER:

Thank you to everyone that purchased Market Day last month, we had a profit of roughly \$300.00. Thank you to all our dedicated volunteers and Service Hour School Parents that helped this sale run smoothly. The new January Market Day forms are available in the back of the church. Orders are due back by January 6th, with pick up being on January 12th.

This month place an order and be entered to win a trip to Disney World. See form for details or call Bev at (312)326-3322.

Thank you.

Bev Pirelli, Market Day Chairperson

Make-Up Envelopes: If you are not able to make it to Mass at St. Barbara because you are out of town and celebrating Mass at another parish, please remember to place those envelopes in the collection the following Sunday. Thank you.

Mass Schedule

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Saturday, December 29th
Vigil of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
 5:00 p.m. + Diane Smalec (Barbara Czerniak)

Sunday, December 30th—Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
 5:30 a.m. *Recitation of the Rosary*
 6:00 a.m. + Rev. Julius Walz (Friends)
 + Mary Adducci (Friends)
 + Anniv. Lucille Bielanski (Bertucci Family)
 9:30 a.m. + John Kotula (Novak Family)
 + Ann Golab (Golab Family)
 11:30 a.m. + 33rd Anniv. Ann Rzasa (Daughters)

Monday, December 31st—Seventh Day in Octave of Christmas
 8:30 Parishioners of St. Barbara

Tuesday, January 1st—Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God
 9:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Barbara

Wednesday, January 2nd—St. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, bishops, doctors
 8:30 a.m. + Ann Frenzel
 + Wayne Serafini (Serafini Family)

Thursday, January 3rd—Christmas Weekday
 8:30 a.m. Health blessings for Joe Ankrum
 (Ed & Bea Glabicki)

Friday, January 4th—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious
 8:30 a.m. + Albina Razzino (Linda Solarczyk)
 6:00 p.m. + Rose Buchta (M/M S. Wilczak)
 6:30 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 7:45 p.m. Benediction

Saturday, January 5th—St. John Neumann, bishop
 8:30 a.m. Parishioners

Saturday, December 29th
Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord
 5:00 p.m. + Irene Laskowski (Polakowski Family)
 + Katherine Nowak (Birthday Remembrance)
 (Adrian & Karen Goetz & Family)
 + Cecilia Sun (Barbara Czerniak)

Sunday, January 6th—Epiphany of the Lord
 5:30 a.m. *Recitation of the Rosary*
 6:00 a.m. + Evelyn Novak (Family)
 + Deceased members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society
 9:30 a.m. + Anthony Demma (Tom & Carol Spalla)
 11:30 a.m. + Ted Glowacki (Ann & Family)

Collection: 12-22-07 & 12-23-07

Sunday Collection: \$3676.08
 Children's Envelopes: \$58.45
 Debt Reduction: : \$1165.88
Total Sunday Collections: \$4900.41
Weekly Income Goal: \$5,500.00

Candles: \$300.44

Retirement Fund for Religious \$756.00

Total attending Masses: 369

Please consider giving one hour of your weekly salary as your contribution. God bless your generosity.

Donation Range			
Less than \$5	7	\$30-39	6
\$5-9	65	\$40-49	2
\$10-14	66	\$50-99	10
\$15-19	20	\$100 +	3
\$20-29	37		

Our Second Collection is for Organ Fund & Repair



Remember in your prayers those who are hospitalized, homebound and those who have asked for our continued prayers.

Joe Ankrum, Jackie Balla, Jim & Pat Blaszak, Jean Brady, Dolores Butkiewicz, Frances Czajka, Karen Demma, Robert Galasinski, Ed Glos, Evelyn Goetz, Casey Gortowski, Elizabeth Guest, Jose P. Gutierrez, Sandie Laird-Hart, Evelyn Jirik, Christopher Jordan, Jim Hansen, Geri Kaput, Bernice & Eugene Korso, Paul Kotula, Laura Latimer, Richard Madera, Elizabeth McClaghry, Sandy Mongardo, Gertrude & Stephan Mrgan, Matthew Mroczek, Helen Nippe, John Novak, Celina Ornelas, Allison Pakula, Joseph Parilli, Irene Peters, Gina Petkus, James Petkus, Dolores Pienta, Thomas Potthoff, Evelyn Pyznarski, Sandra Rios, Christopher Ryndak, Dorothy Rzasa, Mary Lou Sepe, Jean Smucinski, Gary Solverson, Rose Stronczonek, Josephine Walowski, Sylvia Wiertel, Albert Winters, Alex Wojtonik, Joseph Ziomek, Michael Ziomek, Special Intention

St. Barbara Elementary School Is a Great Place to Learn

If you are interested in more information about our school, please call the school office at 312-326-6243. Our next open house is scheduled for Wednesday evening, January 30, 2008 from 6:00 – 7:30 PM. New registrations begin that week. Children must be 5 years of age by September 1, 2008 to enter kindergarten. Preschoolers must be 3 or 4 by September 1, 2008 to enroll in the preschool program.

What have you done **FOR YOUR MARRIAGE** today?



Take time to nurture your marriage. After all, it's a lifetime adventure.

www.foryourmarriage.org



Catholic High School Entrance Exam

Saturday, January 12, 8:00 a.m.
Testing fee is \$25

Bring two #2 pencils & a calculator
(Depends on school)

There is no need to register to take the Exam.

Quick facts about our Catholic high schools:

- ◆ 98% of our seniors graduate and 95% of those graduates go on to college.
- ◆ More than 27,000 students attend the high schools of the Archdiocese.
- ◆ So many ways to fit in! Our Catholic high schools are communities of faith with youth groups, clubs, service organizations, leadership opportunities, sports, and so much more.

Altar & Rosary Sodality

Rosary ladies will meet this coming Sunday, January 6th at 1:00 p.m. in the Senior Center.

We invite all our members to join us as we start preparing for our coming Easter dinner.

A Luncheon will be served and the usual games played.

Hope to see all of you!

**The parish office will be closed
New Year's Eve, December 31st,
and New Year's Day, January 1st.**

Holy Family

Joseph trusts God, and listens to His directions. Many times we hear God's call, but do not listen, because God's plan is not our own. Is God calling you to the priesthood or religious life? There is only one way to find out...trust God. For more information about the priesthood contact Father Joe Noonan at 312/751-8298 or religious life contact Sister Peter Mart Hettling at 312/751-5245.

Catholic Appeal December 26 Update

Donor Count	149
2007 Goal	\$10,900
Amount Pledged	\$17,882
Amount Paid	\$15,532
Balance Due	\$2,350

St. Barbara's Catholic Appeal Committee thanks you for your generous response to this special appeal which supports various ministries of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Because we have exceeded our goal of \$10,900, the remaining pledges due amount of \$2,379 will go directly to St. Barbara. There remains 21 families with outstanding pledges amounts of \$25 to \$500. If for some reason your financial situation has changed, please let us know, and your name will be removed from the list. Otherwise, we ask you to follow through on your commitment, so that St. Barbara can directly benefit from your pledge.

Feast of Mary, the Mother of God A Holy Day of Obligation

Masses:

New Year's Eve: December 31, 5:00 p.m.
New Year's Day: January 1, 9:30 a.m.



It's a Wonderful Life

It's a Wonderful Life is the theme of this year's family and alumni dinner dance. The tradition of this event is as memorable as the movie theme of our dinner dance this year. School memories with old friends, good food and great dancing make this an evening to remember.

This year's event will take place on Sunday evening, January 27, 2008. The event will take place at Polonia Banquets 4604 S. Archer Ave., Chicago.

Time: 5-9:00 P.M. Cash bar. Tickets are \$35.00 for adults and \$15.00 for children 3 years through eighth grade. Children 2 and under are free. You may purchase tickets through our parish rectory by calling Andrea Mannion at 312-842-7979.

PRAY AND PLAY TEEN NIGHT SUNDAY, JANUARY 13



6:00 P.M. GUITAR
MASS IN CONVENT CHAPEL



6:45-8:00 P.M. OPEN GYM

FOR 8TH GRADE THROUGH
HIGH SCHOOL

Super Raffle Games

Tuesday, January 1

Tickets: \$20 in advance—\$25 at door
9—\$250 games

Doors open at 12:00 Noon—Games start at 2:00

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St. Barbara Ladies Guild

BUNCO PARTY

School Fundraiser



Friday, January 11th, 2008

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Admission \$20 per ticket

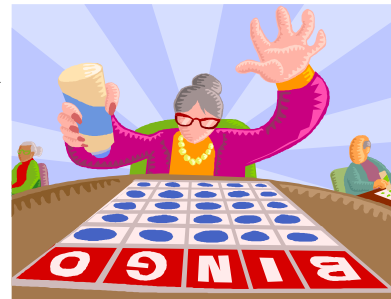
Raffle, split the deck, & door prizes

Refreshment will be available

For tickets,
contact Elva Perez (773-843-2558) or
Mary Murrehy (773-924-2999)

Remember that
BINGO is also played
every Thursday at
6:45 p.m. (B463)

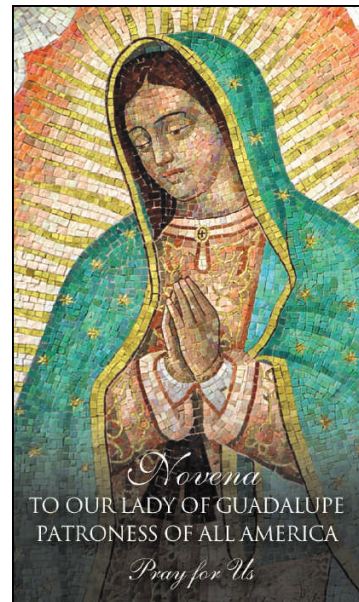
Play the Special RED
HOT Cover-All
Raffle



Collection for the Church in Latin America January 5-6, 2008

*Forming Disciples-
Building One Church*

Throughout Latin America and the Caribbean, the Catholic Church is an effective sign of faith, hope, and love. Generous contributions made by U.S. Catholics to this annual Collection supports over 400 pastoral projects in more than 200 dioceses in 22 countries annually.

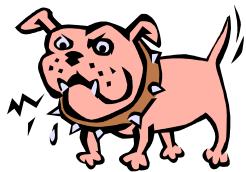


Novena
TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
PATRONESS OF ALL AMERICA
Pray for Us

Feats of the Holy Family

"And be thankful." Colossians 3:15

This short phrase can be the key to a life of great peace and joy. When you take time to be thankful you realize that you have been abundantly blessed. When you take time to be thankful you are more open to enjoying and sharing the many blessings in your life. As the old year ends and a new year begins, resolve to be thankful. This is the first step to living as a good and faithful steward of all God's blessings.



Attention all St. Barbara Alumni

St. Barbara is in the process of updating its alumni data base for both the elementary school and the

high school. If you are an alumni reading this, we would appreciate having your current contact information.

Name (including maiden and married)
Year of Graduation (Elementary and/or High School)
Address, Phones, Occupation, E-mail (very important)

You can e-mail this information to: StBarbara@StBarbaraChicago.org, or fax the school at , or just drop off the information in the collection.

We would also like to know what is happening in your life, with your family, or with your job. We like to make mention of our alumni in our Alumni Newsletter. Thank you.

Archdiocesan Mass for Life January 5, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

St. Lambert
8148 Karlov Ave., Skokie, IL 60076

**Francis Cardinal George,
 Principal Celebrant**

We remember the children lost and women hurt through abortion as we reflect on the 35th anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Join Cardinal George and priests from across the Archdiocese of Chicago for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass as we petition the Lord to end the scourge of abortion in our land!



We Are A People of Life!

"I came so that they might have life, and have it more abundantly." John 10: 10

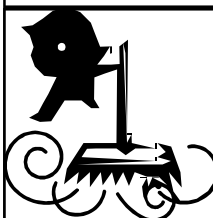


BINGO Hall of Fame

**\$800 Coverall Winner
 December 20, 2007
 Zena**

First Friday Liturgies January 4

- 8:30 a.m. Mass followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
- 6:00 p.m. Mass
- 6:30 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 7:45: Benediction

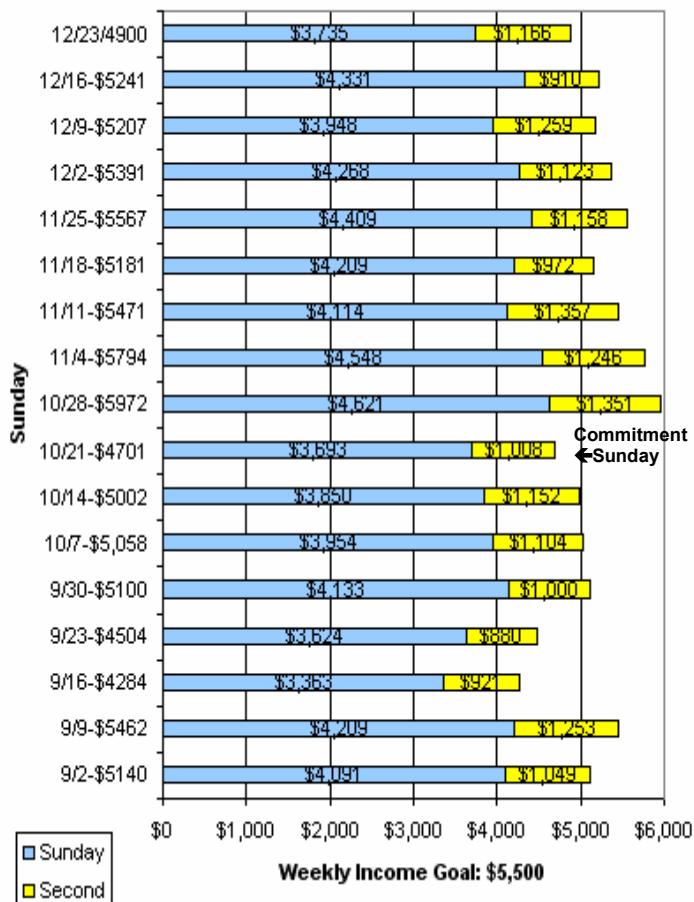


Church Cleaning

Saturday, January 5, at 9:30 a.m.

Cleanliness is next to Godliness

Weekly Total Sunday Collection



Dear people of St. Barbara,

Christmas at St. Barbara has been a most prayerful and joyous celebration of the birth of the Christ Child. While I always enjoy celebrating Mass, celebrating Mass on Christmas at St. Barbara I find most spiritually fulfilling. This year we had a total of 693 people in attendance, praying along at the Christmas liturgies. Our Midnight Mass had the largest number of worshippers, 263, followed by 210 at our 4:00 p.m. family Mass, which this year included a Christmas pageant with children from our elementary school. I am grateful to Mr. Hurckes, Barbara Hudren, and Fr. Francis for working with our school children. This year we had over 40 more people at the parish Masses as compared to last year.

There are a number of groups of people to thank who helped to make Christmas at St. Barbara such a wonderful celebration, from planning the liturgy, to decorating the church and the outside, to cleaning the church, and for providing such uplifting music.

I thank Brad Zamora for directing the Midnight Mass Choir and creating the worship aids, and for all those who sang or played an instrument in the choir. I was particularly moved by their singing of Silent Night. I also thank Eva Mrgan who worked with our school choir and prepared them to sing at the Family Liturgy under the direction of Brad Zamora.

I thank Julie Garcia and all those who came out on Saturday mornings to clean the church for Christmas. I thank Allen Novak, Ed Glos, and crew who setup our outside Nativity scene. Thanks to Ron Jordan and Chris Jordan and crew for decorating the inside of Church and for the beautiful poinsettia arrangements, and to Barbara Hudren for her contribution to the liturgical arrangements. Thanks to Ed and Bea Glabicki for all the work they put in the week before Christmas, setting up the Nativity Scene, along with putting up some of the other Christmas Tress in church. They truly make it a labor of love.

Thanks to all those who were liturgical ministers, especially those who were present at multiple Masses. Ed Glos made sure that Midnight Mass was covered with ushers, even though some ushers were already at the 4:00 p.m. Mass or would be present at the 6:00 a.m. Christmas morning Mass.

Thanks to all of you for your generosity. Over \$1,200 was collected for flowers. I am waiting on the final count for our Christmas collection. If you were away from the parish for Christmas, you still can contribute your parish Christmas gift.

This year we tried some new and different things with the Christmas Art and Environment. This was done after a lot of discussion by the Liturgy committee, and everything was approved by me. I am firm believer that tradition is important, but I also want to encourage creativity. A balance has to be maintained between respecting tradition and trying things which are fresh and new. Some of you have already weighed in your opinions, both positive and critical. I invite your feedback. While I assure you that I will try my best to listen to everyone, I cannot give assurance that what is done in the parish will always be agreeable to everyone. A number of parishioners noted that the big Christmas trees were obscuring Mary and Joseph. Listening to your comments, we subsequently moved those two Christmas trees to the side.

Fr. Francis and I, along with the rest of the parish staff, wish you and your families a happy and healthy New Year, filled with God's blessings. Fr. Dennis Ziomek, administrator

Parish Leadership Lunch and Parish Pastoral Council Presentation Saturday, January 19, 11 a.m.—1:00 p.m

The Parish Council has drafted a Parish Mission Statement which they would like to present to the leaders of all the parish organizations for your review and suggestions. The Parish Council would also like to discuss with the Parish Leadership the role and purpose of a Parish Pastoral Council in the life of St. Barbara Parish. Finally, the Parish Council would like to address the concept of Commissions which every parish organization is a part of .

Each Parish Organization is asked to have at least one of their officers present for this meeting. In order to have a good representation of the parish leadership, we ask that each organization be uniquely represented. The meeting is not limited to only one officer, and other members are also welcome. A simple lunch will be served at 11:00 a.m. before the meeting begins.



Exploring Priesthood Weekend January 11-13, 2008, Mundelein Seminary



These weekends will feature presentations on:

- Practical steps in discerning one's vocation
- Becoming more fully a disciple of Jesus Christ
- Vocational journeys of priests & how they came to understand God's call
- Prayer opportunities including the celebration of the Eucharist and Night Prayer
- Seminarian-led presentation on what life is like in a seminary, including its main components: academic, human, spiritual, and pastoral formation
- Additional opportunities to talk with seminarians candidly about their lives and vocations

You can obtain further information or make a reservation by contacting Fr. Joe Noonan at 312-751-8298, jnoonan@archchicago.org or Fr. Ken Carlson, Mundelein Seminary Recruiter at 847-970-4845, kcarlson@usml.edu.