



We have two weddings happening at St. Barbara's this coming week!

A **Wedding Prayer Vigil** will be held in St. Barbara's Sanctuary for **Lorien Legler and Nick Budke** on **Thursday, October 8th** from 6pm - 10pm.

Then on Friday, October 9th, a **Eucharistic Wedding Vigil** will be held in the Adoration Chapel from 6pm - 10pm for **Ashtin Decker and Garrett Fransico**.

Sign-up sheets are on the table at the main entrance of the church and in the Adoration Chapel.

Please come pray for **Lorien and Nick** and for **Ashtin and Garrett** and the vows they'll be making the following day!
Thanks for your help!

Contact Kelsey Black at 307-797-1778 with any questions.

FAITH FORMATION 2026-2027
DIRECTOR: KATIE STENSING



Hello Faith Formation Families!

I am writing you to let you know that Faith Formation will look a little different this year.

Here at Saint Barbara's we have been blessed with having a faith formation program for a very long time. As time goes on, we need to build upon what we have and continue to grow. I heard a saying once from one of the leaders in our diocese, "we need to prune for new growth."

It is a fact that faith formation starts at home. Parents are the number one influence on religious and spiritual outcomes of youth. The primary way by which Catholic identity becomes rooted in children's lives are the day-to-day religious practices of the family and the ways parents model their faith and share it in conversation, collaboration, and exposure to outside religious opportunities. No pressure, right?! This is where our catholic community steps in, our St. Barbara's congregation is here to support this formation and from this community, volunteers step forth to teach our youth in our faith formation program. The program is supporting what happens in your home.

Spiritual growth for families and individuals can begin with baby steps. That being said, we are going to take our own baby step this year, we need to introduce Family Faith Formation into our program . We want to give families simple tools to be able to grow in and practice their faith on a daily basis in their own homes.

This year of Faith Formation for October through April, our months will look like this:

FAMILY FORMATION - First Wednesday of each Month

We will start with mass at 5:30pm and follow with a potluck dinner at 6:30pm. St. Barbara's will supply the main dish, such as burgers or spaghetti. We will have a short talk on a topic and suggest ways you can do this in your home with your family. If time allows, we will do a quick activity together before calling it a night. You will leave with information to help you incorporate these ideas at home. This is a time to be able to spend time with other families in our parish, just one night a month. We acknowledge that this is not possible for some parents to stay during this time. If this is the case maybe a grandparent can come or a different family member. If you can not attend, but your child can, please send them, we will have volunteers for this purpose.

YOUTH FORMATION - Second & Third Wednesday of each month 6:30pm-7:30pm

These weeks will be the same as we have done faith formation in the past in classrooms for each grade level. High School Students will meet at the Newman Center. You can drop your 1st through 8th grader off at Carroll Hall at 6:30 and we will conclude at 7:30. High school students will meet at the Newman Center from 6:30-7:30pm.

ACTIVITY NIGHT - Fourth Wednesday of each month 6:30pm-7:30pm

This will be changing each month. We will meet in the church. This is a chance to get together and have fun, socialize and grow together. We will start this as a kids only activity for now, if you would like to volunteer please let me know.

Thank you in advance for giving these new changes an opportunity to flourish. It is time to incorporate the entire family into our Faith Formation Program. Please join us. If you have questions, please let me know.

God Bless you and your families, Katie Stensing

UPDATES ON BATHROOM PROJECT

Progress is being made on the Handicapped Bathroom Addition project. We have received \$37,629.31 from the Communion For Mission fundraiser. This project is what we designated as our plan to use the 25% of the funds that you pledged for that Diocesan appeal. This is now in the Building Fund to be used towards our project when we have the go ahead from the Diocesan Building Commission (DBC) in Cheyenne.

The DBC has a very specific checklist that all parishes must use when they plan a new building or renovation project. We are working our way through these requirements. The first few are the recommendations of the:

Parish Council (Josh Serr, Kelsey Black, Jesse Craig, Linda Rodriguees, Sandy Finn, Lynn Belford)

Finance Council (Lee Craig, Brad Ferguson, Sharon Bailey, Mike Dunleavy, Kasha Wood)

Lay Directors (Kelly Spiering & Mary Vail)-both of whom are members of both councils

Building Committee (Kelly Spiering, Jerry Altermatt, Josh Serr, Brad Ferguson, Michelle Estes, Leslie Cannon)

These recommendations have been documented and sent to the DBC. The next important step is a good cost estimate, which we should have this week. The DBC requires that we have 50% of this estimate before construction can begin and that we have a credible plan for raising funds for the remaining 50%. As of September 23rd, the Building Fund (bank & money market) has a balance of \$305,508.

As we move through the DBC checklist, we will keep you updated. The conceptual drawings are available to view on the church bulletin board, and at the lower landing in Carroll Hall. Thank you for your continued generosity and prayers for a successful project.

Statement of Activities

June 30, 2026

	YTD Last Year	YTD Actual	Annual Budget
Income			
CAPITAL Totals:	6,600.00	7,500.00	126,600.00
RESTRICTED DONATIONS Totals:	30,292.27	77,516.34	53,500.00
GENERAL REVENUE Totals:	284,160.54	312,009.89	270,580.00
Income Totals:	321,052.81	397,026.23	450,680.00
Expense			
MINISTRY & LITURGY Totals:	68,292.34	84,037.26	87,800.00
FAITH FORMATION Totals:	33,057.38	36,532.75	37,600.00
CHARITY/OUTREACH Totals:	8,240.69	5,347.57	9,000.00
OTHER PROGRAMS Totals:	0.00	0.00	200.00
FACILITIES Totals:	76,273.19	109,404.94	111,050.00
GENERAL & ADMINISTRATIVE Totals:	72,396.65	89,251.65	83,530.00
CAPITAL Totals:	1,538.61	34,480.73	121,500.00
Expense Totals:	259,798.86	359,054.90	450,680.00
Income - Expense:	61,253.95	37,971.33	0.00

Financial Position-June 30, 2026

Regular Checking	\$15,712
Savings Acct	\$ 1,440
Depreciation Acct	\$10,708

Investment Accounts

Restricted (Building)	\$213,317
Long Term	\$224,747

Update on Living and Giving in Christ-

Our goal for 2026-27 is \$53,631. The current Living and Giving shortfall is \$27,861.