

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.*



Pope Benedict XVI's U.S. visit

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 13, 2008

Eucharistic Liturgies

April 13 - 20, 2008

Sunday

- 5:00 pm (Saturday) † Marcy Anne & Anthony Koziarowski
- 8:00 am † Patrick Hotchkiss
- 9:30 am † Patrick Hotchkiss
- 11:30 am † Ralph Starus
- 5:00 pm † Brenda Moore

Monday

- 6:30 am † Lela Sturdivant
- 8:15 am † Clair Muir

Tuesday

- 6:30 am † Edwin & Elizabeth Sztorc
- 8:15 am † Larry Biggs

Wednesday

- 6:30 am † John Dillon
- 8:15 am † Anne Coyne

Thursday

- 6:30 am † Suzanne Draths
- 8:15 am † Mabel McCain

Friday

- 6:30 am † Erwin Stolle
- 8:15 am † Margaret Quackenbush

Saturday

- 8:15 am † Tom Munoz
- 5:00 pm † Barry McRaith

Sunday

- 8:00 am † Sam Ignoffo
- 9:30 am † Rose Schuba
- 11:30 am † Carl Sotir
- 5:00 pm † Frank Fierro



First Communion Prayers

Early in March, we held our First Communion Retreat for the children celebrating the sacrament this year and their parents. One of the parts of the retreat is for the children, with their parents, to create a prayer. During the next few Sundays as we move toward May 3rd First Communion Day, we will be publishing some of the prayers our second graders in the school and Family Program wrote. As you read them, remember to pray for children preparing to celebrate First Communion this year.

*Dear God,
I pray for all the people that are poor. Please use your power to tell some Christians to make lots of soup kitchens for the poor. Please help me find a path out of bad habits (more patience).*

Joe Blanchard

P.S. Thank you for my family because I love them.

*Dear God,
Thank you for all my blessings especially my family. Help me to be open to your Love as I make my First Communion.*

Love, Madeleine

*Dear God,
Please help me get ready for First Communion. I'm very nervous about this. It comes too fast. Thank you for this opportunity.*

Elizabeth Nettesheim

*Dear God,
Thank you for making Jesus. Jesus helps me do things I do not know how to do. I love you God.*

Love, Bella

P.S. Help my Mom with her back.

*Dear God,
Please help my friend Peggy heal from her surgery. Don't give her too much pain please. May you talk to her sisters to help her. Please let her be healed enough to go to school so she doesn't miss the ISAT test. Amen.*

Rory

OFFERTORY COLLECTION REPORT

Offertory April 5/6	\$9,509
Easter as of April 6	\$47,468

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS



This Week: St. Agnes,
Our Sharing Parish

Next Week: None

Pastor's Notes

The Papal Visit

For some Pope Benedict XVI's arrival in Washington this Tuesday will be merely a news event as the cameras follow him to the White House, into his meetings with bishops and a variety of religious leaders, or as he presides at Mass in Yankee Stadium. The words and actions of this spiritual leader will be observed and analyzed as Benedict XVI visits the U.N and Ground Zero. He will be a visible sign of our church.

For a Catholic disciple of Christ, his presence in our country is more than a news event. It is an opportunity to reflect on our faith as it is found in the public square. The Pope's visit offers us the chance to listen to his teaching, both as it assures and challenges. Finally, it is an invitation to pray for him each day of his visit. The pamphlet in today's *Chimes* can be a useful daily guide.

Called By Name

St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein has an international reputation for preparing qualified men for ordination. However, last year, not one of the men ordained to serve the needs of our Archdiocese was born in this country. Surely somewhere in Chicago God is prompting some men to the priesthood and men and women into religious life. Perhaps we are not putting out an encouraging invitation.

I hope you have taken the time to fill out one of the **Call by Name cards**. Who do you know who might have the potential for a vocation to the priesthood or religious life? Let's invite them to consider the possibility.

Called by Name

After prayerful consideration, I believe this person (age 18 or older) has the qualities needed in a potential priest or sister. Perhaps Jesus is calling him or her to this path of discipleship.

Name

Address

City

Zip

Phone

Approx. age

His or her email

How do you know this person?

Your signature & phone number (optional)

I recommend this person for:

priest

brother

sister

Gathering of Ministers

All St. Athanasius **parishioners who volunteer** for any parish ministry, or who are **members of any parish group**, or who want to see how their God-given gifts might be used in service, are invited to our annual **Gathering of Ministers** evening on **Monday, April 21, at 7:00 PM.**

This is our time to celebrate the dedication and accomplishments of all those who volunteer or who have taken on the responsibility of parish leadership. This is our time to encourage others to become parish leaders. Come and be inspired.

In the Lord's Easter Blessings,

Fr. Tom Libera

St. A's 3rd Grade Children's Earth Day Mass

Tuesday, April 22 is Earth Day. Come join St. A's 3rd Grade School and Family Program children to celebrate our Earth Day liturgy on **Sunday, April 20 at the 9:30 am Mass**. Our third graders will help lead us in prayer and celebration for all of God's bountiful gifts of nature and the environment. Please contact Shamus Hanlon at (312) 450-4373 with any questions.

Soup Kitchen

Our next monthly soup kitchen outreach opportunity will be **Monday, April 14**, at Second Baptist Church, 1717 Benson, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm (meal served at noon). Contact Katie Maday (475-1538) or Helen Madden (866-8875).

Volunteer Needed Once a Week

The parish is in need of a person who is available to come once a week on Friday after 10:30 am or on Saturday after 9:30 am to replenish the offertory envelopes in the church pews and occasionally put in special collection envelopes. The time commitment is about 40 minutes per week. If you are interested in helping us out, please contact Barbara in the parish office at 847-328-1430, extension 142. Thank you.

Annual Catholic Appeal Update

Thank you to all who contributed to the 2007 Archdiocesan Annual Catholic Appeal. \$13,700,000 was raised in Cook and Lake Counties. The goal for St. Athanasius for 2007 was \$42,846.36 and we collected \$53,277.00. We were recently issued a rebate of \$10,430.64, which represents the additional amount collected. Our goal for 2008 is \$45,905 and, once again, any additional funds we collect will be returned to us for use in the parish. So far, our parishioners have pledged \$42,440, with \$23,580 of that collected. Your gift will help to enable the Archdiocese to deliver needed ministry and services to the parishes and people of our area. If you have not yet pledged a donation for this important collection, please consider helping out. Credit card payments may be made at www.annualcatholicappeal.com or by calling 312-655-7944. You may also mail a check, made payable to Catholic Bishop of Chicago, to Annual Catholic Appeal, P.O. Box 1979, Chicago, IL 60690-1979.

Please Remember In Your Prayers...

The newly engaged, especially **Paul Landauer** and **Christina Thompson (I)**;

The newly baptized, especially **Harper Viola Barry**, daughter of Stephen and Michelle Barry, **Helena Claire Shingler**, daughter of Todd and Claire Shingler, and **Truman Scott Evans**, son of David and Jane Evans;

The sick and their caregivers, especially former parishioner **John Penny**, **Baby Henry Pollack**, **Patrick Nicholson**, **Christopher Cronin**, **Norman Seligman**, **Gene Jones**, **Adrian Partino**, **Dorothy Hughes**, **Helene Joelo**, **Ursula Peghini**, **Pawel Chlipala**, **Victoria Nichols**, **Mary Rhee**, **Annie Beck**, **George Gordon**, former parishioner **Diane Bergquist**, and **Paul Mooney**, nephew of Nancy & Bob Doyle;

Those in the military, especially **Petty Officer 3rd Class Ryan Olsen** and **PFC Kyle Olsen**, grandsons of Jane and Emmitt Ingram; and **Matthew Chrobak**, nephew of Eric Harkna and Tonise Paul;

Those who have died, especially **Marilyn Tyler**, mother of Mary Ann Harvey, and **Father John McCaig**.

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.

St. A's Gathering of Ministers 2008

Please mark your calendars for Monday, April 21 at 7:00 pm in the school gym for the St. A's Gathering of Ministers 2008. Leadership is the lifeblood of our parish community and our upcoming Parish Gathering of Ministers Night is the perfect opportunity to learn more about how you can live your faith with as little as 2-3 hours service each month. The Parish Pastoral Council relies on five coordinating groups to help plan and execute the many activities of our parish throughout the year. Come learn more about the vital and rewarding work that our Worship, Faith Development, Outreach, Community and Administration groups carry out on behalf of St. A's. We hope to see you on April 21. Please contact the Parish Office at (847) 328-1430, extension 100, with any questions.

An Invitation to Participate

One of the goals of the Faith Development Committee was a focus on bridging the gap in communication between parish families with children educated in the Family Program and parish families whose children are educated in our parish school. I was asked to be the Family Program link for this committee two years ago. Although this goal of bringing our parish closer together is dear to me, I had no experience of our parish at this level.

My first meetings were extremely nerve racking as I felt overwhelmed in an entirely new situation. I felt out of my comfort zone, a stranger among friends, while the group couldn't have been more welcoming. As I started to enjoy the meetings, I realized I needed to be "uncomfortable" to grow. I needed to learn to push myself to take that leap of faith over the objections of my discomforts. We've had many conversations around the Faith Development table about our parish and our goals; we've shared personal stories and spiritual questions. And my reward for not letting my anxiety make my decisions is a new group of friends, whose faith and stewardship in their ministries inspire and, yes, comfort me in much deeper places than my discomfort ever lived.

So I ask you to overcome your hesitations and take that leap into an initially unknown, possibly awkward social situation which I promise you will give way to the inspiration of fellowship, the nourishment of deeper faith, and the quiet peace of serving God in a new way.

Please join us for the Gathering of Ministers, Monday on April 21 at 7:30 pm in the gym.

Please consider furthering your fondest wishes for our parish and take your own leap of faith,

Andrea Sorensen

Family Program Catechist,
Member of the Faith Development Committee,
Co-chair of the Parish Pastoral Council

Seder at St. A's

This year, our friends and neighbors in the Jewish community will celebrate Passover for 8 days, beginning on Saturday, April 19. Passover celebrates the deliverance of the children of Israel from over 200 years of Egyptian bondage, and recalls their mass exodus from Egypt over 3000 years ago. Interestingly, the festival of Passover comes from the Hebrew word 'pesach', which means "pass over." It refers to the fact that God "passed over" the houses of the Jews when he was slaying the firstborn of Egypt, the last of the ten plagues. "Pesach" is also the name of the sacrificial offering (a lamb) that was made in the Temple on this holiday.

You are warmly invited to join members of The Interfaith Union as we celebrate our Seder at St. Athanasius on the second night of Passover, **Sunday, April 20 at 4:00 pm** in the gym. All are welcome and there are no age limitations; we will be using a child-friendly Haggadah, the order of service. If you would like to attend, or for information about the cost and details, please contact Erin Gutierrez at emgutierrez01@yahoo.com. If you would like information about our other programs and services, please contact Eileen O'Farrell Smith at eileen@theinterfaithunion.org or visit our website at www.theinterfaithunion.org.



Get ready to rummage!

St. Athanasius Rummage Sale

Saturday, April 19 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Parish-only Pre-Sale Friday, April 18 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Donations Drop-Off Schedule

TODAY, Sunday, April 13	Noon to 3 p.m.
Monday, April 14	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday, April 15	9 a.m. to 3 p.m. & 6 to 9 p.m.
Wednesday, April 16	9 a.m. to 3 p.m. & 6 to 9 p.m.
Thursday, April 17	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



St. Athanasius School Gym

For drop-offs, enter gym through school parking lot (west side)

Call *Tracie Miller* for more information or to donate items at 847-733-1165

Organ Concert Here April 19

3:00 pm

Come hear music by Bach, Mozart, Clerambault, Mouret, Campra and Daley.

Performed by
Frances Walker
 &
Sally Daley, QM



The music is very light and is suitable for families with young children to enjoy.

A freewill offering will be taken to benefit St. Athanasius Music Ministry.

Stop by after the rummage sale and treat yourself!



2008 St. Athanasius School Annual Appeal

St. Athanasius students treasure their strong academic education, special teachers, and spiritual learning. They experience satisfying friendships, successful sports teams, a supportive parent community, and plenty of school spirit. Everyone in the St. A's community shares common goals and works hard to reach them.

We invite your participation in St. Athanasius School. Fundraising and development efforts keep tuition as affordable as possible by making up the difference between tuition and the actual cost of educating a child. The 2007-08 cost of education at St. A's is \$5,900. Tuition for the first child in a Catholic family is \$4,500. We rely on generous individuals like you to help fill the gap.

Every donation is 100% tax deductible and appreciated at all levels. And 100% of every dollar goes directly to the school - lowering the amount of tuition income required to provide the excellent education that is so memorable. It also helps to provide financial assistance for families who would otherwise be unable to afford tuition.

Thank you for prayerfully considering a contribution. Envelopes are available in the back of church for your convenience. Checks should be made out to St. Athanasius School with "School Annual Appeal" on the memo line. Please mail to:

St. Athanasius School
Annual Appeal
2510 Ashland Avenue
Evanston, IL 60201

Please also include how you would like your name to appear for recognition purposes or if you would prefer to remain anonymous.

Thank you to everyone in the St. Athanasius community who has already given to this effort.

Sincerely,

2008 Annual Appeal Committee

Luxury Items and the Environment

We all enjoy a little luxury now and then. It's only human, and we need to reward ourselves for all of the good work we do for others and our community. But there are ways to help the environment while we're making those purchases, whether for ourselves or for others.

Living near beautiful Lake Michigan, if you're planning to buy a boat, the best ones for the environment have oars and sails. Electric motors are the next best choice. If you buy a diesel-powered vessel, however, choose a four-stroke engine or a two-stroke engine with direct fuel injection (DFI). These engines will use 35 to 50 percent less gas than conventional two-stroke engines, which discharge up to one-third of the fuel in your tank *unburned* into the water, harming aquatic wildlife and their habitat and polluting our drinking water from Lake Michigan!

If you buy fine bone china (made from 50 percent animal bone ash) or porcelain china, select a variety that's dishwasher safe. You'll save roughly 35 gallons of water by washing eight five-piece place settings in a dishwasher instead of by hand. If you buy crystal, choose lead-free varieties. The lead content of a beverage stored in a lead crystal decanter can be 130 times higher than the EPA standard for lead in drinking water. Lead is toxic to humans, and the environmental effects of lead mining can last millennia.

Thank you for making these decisions in your everyday life to help sustain the Earth, the living planet we depend on. **Earth Day is April 22!**

Source: *The Green Book* by Elizabeth Rogers & Thomas M. Kostigen, 2007, Three Rivers Press, a division of Random House, New York, www.crownpublishing.com.

Parish Calendar

Sunday, April 13

Family Program, 9am-Noon, School
Rummage Sale Drop-off, Noon -5 pm
LifeTeen, 6-8:30 pm, Teen Room

Monday, April 14

8th Grade Play Rehearsal, 3:30-5 pm, Teen Room
Science Club, 6 pm, Science Lab
St. Vincent DePaul, 7:30 pm, Rosemeyer

Tuesday, April 15

Mom & Tots, 10 am-Noon, Rosemeyer
Brownies #2466, 3:30-4:45 pm, Fitzgerald Chapel
8th Grade Play Rehearsal, 3:30-6 pm, Teen Room
School Board, 7 pm, Fitzgerald Chapel

Wednesday, April 16

8th Grade Play Rehearsal, 3:30-6 pm, Teen Room
RCIA, 7-9 pm, Fitzgerald Chapel
FDC, 7:30 pm, Faculty Lounge
Peace & Justice, 7:30 pm, Rosemeyer
Choir, 7:30 pm, Church

Thursday, April 17

Daisy Scouts #1550, 3:30-4:45 pm, Fitzgerald Chapel
8th Grade Play Rehearsal, 3:30-6 pm, Teen Room
P.C.L.D., 7:30 pm, Fitzgerald Chapel

Friday, April 18

Parish Only Rummage Pre-Sale, 6:30-9 pm, Gym

Saturday, April 19

Rummage Sale, 8 am-3 pm, Gym
Sally Daley & Fran Walker Organ Recital,
3 pm, Church

Sunday, April 20

Family Program, 9am-Noon, School
Interfaith Union Seder, 4 pm, Gym
Men's Basketball, 7-9 pm, Gym

Staff Extension List 847-328-1430

100 Parish Office	120 Jim Potthast
100 Janice Moore-Rivas	123 Mary Lietz
101 School Office	124 Lori Goszczynski
103 Fr. Sztorc	125 Steve Carson
105 Marion Amling	129 Bridget Hotchkiss
111 Fr. Libera	130 Carolyn Groves
114 José Moreno	142 Barbara Bonier
115 Susan Castagna	143 Karen Sellers
116 Jean Lauri	

Weekday Servers April 14 - 19

8:15 am Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday
Maira Dillon, Kieran Howard
Thursday/Friday/Saturday
Quinn Foley, Martin Fenn

Liturgical Ministers

Next Weekend April 19/20

5:00 pm Saturday

Presider Fr. Sztorc
Lector Eileen Parkinson, Angela Grannan
Servers Dominique Ford, Wendy Kuayin,
Samantha Maltezos

Eucharistic Ministers

Joan Conroy, Barbara Zapszalka,
Bob Costello, Jackie & Mike Brennan

8:00 am

Presider Fr. Libera
Lector Josie Vorda
Servers Colleen Handel, Kieran Howard,
Claire Glavin

Eucharistic Ministers

Deborah Haracz, Jean Lauri,
Josie Vorda, Judy Berg, Joseph Walsh

9:30 am

Presider Fr. Sztorc
Lector Robert Coats
Servers Molly Gentile, Fiona Harrigan,
Sam Knepper

Eucharistic Ministers

Rita Bambrick, Dennis O'Malley,
Donna Consolo, Gabe Rodriguez,
David Ozar

11:30 am

Presider Fr. Libera
Lector Dan Delaney
Servers Christopher & Emily Kreid,
Ben Maloney

Eucharistic Ministers

John Syvertsen, Karen Sellers,
Nancy Murray, Bill & Sue Harmon

5:00 pm Sunday

Presider Fr. Sztorc

Readings for the Week of April 13, 2008

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

Working with the Scriptures

April 13, 2008 (John 10:1-10)

The author of one of the commentaries on this week's Gospel writes, "Jesus is the model for all who are called to leadership." This week's readings contain a number of wonderful images – shepherd, sheep gate, sacrificial lamb – but, unless you happen to raise sheep, they're probably not a part of your daily experience. So how can we connect with these models of leadership?

Shepherd – someone who tends sheep, right? Like a daycare worker, maybe? Or an office manager? Or a hospice worker? Or a CEO? Someone who is responsible for the safety of another; someone on whom others can depend to look out for their best interests. If Jesus is the model for the person in a leadership position (the "shepherd"), how does the company respond when sales are down? How does the case manager respond when an insured individual needs extensive medical testing?

Sheep gate – the only safe way to enter or leave the pasture. A college diploma? Or a GED? A glowing reference? A mentor? Who are the people who become sheep gates for us? Do we help others to find safe passage from one stage of life to another? Or do we look for shortcuts and loopholes? Do we treat each person with whom we do business fairly? Or do we deal under the table, hiring based on connections rather than qualifications?

Sacrificial lamb – someone who puts themselves on the line for the good of the other. We can easily see this applying to a fire fighter or police officer, but what about the public official who refuses to accept a large financial contribution from a company engaged in unethical business practices, or the person who accuses her or his employer of sexual harassment even though they know it may cost them their job? What about the teacher who refuses to give a student athlete a passing grade unless he or she actually earns it? Or the coach who cuts a star athlete from the team for breaking training?

"Jesus is the model for all who are called to leadership." What model of leadership do we promote?

Vinal Van Benthem

Hospice Volunteer Opportunities

Visit with hospice patients, provide support, help out at bereavement groups and events for children and teens, assemble materials and mailings, greet guests at the front desk. Share your time, talents and expertise with **Midwest Palliative & Hospice CareCenter** as they carry out their mission. Become a volunteer!

Volunteer orientation is conducted on the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Glenview campus, 2050 Claire Court in Glenview. The 90 minute session includes brief overviews of CareCenter programs and services, hospice and palliative care and their volunteer opportunities.

Upcoming volunteer orientation will be held on:
April 22, 3:30 - 5:00 pm
May 27, 6 - 7:30 pm
June 24, 10:30 am - noon

Please call (847) 556-1982 to learn more.

Regina Dominican Events

All Regina Dominican High School alumnae and mothers of young children are invited on April 15 from 9:30 to 11:30 am for "Regina's Perfect Blend". Meet for coffee, treats and conversation. For more information, call Sr. Mary Hrovat at (847) 256-7660, extension 233, or mhrovat@rdhs.org.

Regina Dominican will host a College Fair on April 17 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. There will be 60 Colleges and Universities represented at the fair. Please contact Mike Betlinski, College Counselor, at (847) 256-7660, extension 236, or mbetlinski@rdhs.org for more information.

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Reception Hours: Monday/Tuesday 4:30-8:30 pm
Wednesday - Friday 4:30-6:30 pm
Saturday 10 am-4 pm; Sunday 9 am-1 pm

Parish Office Staff

Karen Sonnicksen Sellers, *Parish Administrator* (ksellers‡)
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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.

‡ - @stathanasius-evanston.org

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 Goszczynski. 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



Altar Servers outing: Hey, hey Cubs!