

The Chimes

of Saint Athanasius Parish

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Eucharistic Worship

Monday - Friday 6:30 and 8:15 am
Saturday 8:15 am, 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00, 9:30 and 11:30 am
LifeTeen 5:00 pm

Our Mission

*"Do this in memory of Me."
We, the members of the
Catholic Community of
St. Athanasius Parish,
are each called by baptism
to continue the work of
Jesus Christ embracing all.
We aspire to worship, love,
thank and serve God.
We are open to what
God calls us to become.*



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 6, 2008

Eucharistic Liturgies

January 6 - January 13, 2008

Sunday

- 5:00 pm (Saturday) † Joe & Marian McGowan
- 8:00 am † Norman F. Lawrence
- 9:30 am † Robert T. Coats, Sr.
- 11:30 am † Rose Schuba
- 5:00 pm † Robert Coats, Sr.

Monday

- 6:30 am † Grover C. Ellison
- 8:15 am † Michael Farmer

Tuesday

- 6:30 am † Dorothy McEvoy
- 8:15 am Active & Deceased Members of the St. A's Women's Club

Wednesday

- 6:30 am † Mardy Lepo
- 8:15 am † Betty Suttner

Thursday

- 6:30 am † Allen Hoover
- 8:15 am † Fr. Ralph Staurus

Friday

- 6:30 am † Bridget Gallagher
- 8:15 am † Barry McRaith

Saturday

- 8:15 am † Fr. Bruno Grinis
- 5:00 pm Special Intention for Jennifer Morrison & Family

Sunday

- 8:00 am † Fr. Ralph Staurus
- 9:30 am † Rose Schuba
- 11:30 am † Carmelo Sabatino
- 5:00 pm † Tom Munoz

The Women's Center Thank You

Dear Fr. Tom,
St. Athanasius Parish collected a total of \$1,201.14 in this year's Baby Bottle Project! This is an incredible blessing to The Women's Centers and the women and babies that we serve.

These funds allow us to provide real, practical assistance to women in crisis pregnancies, helping them choose life for their babies, and assisting them in coming to a place of confidence and self respect. Due to your repeated support, and that of numerous other churches in the area, we will be able to reach our dream of offering free ultrasounds to our clients at two of our locations starting in the next couple of weeks!

We want to express to you, the staff, and all of the parishioners at St. Athanasius our sincere appreciation, with special thanks to Mike Hartnett and the Respect Life Committee. Congratulations and thanks again!

Merry Christmas,

Mary A. Strom
Executive Director

Tim Truckenbrod
Dir. of Development

Catholic Charities Thank You

Dear Father Thomas,
Thank you and your parishioners for your gift of \$800.00 to Catholic Charities Northwest Shelter, which we received on 11/15/2007.

I'm touched by your willingness to help people in need. Your gift will bring hope and joy into the lives of those who are recipients of your goodness and generosity. Your support will assist our staff to continue their efforts to protect the homeless.

May God bless you and your parishioners.

Sincerely,

Rev. Michael M. Boland
Administrator
President and CEO

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS



This Week: St. Agnes, Our Sharing Parish

Next Week: None

Pastor's Notes

Matters Far and Near

Tucked in the New Year's resolution pile is the call to support our parish and all its ministries. This is a good time to consider the financial stewardship you will target for St. Athanasius Parish for 2008.

By **setting a personal yearly goal for financial stewardship** of your parish, you not only become more attentive to the blessings and gifts that God has given you, but you also help us in planning a prudent parish budget.

Next weekend we will launch the yearly planned offertory program. In taking the time to prayerfully fill out a card targeting a yearly stewardship goal, you take a real step in "putting flesh on faith." You will soon be **receiving a mailing with additional material** to help in this decision for stewardship.

Capitol Campaign Survey

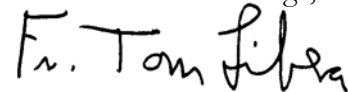
Over the past months, a dedicated group of parishioners has carefully studied the extent of needed church repairs and other projects that could enhance our parish life. The next step in this planning study is to interview a cross section of 75 parishioners in order to get a sense of the level of support for these projects. The accompanying *Chimes* article, **Let Your Voice Be Heard** gives more details.

If you would like to participate in this study, please contact Janice in the Parish Office (847)328-1430, ext. 100 and **arrange for an interview.** Interviews will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis beginning this week.

National Migration Week (*January 6-12*) From Many, One Family of God

This observance easily blends in with the migrations of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus into Egypt and with the Magi's travels. Countering some of the mean-spirited rhetoric about immigrants, especially the undocumented, **a resolution calling for humane and just treatment for immigrants and their families** will be introduced in the Evanston Human Services Committee on Monday, January 7, at 7:00 pm and in the Evanston City Council Meeting on Monday, January 14 at 8:30 pm. Both meetings are in the Civic Center. **Copies of the resolution are available in the church vestibule.**

In the Lord's Blessings,



Prayer for Migrants and Refugees

Lord Jesus, when you multiplied the loaves and fishes, you provided more than food for the body, you offered us the gift of yourself, the gift which satisfies every hunger and quenches every thirst! Your disciples were filled with fear and doubt, but you poured out your love and compassion on the migrant crowd, welcoming them as brothers and sisters.

Lord Jesus, today you call us to welcome the members of God's family who come to our land to escape oppression, poverty, persecution, violence, and war. Like your disciples, we too are filled with fear and doubt and even suspicion. We build barriers in our hearts and in our minds.

Lord Jesus, help us by your grace,

- To banish fear from our hearts, that we may embrace each of your children as our own brother and sister;
- To welcome migrants and refugees with joy and generosity, while responding to their many needs;
- To realize that you call all people to your holy mountain to learn the ways of peace and justice;
- To share of our abundance as you spread a banquet before us;
- To give witness to your love for all people, as we celebrate the many gifts they bring.

We praise you and give you thanks for the family you have called together from so many people. We see in this human family a reflection of the divine unity of the one Most Holy Trinity in whom we make our prayer: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!

Food Drive This Weekend, January 5/6

Non-perishable items such as peanut butter, beans, canned meats and fish, pasta, tea and coffee are appreciated. Donations will be collected in the bin in the church for the Hemenway United Methodist Food Pantry. The Peace and Justice Ministry thanks you for your continuing support!



Christmas Wish Basket Gratitude

'Twas the season for giving and the parishioners of St. Athanasius demonstrated their generosity by filling wish baskets for 150 needy men, women, and children in the Howard Street community. It is estimated that members of our parish spent nearly \$15,000 on this year's wish baskets. Thanks to all those who bought food and holiday gifts and volunteered their time on a Sunday in December to make it all happen.

Interfaith Action

Interfaith Action of Evanston will sponsor its second annual Prayer for Peace service at the Baha'i House of Worship, 100 Linden, Wilmette, on Monday, January 14 at 8:15 pm. Prayers, songs, and readings from various faith traditions will be shared. This service of community prayer, in the ethereal surroundings of the Baha'i Temple, is an excellent way to start the New Year.

St. Athanasius is preparing to launch a series of personal interviews and focus group discussions to gather input regarding a proposed capital campaign and the various funding priorities under consideration. While letters of invitation have been mailed to a number of individuals, everyone within our faith community is welcome (and encouraged) to participate in this important process.

Foley Consulting, Inc. has been engaged to facilitate the interviews and compile all feedback to insure complete confidentiality. Response to the Planning Study will provide the information needed so that the campaign committee will clearly know whether this is, indeed, ***A Time to Grow*** for our family of faith.

No one will be asked to make a financial commitment during the Study, but will be offered the opportunity to share opinions on a number of different topics relating to the proposed campaign. If you are interested in contributing your thoughts, **please contact Janice in the Parish Office at (847)328-1430, Ext. 100.** A wide variety of time slots is available and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis with a goal of interviewing 75 individuals.

Don't delay! Call now to schedule an appointment and "let your voice be heard" for the sake of the Parish you love.



Please Remember In Your Prayers...

The sick and their caregivers, especially **Baby Daniel Vehovsky, Baby Maria Tufaro, James Wilson**, father of Tim Wilson, **Pat Taylor**, brother of Rita Bambrick, **Jeanette Hunter, Carl Sotir, Colin Barth, Lisa Croke**, sister-in-law of Colleen Tosti, **Philip Driscoll, Sr.**, father of Phil Driscoll, Jr., **Angela Fernando**, former parishioner **Diane Bergquist, J. Robert Krebs**, father of Marsha Byrne, **Phillip Neff, Maritza Acevedo, Olga Cheppel, Paul Mooney, Patrick Nicholson**, and **Charmayne Swanson**;

Those in the military, especially **Lt. Chip Bridgman**, nephew of Barbara O'Connor, and **Matthew Chrobak**, nephew of Eric Harkna and Tonise Paul;

Those who have died, especially **Barry McRaith**.

PLEASE NOTE: Names of the Sick recommended to our prayers will remain in the bulletin for **one month**. If you wish their names to remain beyond that time, please call the parish office.

Let's Liftoff!

INTO THE NEW YEAR
WITH SOME FUN & GAMES

TODAY

Sunday, January 6, 2008

5:00 pm LifeTeen Mass

**6:00 pm - Food, Games,
and Discussion in the Youth Room**

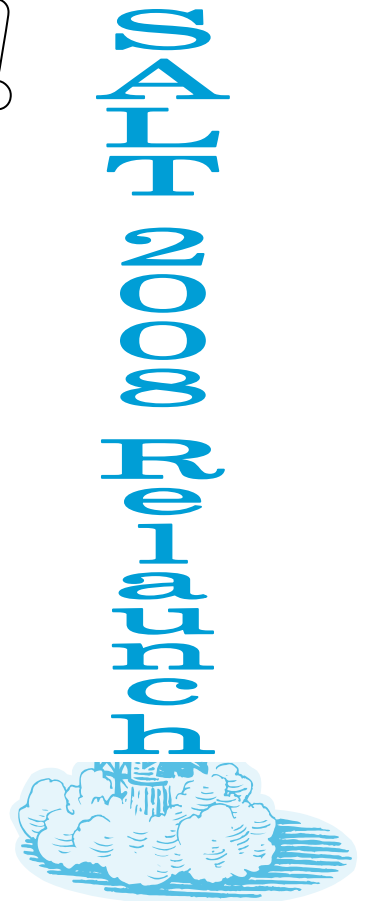
Share new ideas for 2008

GAMES

FOOD

FUN

All High School Students Welcome!



High School Placement and Entrance Exams

Loyola Academy

All eighth grade students interested in attending Loyola must take the Entrance Exam on Saturday, January 12 from 8:15 am - noon. Students should bring two #2 pencils and a \$25.00 testing fee. No advanced registration is necessary. For more information, call the Admissions Office at (847) 920-2481.

Notre Dame High School

Will hold its placement exam for eighth grade students on Saturday, January 12 at 8:00 am. Students should bring two #2 pencils and a \$25.00 testing fee. Registration will take place in the Library starting at 7:15 am prior to the test. For more information, call the Enrollment Department at (847) 779-8615.

Saint Scholastica Academy

Students interested in attending St. Scholastica should take the incoming Student Placement Test on Saturday, January 12 from 8:00 am - noon. Students should bring two #2 pencils and a \$25.00 testing fee. Students should arrive early and enter via the front, east or west entrances. For more information, call Chassie Davis at (773) 764-5715, extension 365.

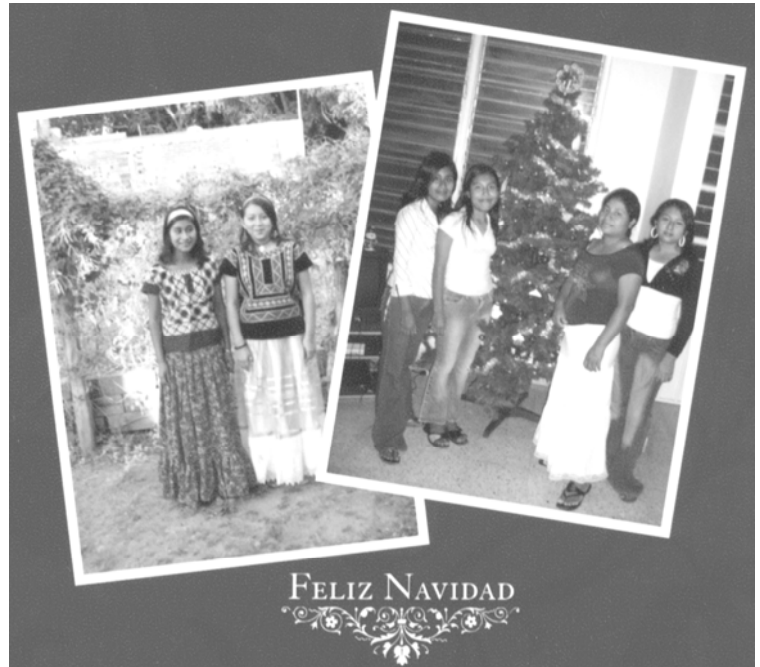
Regina Dominican High School

The entrance exam for incoming freshman is Saturday, January 12 at 7:30 am. Students should bring two #2 pencils, calculator and a \$25.00 testing fee. Parents please join them for coffee and a light breakfast. For more information, call Beth Davoren at (847) 256-7660, extension 268.

Kristen Lietz ~ December 2007

Hello once again from Mexico. Another year has gone by, and every year I seem to have a big change or two in my life. This year has been interesting - some very happy moments and some sad. This year began with the return of Anahi and Agustin to Espinal. They found a small room and Agustin continued his carpentry workshop. Our plans to get Anahi to the States did not work, so she took a job working in a restaurant as an assistant to the cook.

April brought a reunion with my little Kristina, whom I had not seen since the winter. Her mom decided to let me back into her life and every week I go to visit her. I take books, games and activities of enrichment and spend about two hours. It is not what I would have chosen, but I treasure every minute with her.



The program is going well. We had four students start out in the fall; two in secondary school and two in high school. We've had lots of joint programs with the young women from the other program house; primarily we are doing spiritual and leadership development with the entire group. I am very proud of my young women; they are younger than the interns at the other house, but participate readily and have a lot to share. I am especially proud of Lucy, our youngest. She has been with me a year and the changes are remarkable. When she got here she was shy and withdrawn; now in the groups, she is the first to participate, shares her ideas readily and is bright and sunny with all she meets. The change shows in school too. She was getting 6's (5 is failing) in participation in all her classes; the past grading period she brought home 10's (A+) in participation. I was thrilled! It is wonderful to see her growing and changing.

Unfortunately, the return to Espinal was not as successful for Agustin. He fell back in with the crowd that caused him trouble in the past and began to drink more and more. In July, he left his family and disappeared. I took Anahi and Alex in and had to close the student enrollment at four, as I had no more room in the house. Agustin returned in late November, but so far we do not see much change in his behavior. He is staying at Pimpollo and looking for work. Please keep him in your prayers.

In September my life turned upside down, again. A doctor friend of mine found a baby girl that was for adoption, and I decided to give full time motherhood a chance. We are still in the adoption process but little Emily Marie has been with us for three months and is a joy. It has been an adjustment, but one that has been wonderful to make. My interns and Anahi help a lot and little Alex loves his "little sister". Because the adoption is not final and Anahi and Alex were alone, I decided to stay in Mexico this Christmas; I hope to make it back this summer for a visit.

As we head into the New Year, we hope to have some changes in the house and program. We are looking for a property for a permanent home for Casa Isabel. We have raised some money and are looking at what is available. I want to stay in Espinal rather than move back to Juchitan, as I feel it is a nicer place to have the program. We also hope to make a solid plan for Anahi's future, and see where she fits in to the Casa Isabel program or how we can help her become independent.

Blessings this Christmas and all through the New Year from all of us here in Espinal.

Kristen

Parish Calendar

Sunday, January 6

Family Program, 9 am-Noon, School
Athletics, 1-5 pm, Gym
Men's Basketball, 7-9 pm, Gym

Monday, January 7

Athletics, 3:30-10 pm, Gym
Leadership Night, 7 pm, Hartke
Pastoral Council, 8:30 pm, Hartke

Tuesday, January 8

Women's Club, 9-11 am, Fitzgerald Chapel
Mom & Tots, 10 am-Noon, Rosemeyer
Athletics, 3:30-10 pm, Gym

Wednesday, January 9

Athletics, 3:30-9 pm, Gym
Chess, 6-8 pm, Lunchroom
RCIA, 7-9 pm, Fitzgerald Chapel
Peace & Justice, 7:30 pm, Rosemeyer
Choir, 7:30 pm, Church
Men's Basketball, 9-11 pm, Gym

Thursday, January 10

Athletics, 3:30-10 pm, Gym

Friday, January 11

Athletics, 3:30-10 pm, Gym

Saturday, January 12

Athletics, 8 am-1 pm, Gym
Eighth Grade Dance, Gym

Sunday, January 13

Family Program, 9 am-Noon, School
Athletics, 1-5 pm, Gym
Men's Basketball, 7-9 pm, Gym

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103 Fr. Sztorc	129 Bridget Hotchkiss
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111 Fr. Libera	142 Barbara Bonier
114 José Moreno	143 Karen Sellers
115 Susan Castagna	

Weekday Servers January 7-12

8:15 am Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday
Seamus & Fiona McMahon
Thursday/Friday/Saturday
Patrick Mulica, Alana Natke

Liturgical Ministers

Next Weekend January 12/13

5:00 pm Saturday

Presider TBA

Lector Amy Fischl

Servers Samantha Maltezos, Sam Knepper,
Abby Samuelson

Eucharistic Ministers

Tom Meany, Bill Quinlan,
Stan & Lori Goszczynski, Jan Zeller

8:00 am

Presider TBA

Lector Mike Bansley

Servers Peter & Tommy Leinenweber,
Jake Miller

Eucharistic Ministers

Jerry Garner, Bill Kauffman,
Mary Sullivan, Steve Jennings,
Bruno Jaselskis

9:30 am

Presider TBA

Lector David Staub

Servers Robert Staub, Isabel Rodriguez,
Abigail Mark

Eucharistic Ministers

Gabe Rodriguez, Tim Burke,
Bob Curley, Bridget Hotchkiss,
Barbara O'Connor

11:30 am

Presider TBA

Lector Bill Harmon

Servers Liam & Mickey McLaughlin,
Katy Rose O'Brien

Eucharistic Ministers

Carol Ekman, Joan Harvey,
Marge Foley, Joan Johnson, Mary Sotir

5:00 pm Sunday

Presider TBA

Readings for the Week of January 6, 2008

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

Working with the Scriptures

January 6, 2008 (*Mt. 2:1-12*)

Behold, a nationally-known geneticist, a retired statesman and a leader in information technology arrived at the home of a young couple in a small Midwestern farming community asking, “Where is the newborn baby who will grow up to rule the world?”

No, Matthew didn’t put it quite that way, but isn’t that pretty much what happened? Three very prominent persons seeming to come out of nowhere? Unlikely givers bringing unlikely gifts to a most unlikely recipient? Gifts of myrrh (symbol of human life and death), frankincense (symbol of priests and protectors of the law) and gold (precious metal and means of exchange) – are these so different from what we might bring today? Like all gifts, these speak of both the one to whom the gift is offered and of the one bringing the gift.

But Scripture also says that, before opening their treasures and offering them to the child, they “prostrated themselves and did him homage.” Most of us have enjoyed both giving and receiving gifts over the last few days. Perhaps we have even taken time to remember why we give gifts at Christmastime. But have we also taken the time to give homage? Do we remember not only *why* the gifts are given but also who it is that makes it possible for us to give them? Do we know *ourselves* as the most unlikely recipients of the greatest Gift of all?

Jesus was born in a most unlikely place. The magi traveled a great distance, following a star in faith to find Him. What about us, here in 21st century America? In what unlikely darkness might we find the Child? And when we do, will we know Him? Will we recognize Him and do Him homage – in the supermarket parking lot? Among frenzied shoppers taking advantage of after-Christmas sales? In the eyes of an old woman sitting alone at a restaurant table?

Each of the wise men brought what he felt was most precious. What do we bring? What in our own lives do we value enough to give to our God? It is time now to decide...and the Baby is waiting.

Vinal Van Benthem

Mission Sunday Thank You

Dear St. Athanasius Parish Community,
Thank you all for sharing yourselves with the missionary church. Your recent donation of \$1,860.25 for Mission Sunday will soon be on its way to assist in one of the 1,150 Mission Dioceses. Mission Sunday funds are used primarily in support of efforts that witness Christ where he is not yet known. In some places this means teaching about scripture, doctrine, and the traditions of our faith. In other places, this means the funds make possible projects that do what Jesus would do, care for the abandoned and suffering, creating networks that feed the starving, etc.

While World Mission Sunday is celebrated once a year, we hope that in the months ahead you will continue to remember the Missionary work of the Church in the General Intercessions at Mass.

Again, we are most grateful to you for encouraging the generous missionary spirit of prayer and personal sacrifice of your people.

Thank you all,

Sr. Maria Burke, SSFS

Director

Catholic Mission Office

Archdiocese of Chicago

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Tuesday - Friday 11:30 am-4:30 pm
Reception Hours: Monday/Tuesday 4:30-8:30 pm
Wednesday - Friday 4:30-6:30 pm
Saturday 10 am-4 pm; Sunday 10 am-1 pm

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Chimes Articles

The deadline for submitting information to the parish office is Friday at Noon, **10 days prior to publication date**. Best method is to email the document as an attachment to chimes@stathanasius-evanston.org.

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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

is a several-month process for an adult wishing to become a Catholic through the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) or through a Profession of Faith. These rites are celebrated at the Easter Vigil. Please contact Fr. Rich Sztorc.

Infant Baptism

is generally celebrated on the first and third Sundays of the month at 1:00 pm in the Church. The Baptism Preparation Program for parents and godparents, if possible, is held each month. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

Confirmation

preparation begins in the middle of 7th grade and is celebrated during the winter of 8th grade. For adult/high school confirmation, call the Religious Education Office.

The Eucharist

is brought to the homebound by Care Ministers. Arrangements are made by calling Lori Goszczyński. First Eucharist preparation for children begins in 1st grade and is celebrated in the spring of 2nd grade.

Matrimony

arrangements are made by contacting one of the priests at the Parish Office. Arrangements a year in advance allow for adequate reservation time, participation in marriage preparation programs and liturgical planning.

Anointing of the Sick

is celebrated in the Fall during a communal celebration. Special requests for this sacrament can be arranged by calling the Parish Office.

Reconciliation

is celebrated on Saturdays, after the 8:15 am Eucharist until 9:30 am, in the sacristy near the front doors of the Church during the Holy Hour. Communal Reconciliation Services are held during Advent and Lent.

