"The harvest is abundant
but the laborers are few;
so ask the master of the harvest
to send out laborers for his harvest." (Luke 10:2)

Harvest !

# St. Barbara Parish

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St. Thomas More Site 302 Chestnut Street Dalzell IL

# Adoration Room at STM Site

Open Daily from 9 am-6 pm

Confession Info
Saturday morning, alternating
between STM Site & HT Site
in the Confessional between
10:30 am-11:15am



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### Church Office Info

Pastor: Father Thaddeus Tran

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Office Hours at HT: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9am-1pm

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### Reminder for all volunteers

Emergency Number: 779-248-2164

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Safe Environment Training that is required by the Diocese on the website; https://Peoria.CMGconnect.org

# St. Barbara Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of July 7, 2025

Monday	7/7			† No Mass
Tuesday	7/8	9:00 am	STM Site	† Denise Mini
Wednesday	7/9	5:30 pm	HT Site	† Gordon Enerson
Thursday	7/10	9:00 am	HT Site	† Daisy Kopek
Friday	7/11	9:00 am	STM Site	† Gene & Josie Weberski

## St. Barbara Mass Intentions for the weekend of July 12-13, 2025

Saturday	7/12	4:00 pm	ST. Thomas More Site	† For the Parishioners
Sunday	7/13	9:00 am	Holy Trinity Site	† Bob Lehn

### Laborers Are Needed For God's Abundant Harvest

When it comes to the issue of how many disciples Jesus really had, the consensus is that he had 12 disciples. However, we are told today that He appointed another 72 disciples and sent them two by two to the places He Himself would be visiting - note that only Luke mentions this group.

That is a good description of our Christian role. We are supposed to go first to prepare the ground, but then it is Jesus himself who comes to plant the seed of faith. Jesus then goes on to give an instruction to His disciples. We, too, should be listening to His words. First, He points out that the harvest is great and there are very few laborers—few who are willing to do the harvesting work with Jesus.

This is a text which is often thrown at us during "vocation" campaigns. We tend to hear it as a call for more priests, brothers and nuns. It is that, of course, but when Jesus spoke there were no priests, brothers or nuns. The challenge was being thrown out to all his followers to find more people to join in the harvesting work.

We have to be careful as we listen to these words not to exclude ourselves because we are middle-aged, or married, or already have a career. The words are addressed to all of us and call for some kind of response from every one of us. It is never too late to respond to the call.

Furthermore, Jesus also warned His followers the work would not be easy: "I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves." (LK 10:4) This means that in spite of the message of truth, love, compassion and justice that we bring, it does not mean that we will be received with open arms. On the contrary, we may meet with strong opposition and even persecution. Our message will be seen as threatening. It will be distorted and misunderstood.

In light of what transpired between Jesus and His disciples, todays Gospel requires some reflection on our part, both as individuals and as communities, on how we should effectively share the Gospel with those around us and be the harvesters that are so badly needed. Indeed, let us pray for vocations, but let us remember that every single one of us is being called to work in the harvest field and not just some chosen souls who are totally unknown to us. (excerpted from: livingspace.sacredspace.ie)

# Appreciation to our Parishioners:

We would like to thank all our parishioners who contributed to the special collections this past month; thank you also for welcoming all the visiting priests who celebrated Masses in the absence of Fr. Thaddeus. May God repay you a hundredfold for your generosity.

#### Volunteers Needed:

We are so thankful for members who participate in one or more of our Liturgical Ministries. However, we need more volunteers as Lectors, Money counters or Ushers at both churches. Please contact Melissa or Fr. Thaddeus if you like to help.

### Diocesan 25th & 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration:

On September 21, 2025 at 4:00 pm,
Bishop Tylka will celebrate a Mass at the
Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate
Conception for couples who are celebrating either
their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in
2025. Couples who are interested please call the
church office to register by August 1, 2025.
Registered couples will then receive a personal
invitation from the Bishop in the mail.

### **Next Confessions**

Confession will be Sat. July 12th 10:30am-11:15am HT site in the Confessional

### Latest Offering's

June 29th Weekend St. Barbara Parish Total Collections: \$1963.00 HT site \$963.00 STM site \$1000.00

