

WHERE ARE MY KEYS?

There is not a person in the world who has not misplaced or even lost their keys to the house? To the car? To an office? It is very stressful! Whether the "key" is a small metal object or a plastic key card or the "key" for the keyless car, it is a very important for your access to something or somebody. Without it, you cannot get in. Without it you cannot allow others in. When you have a key it means you are trusted! I remember the first time my parents gave me a key to the house because they had to go away and I would be returning home when they were not there. What a sense of power to open that locked door and have access to the safety of our home. And how frightening it would have been to be faced with the locked door to my own house.



But there are keys that are not just for physical access. Think for a moment how language is a key to have access to relationships and communication. If you are travelling and know a few words in the language of the country in which you are travelling, it makes everything easier. The other key that is so important is the key of knowledge. It might be what you know about how a car works or how the stove operates. Or what you do when the drain clogs in the sink or suddenly there are no lights on. Or how you work your I-phone? These are real keys that allow you access to what others might find a mystery.

In a very real sense God gives to each of us a set of keys that we may use not only for ourselves but for each other. So when Jesus says to St. Peter I will give you the keys of the kingdom, on one level he is speaking of the Church and the teaching of the Church over which Peter has authority. But on the level of everyday Christian living, Jesus is reminding us that we also have keys that we must use to unlock the hearts of those who have offended us or have grown hopeless in dealing with life. The key of forgiveness and the key of hope are very real and some of us have more of these keys not for our own profit but for the betterment of the society around us. So make good use of the 'keys' God has given you. Unlock a few doors for those who need forgiveness! Close a few doors that only lead to despair and hopelessness! Share some of your knowledge in a patient and caring way with those who are ignorant! They are all keys of the Kingdom of Christ!

-- Fr. Joe

THANK YOU!



Thank you so much to everyone who participated in our **Back to School Gift Cards for Kids Project**. We were able to present a total of 51 Walmart Gift cards to Metro Catholic School to be given to selected students to help them with the costs for needed items that will help them to prepare for school.

SPECIAL COLLECTION This Weekend

Faith & Values Appeal for Catholic Education in the Diocese

Prayer List

Please pray for our parishioners who are ill and all who are in need of our prayers:

Jim Adams, Phillip Adams, Renette Armstrong, Ed Barker, Stan Bellar, William Boutell, MaryAnn Boyer, Alan Bradny, Iola Natal, Loretta Budzinski, Sarah Burket, Shannon Burke, Phyllis Cielec, Donna Cuevas, Jean Fabian, Mary Jean Farren, Dorothy Friedl, Marcy Hill, Joan Kalemba, Paul Karbowski, Richard Konarski, Chris Krovich, Maria Kusmierczyk, Christopher Lenik, Rosemary Maier, Ed Montgomery, Dorothy Noga, Kathleen Patton, Linda Sikora, Marek Pietrzycki, Martha Plonski, Martha Vana, Mike Prock, Marc Rudolph, Ann Sagar, Robert Orahoske, Lindsey Sieniawski, Brandon Hrelja, Włodzimierz Wrobel, Sandy Kalemba Worden, Ray Yoder, Tom Zakarowsky



CAR CRASH AT OUR CHURCH

Many of you may be aware that on Monday morning, August 17, a motorist crashed into the front of our church. Police responded at around 5:50 a.m. The vehicle hit the guardrail and crashed into the monument knocking it off its base and breaking it into pieces. The car also hit the wall of the church fracturing a section of brickwork, damaging the outside and inside wall.

Paul Davis Restoration is drawing up a report for the necessary repairs and an estimate of costs. Kotecki Monuments who designed and produced the Monument in 1959, will provide an evaluation of the damages to the Monument. The official police report is still pending.

The generosity of our Parishioners & Friends has brought St. Barbara Church the following:

**Collection for August 15-16 - \$2,615 (39 envelopes)
Maintenance Fund - \$387 (7 envelopes)**

Thank you! Dziękuję bardzo!