

The Chimes

of Saint Athanasius Parish

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.

Experience the value of a Catholic education.



You're invited to join us for the St. Athanasius School Open House & Presentation

10:30 to noon
Sunday, January 28

Special presentation at 11 a.m.

9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Wednesday, January 31

Special presentation at 10 a.m.

- Meet parents, students, teachers and our principal
- Learn about St. A's unique curriculum and programs
- Financial aid available
- Students of all faiths are welcome!

Saint Athanasius School call (847) 864-2650 for more information



Eucharistic Liturgies

January 21- January 28, 2007

Sunday

- 5:00 pm (Saturday) † John Madden
- 8:00 am † Mary Ellen McDuffie
- 9:30 am † Beverly Lorey
- 11:30 am † Mary Rose Vernon
- 5:00 pm † Mary Frances Steinhauser

Monday

- 6:30 am † Mary McNamara
- 8:15 am † Casimir Pezanowski

Tuesday

- 6:30 am † Daniel Baas
- 8:15 am † Phil Alba

Wednesday

- 6:30 am † Abby and Richard Halpin
- 8:15 am † Thomas Gorey

Thursday

- 6:30 am † Rose O'Connor
- 8:15 am † Nick Di Vito

Friday

- 6:30 am † Estelle Schmitt
- 8:15 am † Ann Ignoffo

Saturday

- 8:15 am † Richard Kane
- 5:00 pm † Patricia Ransford

Sunday

- 8:00 am † Bernard Gotta
- 9:30 am † Edward Doherty
- 11:30 am † Alfred Golata
- 5:00 pm † Marian McGowan

School Open House

Letter From the Principal

Dear Parents, Parishioners and Friends,

I am thoroughly enjoying working with the outstanding teachers, talented and energetic students, and vibrant parent and parish community at St. Athanasius School. We are all working together to provide an excellent academic education as well as the spiritual, emotional, and physical development that helps each student thrive.

Whether you are a prospective parent or an interested parishioner or friend of St. A's, we invite you to attend our Open House on Sunday, January 28 from 10:30 am to noon or on Wednesday, January 31 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. These events, held during Catholic Schools Week, are an opportunity to showcase our curriculum, staff, students and facility and to share our enthusiasm about St. Athanasius School as "The Good News in Education." Enrollment information will be available.

St. Athanasius School welcomes Kindergarten through grade 8 students of all faiths. Financial aid is available. Come join the celebration.

Sincerely,



Susan Castagna
Principal

Salute to Catholic Schools

January 28 - February 3

The nation's nearly 8,000 Catholic schools will celebrate **Catholic Schools Week** January 28 to February 3. This year's theme, "Catholic Schools: the Good News in Education", was chosen for the strong message it sends to parents and supporters. In addition to learning reading, writing and arithmetic, students at Catholic schools are taught responsibility, with an emphasis on character and integrity. National Appreciation Day for Catholic Schools, which will be observed on Wednesday, January 31, was established to encourage supporters nationwide to showcase the great accomplishments and contributions of Catholic schools to our country.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS



This Week: None
Please consider putting a
donation into the poor box for
St. Vincent de Paul

Next Week: Seminary

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



Saint Athanasius
Parish

Everything we have is a gift from God.
Sharing of ourselves and our financial resources is a way to give back
in gratitude, a way to say

THANKS BE TO GOD.

2007

Prayerfully considering how I/we will faithfully and generously share my/our monetary blessings with our parish community, I/we commit in 2007 to sharing my/our financial resources by making a

Weekly Offering of
\$ _____

Monthly Offering of
\$ _____

Name

Address

Signed

Date

*This is a declaration of intention and is not legally binding.
Parish contributions are tax deductible.*

- Send me an automatic withdrawal enrollment form.
- I will sign up at **www.ParishPay.com**.

DECLARATION of INTENTION

Suggestions for a Sacrificial Offertory Gift

Please consider the following method for determining your offertory gift:

- Locate your household income.
- Identify your current weekly gift.
- See what percentage of your income you are currently sharing
- Consider increasing your gift.

GROSS HOUSEHOLD INCOME		WEEKLY GIVING TO THE PARISH OFFERTORY					
Yearly	Hourly	1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	10%
\$15,000	\$7.20	\$3	\$6	\$9	\$12	\$14	\$28
\$20,000	\$9.60	\$4	\$8	\$12	\$15	\$19	\$38
\$25,000	\$12.00	\$5	\$10	\$15	\$20	\$25	\$50
\$30,000	\$14.50	\$6	\$12	\$17	\$23	\$29	\$58
\$35,000	\$16.75	\$7	\$13	\$20	\$27	\$34	\$68
\$40,000	\$19.25	\$8	\$15	\$23	\$31	\$38	\$76
\$50,000	\$24.00	\$10	\$19	\$29	\$38	\$48	\$96
\$60,000	\$29.00	\$12	\$23	\$35	\$46	\$58	\$116
\$70,000	\$33.50	\$13	\$27	\$40	\$54	\$67	\$134
\$80,000	\$38.50	\$15	\$31	\$46	\$62	\$77	\$154
\$90,000	\$43.50	\$17	\$35	\$52	\$69	\$87	\$174
\$100,000	\$48.00	\$19	\$38	\$58	\$77	\$96	\$192

Thank you to the 124 families who have returned their pledge cards.

If you have not filled one out yet, please consider doing so.

Indicating how you share your wonderful gifts will help us in preparing our budget for the year.

Every Contribution Matters. Every Parishioner Counts.

The Women's Club Thanks You

As we enter the new year, the St. Athanasius Women's Club wishes to thank all the parishioners who so generously supported our end of the year projects.

The November Coat Drive was a success. The warm clothing was welcomed by the Howard Area Community Center.

We also wish to thank all those who supported the Bake Sale. We appreciate the help of those who contributed baked goods and those who purchased the goodies. Your support for this fundraiser helps to finance our projects throughout the year among which are a monthly soup kitchen, the purchase of the altar breads, providing and caring for the altar linens, the refurbishing of the large candle stands, donating the advent wreath, contributing funds to various charities as part of our missionary outreach, and providing programs for the social and spiritual enrichment of the women of the parish.

We are grateful too for your contributions to the Christmas flower collection. The beauty of our church during the holiday season reflected your generosity. Special thanks to **Ann and Doug Wambach, Kathy and Dan Delaney, Liz and Cliff Ireland, Martha Hauber, Suzanne Amberg, Sue Costello, Pat Schmidt, and Bridget Hotchkiss** who decorated the church. Your time and talents are most appreciated.

Fr. Rich Sztorc to Host Trip to Eastern Europe

Journey with Fr. Rich and Fr. Joe Curtis as they explore the classic capitals of Warsaw, Krakow and Prague, October 4 - 15, 2007. Visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa and the church of the Infant Jesus of Prague. The tour is being arranged by Trans World Travel at a cost of \$3,249 per person, double occupancy. The price includes round trip airfare from Chicago, 3 & 4 star hotel accommodations, comprehensive sightseeing and admissions, meals as outlined in the itinerary and taxes for included services. **An informational meeting will take place on Sunday, January 21 at 2:00 pm at St. Mary of Vernon, 236 US Hwy 45 in Indian Creek (Vernon Hills).** For more information, or to obtain a brochure, contact Fr. Rich at 847-328-1430, extension 103, or call Trans World Travel at 847-432-2400.



Soup Kitchen

Our next monthly soup kitchen outreach opportunity will be **Monday, February 12**, 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).

Mass Intentions

may be reserved for \$10 each, with cards available to send to the family of the intended. Stop by the parish office or call the parish secretary, Janice Moore-Rivas at (847) 328-1430, extension 100.

Please Remember In Your Prayers. .

The sick and their caregivers, especially **Don Godshaw, Pat Schmidt, Vickie Burke, Mary Vogt**, mother of Carolyn Groves, **James Ewing**, uncle of Carolyn Groves, former parishioner **Mardy Lepo, Norman Seligman, Helen Jarzab, Linda Miller, Katie Nogal, Sr. Frances, Mike Lopez, Peter Black**, brother of Mary Rooney, **Renee Walsh, Sally Elam, Mary Ellen Seeger**, mother of Carol Teske;

Those in the military, especially **Matthew Chrobak**, nephew of Eric Harkna and Tonise Paul, **Maura Sullivan**, daughter of Ken and Mary Sullivan, and **Catie Staub**, daughter of David and Mary Therese Staub;

Those who have died, especially **Frank Wojcik**, father of Larry Wojcik, and **Samuel Groves**, uncle of Nick Groves.

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.

SAINT ATHANASIUS LIFE TEEN NEWS

January/February 2007

WELCOME to a brand new year for LifeTeen. In the next two months, there is a lot going on. At the end of January, we will be meeting with anyone interested in hearing more about the 2008 World Youth Day pilgrimage to Australia. In addition, there are two "life nights" on January 14 & 28. In February, we are going to attend the Chicago Catholic Youth Conference. Read on for more details.



WORLD YOUTH DAY in AUSTRALIA JULY 10 – 21, 2008

All teens and parents are invited to an information session on Sunday, January 28 in the teen room at 3 pm. We will discuss what the pilgrimage is all about, cost of the trip, and the necessary preparations that need to be made. Please contact Christi Thompson if you cannot make this meeting, but have a serious interest in learning about this wonderful opportunity.

“CCYC”

In the coming weeks, forms will be available for the Chicago Catholic Youth Conference, sponsored by the Office of Charismatic Renewal and the Archdiocese of Chicago. This is something new for everyone and a great opportunity to learn more about our faith, all while hanging out with hundreds of other Catholic teens. Speakers include Sal Solo and Fr. Stan Fortuna! We will be staying at the Lisle Wyndham (in Lisle, IL) for the entire weekend.

Stay in the loop about...

“Youth 2000” Retreat
May

SENIOR Mission Trip
June

Chicago Mission Trip
July

KAIROS RETREAT
August

Important Dates

January 28 Australia Info Session
3:00 pm
All interested teens & parents
Teen Room

January 28 *LIFE NIGHT* 6:15–8:30 pm
High School Students
Teen Room

February 1 Confirmation Dinner TBD

February 11 *LIFE NIGHT* 6:15–8:30 pm
Teen Room

February 23–25 Chicago Catholic
Youth Conference
High School Students

February 25 *LIFE NIGHT* 6:15–8:30 pm
Teen Room

For more information, call Christi Thompson, Director of Youth Ministry at (847)328-1430, ext.120.

Are You the Athanasius Ace?

The Parent School Organization will be hosting a **Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament** on January 27, starting at 7:00 pm, in the Gym. **Seating is limited to the first 120 players.** The entry fee is \$100 per seat. There will be awards, cash prizes, and a trophy, along with food and drinks. Make checks payable to Saint Athanasius School. For more information call, Michael Callans at (847) 251-4598 or Chris Betz at (773) 274-7337.



Food, Fun and Entertainment at St. A's

Join us for a celestial **CABARET** evening
with **McKinley Carter** !

“Old, New, Borrowed, and Blue:
Songs of Life and Love”

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd

In St. A's starlit gym!

\$25/person

7-8 pm: fancy finger food & cash bar

8-10 pm: the show!



Complimentary babysitting available (contact Bridget Hotchkiss at 847-328-5931 or bridgeth28@yahoo.com). Limited seating, so make your reservation now by contacting Nadine Di Vito (nadine@uchicago.edu).

Parish Calendar

Sunday, January 21

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

Monday, January 22

Athletics, 3:30-6 pm, Gym
St. Vincent De Paul, 7:30 pm, Rosemeyer

Tuesday, January 23

Athletics, 3:30-6 pm, Gym
Making Peace Celebration, 7 pm, Church

Wednesday, January 24

Athletics, 3:30-9 pm, Gym
Chess, 7-8 pm, Lunchroom/Hartke
RCIA, 7-9 pm, Fitzgerald Chapel
Men's Basketball, 9-11 pm, Gym

Thursday, January 25

Scripture Study, 9-11 am, Fitzgerald Chapel
State of the School, 7-8:30 pm, Gym
Daisies #1550, 3:30-4:30 pm, Hartke

Friday, January 26

Athletics, 3:30-9 pm, Gym

Saturday, January 27

Athletics, 8 am-2 pm, Gym
Poker Night, 7 pm, Gym

Sunday, January 28

School Open House, 10:30 am- Noon
Basketball, 1-5 pm, Gym
Men's Basketball, 7-9 pm, Gym

Staff Extension List

100 Parish Office	115 Susan Castagna
100 Janice Moore-Rivas	120 Christi Thompson
101 School Office	123 Mary Lietz
103 Fr. Sztorc	124 Lori Goszczyński
105 Marion Amling	124 Diane Maloney
111 Fr. Libera	125 Steve Carson
114 José Moreno	129 Bridget Hotchkiss

Weekday Servers January 22 - 27

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

Liturgical Ministers

Next Weekend January 27/28

5:00 pm Saturday

Presider Fr. Libera
Lector Larry Wojcik
Servers Gabriel Knight, Carlin O'Brien,
Emma Regnier
Eucharistic Ministers
Rita & Tom Kent, Henrietta Berning,
Richard Bryne, Virginia Davidson

8:00 am

Presider Fr. Sztorc
Lector Jerry Garner
Servers Patrick Walsh, Isabelle Rodriguez,
Lauren Teske
Eucharistic Ministers
Jerry Garner, Walter Farrell,
Bruno Jaselski, Joseph Walsh,
Josie Vorda

9:30 am

Presider Fr. Libera
Lector Maurice Ann Sullivan
Servers Evan Swenson Devin & Derek Schmitz
Eucharistic Ministers
Time Burke, Donna Consolo,
Rita Bambrick, Barbara O'Connor,
Bob Curley

11:30 am

Presider Fr. Sztorc
Lector Bill Harmon
Servers Bradley & Rebecca Suennen,
Harry Runzel
Eucharistic Ministers
Bill & Sue Harmon, Marge Foley
Eunie & Jim Nondorf

5:00 pm Sunday

Presider Fr. Watts
Servers Meredith Newman, J.T. Vilus

Readings for the Week of January 21, 2007

Sunday:	Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/ Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
Monday:	Heb 9:15, 24-28/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday:	Heb 10:1-10/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday:	Heb 10:11-18/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18
Friday:	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday:	Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/ Lk 4:21-30

Working With The Scriptures January 21, 2007 (Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21)

Last month my husband had cataract surgery on his left eye and he was so delighted with the outcome that he immediately asked the doctor to do the other eye two weeks later. He was like a kid with a new toy – seeing colors he hadn't been able to see before, reading road signs that had previously been only a blur until he was practically on top of them. Without his even realizing it his eyesight had been slowly deteriorating. He had forgotten how red a stop sign was, or how many shades of green there were in our garden. Driving became fun again (and a lot safer for the rest of us!) and each ornament on our Christmas tree, no matter how old, looked shiny and new.

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...to bring glad tidings to the poor...and recovery of sight to the blind...”, I doubt very much that the ophthalmologist would ever claim that the Spirit of the Lord was upon him, but I have seldom seen gladder tidings than the pronouncement that the surgery had gone well and my husband would indeed recover his sight! And it's not just my husband. This doctor does hundreds of these surgeries every year – hundreds of minor miracles; hundreds of lives lifted from the poverty of lost vision to the glad tidings of color and light; hundreds of people oppressed by restrictions on driving and reading set free to travel and enjoy their morning newspaper or a good murder mystery.

Why is it so hard for us to believe that God can use our gifts? What does it take for us to recognize the Spirit of the Lord upon us? What miracles do we require? How many successful cataract surgeries? How many people liberated from blindness? “*Today* this Scripture passage is fulfilled in [our] hearing.” God invites us to use *our* gifts to bring glad tidings to the poor – to proclaim liberty – to free the oppressed. How do we respond? Do we use the gifts the Spirit pours out on us? Or do we walk away, too busy to recognize the gift?

Vinal Van Bentem

Mardi Gras Party

Our Lady of the Brook Parish, 3700 Dundee Road, Northbrook, will host a Mardi Gras party Saturday, February 17 at 7:30 pm. Enjoy a Cajun dinner, dancing to the tunes of *Libido Funk Circus*, and try your luck on many silent auction items and a 50-50 raffle. Tickets are \$50 each and must be reserved by February 12. For more information, contact Mary Kussworm at mkussworm@olbparish.org or call her at 847-272-5686.

Grief Support Groups

ENH Hospice sponsors the following professionally facilitated grief support groups as a public service to the community:

Soul Mates, a group for anyone who has experienced the death of a spouse or life partner, Thursday afternoons 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm, beginning February 1 at the Oakton Community Center, 4701 Oakton, Skokie.

Legacy, a group for adults who have experienced the death of a parent, Tuesday evenings 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm, beginning February 6 at St. Norbert Parish Office, Spruce & Elm Streets, Northbrook.

Men's Breakfast Club, a group for men who have experienced any type of loss. The breakfast club meets on the second Saturday of the month in various locations. Call Brian Lovelien for information and locations, at 847-982-4364.

To register for a support group or for more information, please call Thom Dennis or Brian Lovelien at 847-982-4364.

St. Athanasius Parish

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www.stathanasius-evanston.org

Pastors

Rev. Thomas Libera, *Pastor* (tlibera‡)

Rev. Richard Sztorc, *Associate Pastor* (rsztorc‡)

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‡)

Marion Amling, *Business Manager* (mamling‡)

Janice Moore-Rivas, *Administrative Assistant* (jmoore‡)

Pastoral Staff

Buildings and Grounds

Jose Moreno, *Facilities Manager* (jmoreno‡)

Catholic Chaplain

Evanston Hospital 570-2330

Sr. Ann Weiler, O.S.F.

Deacon

Richard S. Jay

Music Ministry

Steve Carson, *Director* (scarson‡)

Pastoral Associates

Lori Goszczynski, *Bereavement, Ministers of Care* (Lgoszczynski‡)

Diane Maloney, *LEAVEN* (dmaloney‡)

Religious Education

Carolyn Groves, *Director* (cgroves‡)

Bridget Hotchkiss, *Coordinator* (bhotchkiss‡)

Youth Ministry

Christina Thompson, *Director* (cthompson‡)

Parish School

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Parish School Staff

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Mary Lietz, *Assistant Principal* (mlietz@saintas.net)

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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 Services are held during Advent and Lent.



Lion Attack - St. A's Kids