

St. Barbara  
Parish Survey  
sponsored by the  
Parish Pastoral Council

Please complete and return by

December 31, 2008

Thank you for your cooperation

# St. Barbara Parish Survey - December 2008

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(Complete as a family or as individuals. Additional surveys available in the back of Church or at [www.StBarbaraChicago.org](http://www.StBarbaraChicago.org))

Please tell us about yourself:

Name (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Please mark the number of members of your household for each category (mark all that apply)

Less than 18	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 and older
___ male	___ male	___ male	___ male	___ male	___ male	___ male
___ female	___ female	___ female	___ female	___ female	___ female	___ female

Years with the parish:

\_\_\_ less than 1    \_\_\_ 1-10    \_\_\_ 11-20    \_\_\_ 21-30    \_\_\_ 31-40    \_\_\_ 41-50    \_\_\_ more than 50

Race

\_\_\_ Caucasian    \_\_\_ African American    \_\_\_ Hispanic    \_\_\_ Asian    \_\_\_ MultiRacial/Other \_\_\_\_\_

How often do you attend Mass?

\_\_\_ Everyday    \_\_\_ Once a week    \_\_\_ 1-3 times a month    \_\_\_ less than once a month    \_\_\_ major Holy Days

Do you read the Parish Bulletin?

\_\_\_ yes    \_\_\_ no and why? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have school aged children?

\_\_\_ at St. Barbara    \_\_\_ not at St. Barbara    \_\_\_ does not apply

Do you visit the Parish Website?

\_\_\_ yes    \_\_\_ no and why? \_\_\_\_\_

Overall, please indicate your level of involvement in the parish

\_\_\_ uninvolved    \_\_\_ somewhat involved    \_\_\_ very involved

Parish Strengths (You may want to answer these two questions after you have completed the rest of the survey.)

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Parish Concerns or Areas for Improvement

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**Questions about St. Barbara in general (Please circle your selection.)**

	Very Negative 1	Somewhat Negative 2	Uncertain 3	Somewhat Positive 4	Very Positive 5
1. My overall experience at St. Barbara is:	1	2	3	4	5
2. I am familiar with the mission and goals of St. Barbara.	1	2	3	4	5
3. In my judgment, most other people I know are happy with what they experience at St. Barbara.	1	2	3	4	5
4. St. Barbara offers a good balance of activities and programs for everyone.	1	2	3	4	5
5. There is a strong sense of community among parishioners.	1	2	3	4	5
6. The Priests are responsive to the needs of the parishioners.	1	2	3	4	5
7. There are an adequate number of youth programs.	1	2	3	4	5
8. There are effective lines of communication with the parish.	1	2	3	4	5
9. There is an overall sense of teamwork and cooperation in the parish.	1	2	3	4	5
10. There is a need for more programs in the parish.	1	2	3	4	5
11. Newcomers to the parish feel welcomed.	1	2	3	4	5
12. Parishioners are encouraged and invited to become involved in parish activities (Picnic Fest, etc.).	1	2	3	4	5
13. Parishioners are encouraged and invited to become members of committees and organizations.	1	2	3	4	5
14. St. Barbara Parish offers enough community outreach programs (Baby Bottles, Food Drive, Toy Drive, Blood Drive, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5

Comments:

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**Questions about the Liturgy**

Very Negative 1	Somewhat Negative 2	Uncertain 3	Somewhat Positive 4	Very Positive 5	
1. I would feel comfortable inviting a non-parishioner (such as a friend or relative) to attend mass at St. Barbara.	1	2	3	4	5
2. The times weekend Masses are held are convenient.	1	2	3	4	5
3. The times holy day masses are held are convenient.	1	2	3	4	5
4. The Homilies are relevant and meaningful to my life.	1	2	3	4	5
5. I actively participate in the Liturgy (e.g. reciting the prayers of the Mass).	1	2	3	4	5
6. The music played during Mass creates an atmosphere of prayerfulness.	1	2	3	4	5
7. Our liturgical ministers (ushers, lectors, altar servers, Eucharistic ministers) create an atmosphere of prayerfulness.	1	2	3	4	5
8. The music played during Mass encourages me to sing.	1	2	3	4	5
9. The atmosphere within the church is conducive to prayer and active participation in the liturgy.	1	2	3	4	5

Comments:

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**Questions about the physical appearance of the church and it's premises**

Very Negative 1	Somewhat Negative 2	Uncertain 3	Somewhat Positive 4	Very Positive 5	
1. I like the way the church is decorated for liturgical seasons.	1	2	3	4	5
2. I like the way the parish garden is maintained.	1	2	3	4	5
3. How appealing are the exterior premises of the parish to you?	1	2	3	4	5

Comments:

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**Questions about Religious Education and programs**

	Very Negative 1	Somewhat Negative 2	Uncertain 3	Somewhat Positive 4	Very Positive 5
1. I am satisfied with the types of religious education programs offered for adults	1	2	3	4	5
2. I am satisfied with the types of religious education programs offered for St. Barbara school children.	1	2	3	4	5
3. I am satisfied with the types of religious education programs offered for St. Barbara CCD/Religious Education children.	1	2	3	4	5
4. I am satisfied with the variety of programs offered for youth (under 18) in our parish.	1	2	3	4	5
5. I am satisfied with the variety of programs offered for young adults (18-40) in our parish.	1	2	3	4	5
6. I am satisfied with the level of involvement of the youth in our parish.	1	2	3	4	5
7. I am satisfied with the level of involvement of the young adults in our parish.	1	2	3	4	5
8. I support the mission of St. Barbara Elementary School.	1	2	3	4	5
9. St. Barbara Parish actively encourages vocations to the priesthood and religious life.	1	2	3	4	5

Comments:

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**Questions about Stewardship and Giving**

Very Negative 1	Somewhat Negative 2	Uncertain 3	Somewhat Positive 4	Very Positive 5
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1. I feel obligated to financially support the parish.

1	2	3	4	5
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2. I feel that parish funds are being used responsibly.

1	2	3	4	5
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3. The number of appeals for St. Barbara are reasonable (School, Debt Reduction, Improvement Fund, Fuel, and Organ).

1	2	3	4	5
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4. The number of appeals for supporting the special ministries in the Archdiocese and the worldwide Church are reasonable (Priests Retirement Fund, Seminaries, World Mission Sunday, Catholic Charities, Religious Retirement Fund, etc.).

1	2	3	4	5
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5. St. Barbara effectively communicates the financial status of the parish.

1	2	3	4	5
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6. I use the mailed Church envelopes for weekly offerings .       yes       no

Comments:

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In order to help us plan for the Centennial Church Improvements, please number in the order of importance. (1 being most important)

- front doors replacement
- lighting improvement
- painting of the church interior
- restoration of the original painting of the stations of the cross
- restoration of round exterior windows in the two front towers and bell tower
- sound system improvements
- other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

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# St. Barbara Parish Life Form – December 2008

I would like more information about the following:

## Worship and Spiritual Life

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Server           | <input type="checkbox"/> Liturgy Committee       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Choir Member or Cantor | <input type="checkbox"/> Minister of Care        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deacon                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Minister of Hospitality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eucharistic Minister   | <input type="checkbox"/> Usher                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lector                 |  |

## Human Concerns and Social Action

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Evangelization | <input type="checkbox"/> St. Vincent de Paul |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Respect Life   |  |

## Catholic Education and Formation

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alumni Activities       | <input type="checkbox"/> Lenten Reflections                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baptismal Preparation   | <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage Preparation                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible Study Classes     | <input type="checkbox"/> RCIA/Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CCD/Religious Education | <input type="checkbox"/> School Board of Specified Jurisdiction       |

## Organizations and Activities

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Altar & Rosary Sodality       | <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance Committee                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bingo                         | <input type="checkbox"/> OktoberFest   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Centennial Planning Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Pastoral Council                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Daughters of Isabella         | <input type="checkbox"/> PicnicFest  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance Committee             | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Citizens   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Holy Name Society             | <input type="checkbox"/> YAM (Young Adult Ministries)                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Knights of Columbus           | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Group for 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade through High School |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ladies Guild                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Theology on Tap (TOT)                                     |

List any other ministry, organization, or activity which you might be interested in but is not displayed above

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I wish to speak to a priest

Please contact me with more information.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Best time to reach me \_\_\_\_\_

Email (optional) \_\_\_\_\_



## St. Barbara Catholic Church

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December 2008

Dear Parishioner,

On behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council, I am writing to you, asking your assistance in our parish planning process by completing the enclosed survey. It can be returned either by mail or by placing it in the collection or by returning it to the rectory. While you can complete this one survey as a family, other family members may want to complete their own survey. Additional surveys will be available in church or can be downloaded from our parish WEB site. I ask you not only to circle your response to each question, but also to take the time to write out any comments.

Everyone who is a registered parishioner is being mailed this survey. Your individual answers will be kept confidential, and you do not have to put your name on the survey. This survey will help the Parish Pastoral Council obtain a picture of how the people in the parish feel.

The Parish Council will compile the responses to this survey and then I with the Parish Council will review these results as we consider how best to carry out the mission of the Church and live out the Gospel message of Jesus Christ in our parish. A summary of the results will be made available in the church bulletin, online from our parish WEB site, or by requesting a copy from the rectory.

On the reverse side of this letter is a St. Barbara Parish Life Form. If you wish to be contacted for more information regarding any of these ministries, organizations, or activities, please complete and return. To preserve you anonymity, this form is separate from the survey and can be returned separately if you wish.

I would be most happy to answer any questions which you might have. Please complete this survey by December 31, 2008. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Dennis Ziomek  
Administrator