

The Chimes

of Saint Athanasius Parish

Eucharistic Worship

Weekends

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00, 9:30 and 11:30 am
LifeTeen 5:00 pm

Weekdays

Monday - Friday 6:30 and 8:15 am
Saturday 8:15 am

Pope John Paul II Hybrid Tea Rose

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.



Eucharistic Liturgies

May 28 – June 4, 2006



Sunday

- 5:00 pm (Saturday) † Anna Miszewski
- 8:00 am † Ann Ignoffo
- 9:30 am † Rose Schuba
- 11:30 am † John F. Scapin
- 5:00 pm † Norman (Bud) Lawrence

Monday

- 6:30 am Parishioners of St. Athanasius
- 8:15 am † Michael Bansley Jr.

Tuesday

- 6:30 am Elizabeth McCarthy Family
- 8:15 am † Dennis Collins

Wednesday

- 6:30 am Parishioners of St. Athanasius
- 8:15 am † Deceased Members of The Libera Family

Thursday

- 6:30 am Parishioners of St. Athanasius
- 8:15 am † Magdalen Wehmer

Friday

- 6:30 am Parishioners of St. Athanasius
- 8:15 am † Estelle Schmitt

Saturday

- 8:15 am † Madelyn Beilman
- 5:00 pm † Virginia Lindley

Sunday

- 8:00 am † William Joyner
- 9:30 am † Rose Schuba
- 11:30 am † John Gelderman
- 5:00 pm † June Peterson

Da Vinci Code Theater Party

Group attendance to see *The Da Vinci Code* movie will be late afternoon on Sunday, June 4 with a discussion to follow at St. A's church. Exact movie times are not yet available. For further details, call the Religious Education Office at 847-328-1430, extension 130, or you may sign up for the trip in the back of church.

Pentecost

Next Sunday we celebrate Pentecost, which concludes the 50 days of Easter. A popular custom is for the faithful to wear red clothing to Mass on Pentecost, commemorating the giving of the Spirit to the apostles, the beginnings of the Church and its mission to every tongue and people and nation.

Food Drive Next Weekend, June 3/4



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!

Ministers of Praise Welcome New Members

Are you willing to take a few minutes a day to pray for the needs of the St. Athanasius community?

If you say "yes," you can be a **Minister of Praise**. There are **no meetings**, just an occasional letter listing prayer requests. You can sign up by filling out a membership slip found near the church exits and turning it in at the Ministers of Praise prayer request box in the alcove near the vigil candle stand. Your prayer brings us closer to the heart and mind of God.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION REPORT

Fiscal Year Goal (2005-6)	\$606,579
As of 3/31/06:	
Year To Date Goal	\$463,866
Year To Date Actual	\$423,163
Year To Date Deficit	(\$40,703)
Average Sunday Collection Needed	\$11,894
Average Sunday Collection To Date	\$10,850
Collections for May 14	
Offertory	\$8,322
Catholic Charities	\$6,228

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS



This Week: Ascension

Next Week: St. Agnes,
Our Sharing Parish

News from Kristin Lietz

El Espinal, Oaxaca, Mexico

Dear Friends,

I have just received your gifts from Lenten sharing and I find it hard to express my feelings. I am overwhelmed by your generosity year after year. One would think that as the years pass and I am not as present in the Parish, the support would diminish, but no, you are as generous as the first year I started my mission. Thank you all so very much.

The project has changed but the mission remains the same. We are advancing nicely with the new project. I now have a Mexican board of directors and am affiliated with the not-for-profit group here in Oaxaca. The group is called Centro de Compartimiento, Center for Sharing, and it has its U.S. counter part in Washington State.

Centro De Compartimiento (CDC) has two homes. One home is in Juchitan for college age young women that is a two year program on Christian leadership. Here in the town of Espinal, I am opening a small home for girls. The mission of the home is to give girls who do not have an opportunity to study middle and high school a place to live and study. We will begin with five or six girls and hopefully can grow in the future to have room for more and a home for boys as well, but for now I just want to see how this next year goes. Six teens in the house; it should be fun! (Of course many of you may have a different idea of fun.) Along with my six year old daughter, not yet fully adopted, we will have a full house.

Right now I have two teens with me, one in middle school and one who will return to her studies in the fall. I already have three more on a waiting list, but all are attending school and will arrive for the next school year. These girls live in small towns in the mountains of Oaxaca. The towns, often only of twenty or so families, have only primary school available. The children have to leave home to continue their education. This spring my daughter, Kristina, and I had the opportunity to go visit one of these small towns. It was quite a trip; first an hour drive on a main highway, then a three hour drive on gravel road, then an hour up and down a one-lane road, park the car and then ride a mule four hours into the mountains. The town has no running water, no gas, and no publicly provided electricity. So we bathed and washed our clothes in the river, boiled water (from a small stream before it got to the river) and helped collect fire wood. The area was peaceful, beautiful and so far removed from the busyness of even the small town where I live that it was a nice vacation. The community lives off of ranching cattle, goats and some farming. They were welcoming and I had the chance to talk to them about their needs for their children and learn about the other opportunities available to them.

I have also spent the winter learning about other opportunities for young people to study. There are several group homes in the state, but most charge for room and board and don't provide uniforms and school supplies, although the cost is not high in U.S. standards, \$30 a month, it is often too much for families from these small communities. There are also state boarding schools but they close on the weekends and the children have to find lodging in town for the weekends and holidays. With your gifts we can help some of these children, at no cost to the family, by providing a home and perhaps some scholarships.

Again, thank you so very much. I wish I could see Evanston in May with all the flowers and pleasant weather. We already have ninety degree heat and no wind, but I had a great winter. I hope to see you in June and July when I come home for my sister's wedding.

God bless you,
Kristin Lietz

Memorial Day Tribute

This weekend we will recognize the men and women connected to St. Athanasius who are currently serving with our armed forces. Please take a moment to view our display of photos in the Lincoln Street vestibule to honor them. We have provided notecards for you to write words of encouragement and support, which will be sent to our soldiers following the Memorial Day weekend tribute.

Soup Kitchen

Our next monthly soup kitchen outreach opportunity will be **Thursday, June 15**, at First United Methodist Church, 1630 Hinman Avenue, 4:30-7:30 pm (meal served at 6:00). Contact Karen Ryan (332-1850), Kris Koenig-Morel (475-2104) or Christine Carlson (869-4160). The next **Monday** soup kitchen will be on **June 19** at Second Baptist Church, 1717 Benson, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm (meal served at noon). Contact Blanche Childs (864-2506) or Katie Maday (475-1538).

New Look for the School Website

Check it out at <http://saintas.net>!

LifeTeen Happenings

All 8th Graders and High School teens are welcome at H₂O every Wednesday. Take a break from your week. We meet from 7-9 pm in the Teen Room.

LifeTeen Mission '06 Tool Drive

Be a part of the first-ever St. Athanasius LifeTeen Mission Trip by sending us on our way with the tools we need to serve the people of Wilmington, North Carolina! Donations may be dropped off at the Parish House any time before June 15!

Here's a list of what we **need**:

- Gas Cards
- Small, medium, or large handle
- Paintbrushes
- Standard screwdrivers
- Caulking guns
- Hammers
- Masking Tape
- Paint Roller Covers
- Paint Trays
- Paint Buckets
- Paint Scraper
- Brooms
- First Aid Kit Supplies
- Nail Aprons
- Safety Goggles
- Work Gloves
- Drop cloths

We appreciate the St. Athanasius Community's generous support of our trip! Thank you!

Please Remember In Your Prayers. . .

The newly baptized, especially **Roman Francis Cardona**, son of Paul and Cristina Cardona and **Benjamin Lee Hughes**, son of Gregory and Kathleen Hughes;

The newly engaged, especially **Brian Dacy** and **Allison Kuhman** (III);

The sick and their caregivers, especially **Michael Maloney**, **Betty Kelly**, **Dolly Hallstrom**, **Ruth Pierre**, **Madre Estela Hernandez Patino**, **Nancy Sweeney**, **Frank O'Shaughnessy**, **Lisa Sikorski**, **Maria Mendoza**, **Dorothy Seligman**, **Tony Burusu**, **Paul Donovan**, **Joseph Farley**, **Suzanne Quigley**, **Marion Benedict**, **Carmelo Sabatino**, **Amy Royer**, **Leland Smith**, father of Eileen Parkinson and **Mary Regina Ganey**, mother of Rita Weinberg;

Those in the military, especially, **Matthew Chrobak**, **Jacob Meyers**, **Chris Straub**, **Maura Sullivan**, **Catie Staub**, **Capt. Chris Brennan**, **Jay Dettloff**, **Alex Manettas**, **Dylan Binder**, **Michael Prato**, **Andrew Best**, **Col. Glenn Wortmann**, **Sgt. Shannon Gillette**, **Matthew Grelick**, **Major Mark Gleisner**, **Matthew Janicki**, **Capt. Andrew Webster** and **Brian McCormick**;

Those who have died.

St. A's Parish Annual Raffle

Either a **2006 Volkswagen Jetta 2.5** (valued at more than \$22,000)
or **\$15,000 in cash...**

The choice is yours if you purchase the winning Grand Prize raffle ticket!
The tickets are priced at \$100 each or 3 for \$250.

Mini Raffle: Each time you purchase a Grand Prize Raffle ticket for \$100, you may also buy a Mini-Raffle ticket for an additional \$100. **The winner of the Mini-Raffle has his/her name entered 100 times in the Grand Prize Raffle** — that's 100 chances to win the VW Jetta or \$15,000 in cash. The Mini-Raffle drawing is held immediately before the Grand Prize Raffle drawing on

Sunday, June 11, 2006 at 12:30 pm, following the 11:30 am Mass.

Early Bird Specials: Buy your raffle tickets early!! Raffle tickets will be sold following all the Masses on three weekends, May 27/28, June 3/4, and June 10/11. One ticket will be drawn following the 11:30 am Masses on **May 28, to win an iPod**, and on **June 4, to win a mini DVD Player**; the winning tickets will then be returned to the drum and will still be eligible to win the Grand Prize 2006 VW Jetta or \$15,000 in cash!!

Help support our many parish programs and you may be driving away in a brand new car. Tickets are available after all the Masses in the back of the church or on the front lawn, beginning May 27. Questions? Call Nancy Molitor at 847-251-0425.



May 1, 2006 Leadership Night

Minutes from PPC and Coordinating Groups

Parish Pastoral Council:

The first item of business on tonight's agenda was a discussion of the next Common Leadership Night in June, including introduction of the newly selected members to the coordinating groups and the selection of new group co-chairs. Two members from the Outreach Coordinating Group will need to be chosen to serve on the PPC next year. Initial plans were made for a PPC "retreat" in July and feedback was given on last month's Gathering of Ministries. Fr. Tom's regular report to the PPC noted material that had been provided to local parishes by the Archdiocesan Office of Research and Planning on future demographic trends (noting St. A's has the lowest attendance at Sunday Masses in the area relative to the number of registered parishioners), the new principal's starting in August, and the elimination of a pastoral associate's position in the parish to meet the need for a balanced budget. The PPC discussed the status of the music director and the search committee. It was agreed that the committee should meet and that there needs to be communication to the parish on this issue. After a brief discussion of the upset occasioned by the solicitation of signatures on April 30th for an initiative sponsored by the Respect Life Committee, the PPC agreed for the need at some future meeting of a serious discussion of how such controversial solicitations might be handled in the future.

Worship:

New members, John Leonard and Toni Reynen, were welcomed. All agreed that the Gathering of Ministries in April was a success for a "first-time" event in the parish, and several suggestions were offered for its improvement next year (e.g., expanding the base of personal invitations and providing more information on what would happen). The Liturgical Planning Committee, in particular, picked up a few more members, and hopefully more will join as the year progresses. Other topics covered included the assignment of WCG members as contacts for the various worship ministries, initial reports on visitations to other parishes in the area, and the reconstitution of the Homily Preparation Committee (which is now looking for new members).

Community:

The Group spent a good part of the meeting discussing the membership vacancies we have for the coming year. We have 4 people either rolling off or leaving the group for personal reasons. While it was agreed that the Gathering of Ministries night was a significant improvement over past ministry fairs, we did not come away with any confirmed replacements. We have filled 2 of the openings in the meantime but still are seeking 2 more willing and able volunteers committed to the group's goal of building community throughout St. Athanasius Parish. The balance of the meeting was spent discussing upcoming projects/events including Theology on Draught in June, after-Mass hospitality during the Summer, and a possible outdoor Mass that would be co-sponsored by the Worship Group.

Administration:

The new members joining the group were announced. They are Jack Pinter, Ellen Cushing, Megan Boyle and Susan Davis. The group discussed the process for getting all remaining data (accumulated from the Parish Census process) into the parish database and a few remaining goals for the utilization of the data to improve communication. A few possible goals for the coming year were suggested and discussed. Final decisions will be made at the next meeting to determine where our efforts will be focused in the coming year.

Faith Development:

New members, Rob Natke and Jeff Teske, were welcomed. Rob is our School Board and PPC representative.. All agreed that the Gathering of Ministries was a success for a "first-time" event in the parish. We felt more personal invitations to ministry members would have helped to have at least one representative from each ministry present. The Group then surveyed contact persons from the various ministries in order to monitor their needs. The contacts were distilled down to Carolyn Groves and Bridget Hotchkiss of the Religious Education Office in respect of most programs, including the Family Program and adult education programs, but excluding the School Board, Youth Ministry, Baptismal Prep and RCIA. Baptismal Prep and RCIA are currently without leadership and the Group agreed to contact members of these ministries to assess their current status. The Group will also reach out to Christi, our Youth Minister, to confirm appropriate coordination between her efforts and the rest of the parish staff.

Outreach:

New members, Bob Doyle and Maurice Ann Sullivan, were welcomed. The group reviewed and finalized the text of the outreach ministry pamphlet, and discussed the logistics for production and distribution to the Parish. We also discussed goals for the coming year.

Parish Calendar

Sunday, May 28

LifeTeen, 7-10 pm, Teen Room
Men's Basketball, 7-9 pm, Gym

Monday, May 29

Tuesday, May 30

Ministers of Care, 7-9 pm, Fitzgerald Chapel

Wednesday, May 31

Angel Ball Committee, 7:30 pm, Hartke
Men's Basketball, 8-10 pm, Gym

Thursday, June 1

Spring Recital, 7 pm, Church

Friday, June 2

Eighth Grade Luncheon, Noon, Hartke
Eighth Grade Dance, 7 pm, Gym
First Friday, 8-11 pm, Teen Room

Saturday, June 3

Graduation, 11 am, Church

Sunday, June 4

Elizabeth Ministry, 10:30-11:30 am, Hartke
Men's Basketball, 7-9 pm, Gym

Staff Extension List

847-328-1430

100 Parish Office	115 Mary Lietz
100 Janice Moore-Rivas	120 Christi Thompson
101 School Office	124 Razia Khokhar
103 Fr. Sztorc	129 Bridget Hotchkiss
105 Marion Amling	130 Carolyn Groves
111 Fr. Libera	142 Barbara Bonier
114 José Moreno	143 Karen Sellers

Past *Chimes* Available Online

Remember that if you miss reading *The Chimes* in any given week, you may access them on our website: www.stathanasius-evanston.org.

Weekday Servers May 29 - June 3

8:15 am Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday
Sereana Parod, Will Nawrocki
Thursday/Friday/Saturday
Carlin O'Brien, Daniel O'Malley

Liturgical Ministers

Next Weekend June 3/4

5:00 pm Saturday

Presider TBA

Lector Steve Carlson

Servers Nora Charron, John Clair, Jamie Davis

Eucharistic Ministers

Bob Costello, Jackie & Mike Brennan,
Ellen Beyer, Helen Stake

8:00 am

Presider TBA

Lector Larry Wojcik

Servers Conner Berg, Daniel O'Malley, Meredith Newman

Eucharistic Ministers

Robert Coats, Nancy Taylor, Sally Hageman, Deborah Haracz, Steve Jennings

9:30 am

Presider TBA

Lector Robert Coats

Servers Connor Braasch, Connor & Kevin Cole

Eucharistic Ministers

Rita Bambrick, Michael Sultan, Bridget Hotchkiss, Kevin Leonard, Barbara O'Connor

11:30 am

Presider TBA

Lector Jean Peters

Servers Shannon Harvey, Joseph Couri, Anna Cox

Eucharistic Ministers

John & Troy Dentzer, Carol Ekman,
Mary Ann Harvey, Marge Foley

5:00 pm Sunday

Presider TBA

Servers Grace Miles, Zach Mulica

Readings for the Week of May 28, 2006

Sunday: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/ 1 Jn 4:11-16/ Jn 17:11b-19
Monday: Acts 19:1-8/ Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/ Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/ Lk 1:39-56
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/ Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/ Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/ Jn 21:20-25
Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/ Rom 8:22-27/ Jn 7:37-39; Day: Acts 2:1-11/ 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/ Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Working with the Scriptures

May 21, 2006 (Mk. 16:15-20)

“Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.” “Are you saved?” The question is likely to pop up almost anywhere. Answer ‘yes’ and you’re in; ‘no’ and you’re out.

But why only this question? Why not “Do you pick up serpents in your hands?” Some religions do. If an adherent were to ask me that question I would have to answer ‘no’. In? or out? Or why not “Do you drink poison?” An entire group of people died a few years ago in Texas. They drank the “deadly thing”, but they did not survive. In? or out? “Do you drive out demons in the name of Jesus?” Perhaps, if you happen to be an exorcist. But I am not. In? or out? “Do you speak new languages?” While some are given the gift of tongues, I myself am barely proficient in English. In? or out? “Do the sick recover when you lay hands on them?” A gifted heart surgeon is also an atheist. In? or out?

Obviously, answering ‘yes’ to these questions does not guarantee God’s favor. But maybe this passage isn’t about who’s ‘in’ and who’s ‘out’. Jesus told his disciples to “Go...and proclaim the gospel...” A few lines further we read “...they went...and preached ...while the Lord *worked with them* and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.” In other words, the signs weren’t the disciples’ doing – they were Jesus’! The signs were God’s confirmation of the work that the disciples and God were doing *together*. They were meant to assure Jesus’ followers that even though He “...was taken up to heaven...” Jesus would continue to work through them. The venom of poisonous snakes, in the hands of a skilled physician, would bring about recovery from certain illnesses. Counseling and drug therapy would drive out psychological demons. Telephone and computer technology would create new languages for the deaf and those physically unable to speak.

Perhaps, then, a better question might be “are you a disciple of Christ?” Do you believe that you are a co-worker with the Lord? Does your belief influence how you do your work? How is your work a sign of Good News?

Vinal Van Benthem

The St. Joan of Arc

Family

Carnival

Is Back in Town

Mark your calendars for the St. Joan of Arc Carnival from June 1 to 4. Join us at 9245 Lawndale, in Evanston-Skokie, 5-9 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 12-9 p.m. Saturday, and 12-6 p.m. Sunday. Enjoy the Zipper, Pharaoh’s Fury, the Bumper Cars and many other fun rides and games! Stop by the Beer Garden or try some barbeque pulled pork sandwiches or a burger prepared by the fabulous Bluestone Restaurant. Get a mega pass for unlimited rides all weekend. Just \$50 in advance. Call Moira Cary at 847-675-1820 for more information

Basketball Camps

Loyola Academy is running basketball camps during the months of June and July for boys entering grades 4 through 8. Fundamentals, skills, shooting, 1 on 1 moves and a variety of contests will be featured. This is an excellent opportunity to have fun while learning the game. Hurry! Limited space still available. For more information or an application, contact Loyola Academy at 847-256-1100.

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Pastors

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Rev. Richard Sztorc, *Associate Pastor* (rsztorc‡)
Rev. James Stoeger, S.J., *Weekend Assistant*

Parish Office

847-328-1430 (fax) 847-328-1809
Admin. Assistant's Hours: Monday 8:30 am-1:30 pm
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

Parish Office Staff

Karen Sonnicksen Sellers, *Parish Administrator* (ksellers‡)
Barbara Bonier, *Office Manager* (bbonier‡)
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Janice Moore-Rivas, *Administrative Assistant* (jmoore‡)

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Buildings and Grounds
Jose Moreno, *Facilities Manager* (jmoreno‡)

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Sr. Ann Weiler, O.S.F.

Deacon

Richard S. Jay

Music Ministry

Pastoral Associate

Razia Khokhar (rkhokhar‡)

Religious Education

Carolyn Groves, *Director* (cgroves‡)
Bridget Hotchkiss, *Coordinator* (bhotchkiss‡)

Youth Ministry

Christina Thompson, *Director* (cthompson‡)

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](https://www.instagram.com/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 a staff member.

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 Razia Khokhar. 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.



Family Program students Kamryn McPike and Kristin Haug appreciate their teacher Mary Joan Masello