

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.*

Save The Date September 6, 2008

What is it? A conference of men, for men and by men to explore what it means to be a Catholic man today in our modern world.



Your Faith; Your Church...

IT'S A GUY THING!

Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont, Illinois

Eucharistic Liturgies

August 17 - 24, 2008

Sunday

- 5:00 pm (Saturday) † Brian Hughes
- 8:00 am † Rose Schuba
- 9:30 am † Albert Higuera
- 11:30 am † Renee Walsh
- 5:00 pm † Gail Wallace

Monday

- 6:30 am † Mardy Lepo
- 8:15 am † Mary Edna King

Tuesday

- 6:30 am † Sally Elam
- 8:15 am † Albert Higuera

Wednesday

- 6:30 am † Alice Goodman
- 8:15 am † Janett Kross Strong

Thursday

- 6:30 am † Betty Kelly
- 8:15 am † Charles King

Friday

- 6:30 am † John Burns
- 8:15 am † Richard Sonnicksen

Saturday

- 8:15 am † Con & Dobie Hayes
- 5:00 pm † Marilyn Patterson

Sunday

- 8:00 am † Dennis Donoghue
- 9:30 am † Albert Reynen
- 11:30 am † Rose Schuba
- 5:00 pm † Julia Heard

Missionary Visit This Weekend

This year the Missionaries of Jesus (MJ), an international and multicultural religious community, is sending Rev. Fr. Joseph Guerrero to speak to us about the missionary works of their religious community. It was founded in the Philippines on June 12, 2002 by a group of 41 seasoned missionaries, each of them having spent several years in international mission involvements. Rev. Guerrero was ordained a priest on December 3, 1985 and he spent 14 years of his missionary life in Guatemala. After this time, his superiors asked him to prepare to go back to the Philippines. He was assigned to the Diocese of Bontoc, Mountain Province for a year and was then appointed District Coordinator of the MJ Mindanao District at the Diocese of Balabagan, Lanao del Sur for 5 years. At present, Fr. Joseph will be one of the team to open a new missionary commitment in Guatemala. Today's second collection will assist the work of the Missionaries of Jesus.

Storybook Yoga

R.E.A.L. Camps for ages 4-7
 Come enjoy daily stretching, breathing, and movement, as well as following the children's imaginative lead to words and pictures of books like Caps for Sale, Katie Meets the Impressionists, and more. Storybook Yoga will be followed by R.E.A.L. activities like eco-art, intentional playtime, yogi games and community circle. Choose from three different locations: Session I: August 11-15, 1-3 p.m., Heaven Meets Earth, 2746 Central Street, Evanston, \$200. Register at www.heavenmeetsearthyoga.com or 847-475-1500. Second Session: August 18-20, 1-3 p.m., Antalee Wellness Spa and Gallery (www.antalee.com), 1834-36 Glenview Road (2nd floor, enter from Pine Street), Glenview, \$120. Third Session: August 25-28, 1-3 p.m., Winnetka Community House (www.winnetkacommunityhouse.org), 620 Lincoln Avenue, Winnetka, \$160. To register for second and third sessions & for questions, call creator and teacher, Katie Klatt-Bowen, at 847-446-6654, press 2, or chitownmama@gmail.com.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION REPORT

Offertory August 9/10	\$7,355
HOPE Sunday To Date	\$32,312
Parish Pay for July	\$12,740

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS



This Week: Missionaries
of Jesus

Next Week: New Hope
Apartment Fund

Attention: All Parents of Teens

There will be an informational meeting about all the upcoming LifeTeen activities on Tuesday, August 19 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the gym.

Pastor's Notes

Your Faith: Your Church...It's A Guy Thing

There is the frustration of not having the right tools at hand for the job you are trying to complete. Not a good feeling.

Our Catholic faith calls us to get closer to Christ. How to do this is not always clear. Where are the tools? On Saturday, September 6, the first Chicago Catholic Men's Conference will offer some good tools for the job.

As you can see from the Conference Itinerary, good topics, dynamic speakers, and a mix of a few thousand men can make for a powerful day at the Stevens Convention Center in Rosemont.

Check out the Conference website, www.itsaguythingonline.org, for more details and registration information. More information will follow on how we can carpool using the vehicles with the largest tailgate. Let me know if you are interested.

Fr. Tom Libera

Conference Itinerary—Saturday, September 6

6:30 am	Registration Opens
8:00 am	Opening Morning Prayer <i>Richard Lane Preaching</i> Master of Ceremonies - <i>Sean Dalton</i>
9:00 am	Fathers: Building Strong Families for Today and Tomorrow <i>Matthew Kelly</i>
10:00 am	Break
10:15 am	The Greatest Battle of Man's Life <i>Kenneth Henderson</i>
11:10 am	Break
11:30 am	Building A Civilization of Love <i>Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight, K of C</i>
12:30 pm	Lunch <i>Adoration Chapel Opens and Confessions Begin</i>
1:30 pm	Breakout Sessions A. Teaching the Need for Strong Fathers <i>Father Jordan Kelly</i> B. "Immortal Combat: Spiritual Warfare for Catholic Men" <i>Hector Molina</i> C. Are You Done Yet? <i>Richard Lane</i>
2:50 pm	Break
3:10 pm	Break Out Sessions D. Deep Impact! The Powerful Influence a Man of Character Can Have on the Next Generation! <i>Sean Dalton</i> E. The Greatest Battle of Man's Life <i>Kenneth Henderson</i> F. "The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality" <i>Matthew Kelly</i>
4:30 pm	Break
4:45 pm	Celebration of the Mass
5:45 pm	Tailgate Dinner and Social

New Hope Apartment Fund Appeal Next Weekend

Your generous response last year to our New Hope Apartment Fund appeal made it possible for a young mother to begin working toward self-sufficiency.

This year, we will be raising funds for the New Hope Apartment program next weekend, August 23 and 24, marking the beginning of our fourth year in this Catholic Charities-sponsored program.

Earlier, our parish helped save a family from eviction, enabling them to move into an Evanston townhouse. The mother was able to complete her training for a better-paying job, overcome significant obstacles, and “graduate” from the New Hope program in 19 months. She is now self-sufficient.

Along with St. Mary and St. Joseph’s parishes, we are now assisting a young mother and her four-year-old son. The mother had come to the United States from Eastern Europe at age 12, adopted by an American family. After high school, she became pregnant and gave birth to her son. Her adopted parents asked her to give the child up for adoption, which led to disagreement, and they asked her to move out of the house.

After beginning the New Hope program, with the help of a Catholic Charities social worker, she began working full-time in a deli restaurant, finding affordable day care for her son, and saving money.

Her social worker said she is “highly spirited, courageous and focused, working tirelessly toward self-sufficiency.” Now she faces important changes. She is expecting a second child, a girl, due later this month or early September. In addition, her son has been diagnosed with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). She has been working with the day care program staff on an Individual Educational Plan for him. She is still making progress toward financial independence, winning praise from the Catholic Charities staff.

The role of the three parishes is to provide funds for the family’s apartment rent. The mother is most grateful to our parish for our continuing support of her family.

If you would like to assist the family, please place your gift in the New Hope Apartment Fund Collection next weekend.

We again thank you for your generosity and care. You have made a difference. We ask your prayers for the family and for the success of the program.

St. A’s Peace & Justice Ministry

Please Remember In Your Prayers...

The sick and their caregivers, especially **Rachel Harrigan, Spencer Powell, Susanna Bohacsik, Augusta Pomeroy, Shirley Schreiber**, mother of Kitty and Paul Schreiber, **Tom Walsh, Joseph DeLapp, Charmayne Swanson, Mary Ann Vogt**, mother of Carolyn Groves, **Philip Driscoll, Rita Smith, George Blecha, Rosemary Boyle, Kathy Groves, Brian Bourke,**

Those in the military, especially **Ensign Anthony Grusich, USN**, son of Lois and Bill Grusich, **Petty Officer 3rd Class Ryan Olsen** and **PFC Kyle Olsen**, grandsons of Jane and Emmit Ingram; and **Matthew Chrobak**, nephew of Eric Harkna and Tonise Paul;

Those who have died, especially **Margaret Jane O’Connor**, mother of Eunie Nondorf.

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.

Our Steinway Piano Gets A Make-Over, But First

Short History of the Steinway Piano Company

Steinway & Sons was founded in 1853 by German immigrant Henry Engelhard Steinway in a Manhattan loft on Varick Street. Henry was a master cabinet maker who built his first piano in the kitchen of his Seesen, Germany home. By the time Henry established Steinway & Sons, he had built 482 pianos. The first piano produced by the company, number 483, was sold to a New York family for \$500. It is now displayed at New York City's Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Over the next forty years, Henry and his sons, Henry Jr., Albert, C.F. Theodore, William, and Charles, developed the modern piano. Almost half of the company's 114 patented inventions were developed during this period. Many of these late nineteenth-century inventions were based on emerging scientific research, including the acoustical theories of the renowned physicist Hermann von Helmholtz.

Steinway's revolutionary designs and superior workmanship began receiving national recognition almost immediately. Starting in 1855, Steinway pianos received gold medals at several U.S. and European exhibitions. The company gained international recognition in 1867 at the Paris Exhibition when it was awarded the prestigious "Grand Gold Medal of Honor" for excellence in manufacturing and engineering. It was the first time an American company had received this award. Steinway pianos quickly became the piano of choice for many members of royalty and won the respect and admiration of the world's great pianists.



Our Steinway (as told by Frank Glab - former Music Director)

"In 1998, I went out on a shopping spree with a budget of \$20,000. So I set out to Kurt Saphir. I found the 1952 Steinway that is in St. A's today. It was sent to Kurt for some kind of refurbishing and abandoned as a result of a divorce. His asking price was \$35,000. After haggling like mad, he came down to \$25,000. There were frantic phone calls between Fr. Mannion and me. Finally, Fr. Mannion gave me permission to accept the price."

Recent Work Done To Our Steinway by Robert

Hammer Reshaping: The striking surfaces of the hammers had become grooved from years of playing. The hammer felt was sanded smooth to remove the grooves and reshaped to the original oval shape.

Keys Rebushed: The keys "wiggled" left and right. Each key has a steel pin underneath it that fits into a small hole in the bottom of the key lined with 4 very small pieces of felt. The felt was replaced, which eliminated the "wobble".

Action Regulation: All moving parts inside the piano were inspected and adjusted to bring the piano back to factory specifications and tolerances.

Voicing: This process adjusts the tone of the piano. The density of the felt hammers is altered by the use of small picks or pins.

Cleaning: The inside of the piano was cleaned, including the soundboard under the strings, the plate, the bridges, the dampers, the understring felts, the tuning pin web area, the keyframe, the keys and action assembly and cavity.

This work was done to maintain the fine instrument that the church is fortunate to own. From the sketchy history that we have of this piano, this work was long overdue and will help the piano to give many more years of beautiful music to the Masses and other events at St. Athanasius.

Our hope is to schedule a concert this fall to christen the "new" piano. Information will be forthcoming regarding this event.

T H E
GENERATIONS
C A M P A I G N

our foundation, our footprint, our future

Today we continue our series of Questions and Answers related to our upcoming Generations Campaign. If you would like additional information or want to volunteer to help us achieve our \$3 million goal, please contact the campaign office at (847-332-1615) or visit with a member of the Campaign Leadership Team.

Q. Why are the current cost estimates more than previously circulated?

A. The earliest estimates of the cost of all the necessary Church repairs were lower than the current \$2 million. These early estimates were made before the complete analysis of the WJE report was completed. In addition, to arrive at better estimates, Berglund Construction, a contractor with experience in church repair projects, assisted in developing more firm cost estimates. As this work continued, it became clear that the scope of the project was greater than originally assumed. The total project estimate also includes amounts to cover unexpected contingencies and related project costs.

Q. What other features of our Church enter into the cost estimates?

A. Our project is costly because of the historic nature of our Church. Construction practices 70 years ago were different than today. To maintain the beauty and historical significance of the Church, we must use appropriate materials. Replicating some of our historic features is expensive. As an example, the construction plans point out that the width of the mortar joints in the Church are significantly greater than the contemporary standard of 3/8 inch, making replacement more expensive. Further, to ensure these repairs are long-lasting, we have specified that high-grade materials be used for the replacement elements of the project.

Q. How long are these repairs going to last? Haven't we made these types of repairs over and over?

A. Long time parishioners will remember past repairs of cracked or buckling plaster. Efforts were made in connection with those repairs to address water infiltration through application of additional sealants. Such relatively minor repairs and interior cosmetic fixes will no longer address the problems, which are growing. The most recent major repairs to the Church exterior were over 20 years ago. With simple, routine maintenance, we hope the Phase I and Phase II repairs will have a life expectancy of that long or more. Our slate roof is believed to be original to the Church – protecting us for 70 years. With these major repair phases and ongoing routine maintenance, the Church will be our place of celebration for many years to come.

Q. Will the repair work disrupt our liturgical celebrations?

A. Efforts will be made so that work will have minimal impact on Mass and other celebrations. Metal scaffolding will likely be used along the exterior of the Church up to gutter height throughout the several month repair process. In the interior, the use of non-invasive cherry pickers, rope systems, and periodic short-term tower scaffolds is envisioned to minimize potential impact on both regular Masses and special events alike.

Q. Are there any other repair or improvement projects being considered?

A. Other possible projects for the Church include replacing deteriorating electrical wiring and deteriorating interior fixtures with new, more energy efficient lighting, along with a motorized side door on the southeast side. This will be considered only if there are funds available when the Phase I and Phase II projects are completed and ownership of Lindley Park is secured.

...Many Hands Make Light Work...

As we prepare for a successful and rewarding campaign, we need the assistance of the members of our Parish family in a variety of areas. First and foremost, we ask that everyone begin praying for this important initiative – for guidance, for support and for a unified, positive response from the members of St. Athanasius. The important repairs to the Church, the acquisition of Lindley Park and the creation of a Parish-wide maintenance fund will benefit each and every member of our family of faith, from youngest to our most senior. This is an opportunity for each of us to do what we can to ensure a bright future for the Parish we love.

As our campaign launch approaches, we ask you to consider these vital volunteer roles –

Ambassadors are the lifeblood of a campaign and are the people who meet with their fellow parishioners, answer questions, discuss options for giving and invite financial participation. Ambassadors select the folks they wish to visit, and every family chosen receives an informative letter and brochure prior to the volunteer making his/her first call. Extensive training and materials are provided to make the process comfortable and enjoyable.

Captains, or recruiters, are those who help enlist Ambassador involvement. They encourage participation, serve as team leaders and are an essential link between the Ambassadors and the Campaign Office. Captains attend training with their team and are pivotal in the communication flow.

Hosts, prior to the campaign launch, invite fellow parishioners to their homes and/or clubs for informal get togethers (coffee/dessert, wine/cheese, etc.) at which Cergy and Leaders present information about the capital campaign and its components, and provide an opportunity for questions to be answered.

If you have already made the decision that you want to “get on board” and make *The Generations Campaign* a huge success, please complete and send in the form below or call Jean in the campaign office at (847) 332-1615. Thank you!

Yes! I will do all that I can to make the St. Athanasius
Generations Campaign a success!!

- I will serve as a Captain and put together a team of 8–10 Ambassadors.
- I will serve as an Ambassador and personally meet with 10 Parish families.
- I will serve as a Host. Please ask Jean to contact me to arrange a date.
- Contact me with more information about these volunteer roles.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone (Day) _____ Phone (Evening) _____

Email _____

Please consider sharing your time in support of *The Generations Campaign*.

Parish Calendar

Sunday, August 17

Monday, August 18

Tuesday, August 19

Wednesday, August 20

LifeTeen Leaders Meeting, 7-9 pm, Teen Room
LifeTeen Parent Meeting, 7-9 pm, Teen Room

Thursday, August 21

Friday, August 22

Virtus Training, 1:30 pm, Hartke Room

Saturday, August 23

Sunday, August 24

LifeTeen After Mass, 6-8 pm, Teen Room



Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

The Mass this year will be held on Sunday, September 7 at 2:30 pm at Holy Name Cathedral, 735 N. State Street in Chicago. Couples married in 1958 should contact the parish office to register.

Staff Extension List 847-328-1430

100 Parish Office	120 Jim Potthast
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111 Fr. Libera	130 Carolyn Groves
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115 Susan Castagna	143 Karen Sellers
116 Jean Lauri	

Weekday Servers August 18 - 23

8:15 am Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday
Peter Leinenweber, Patrick Mulica
Thursday/Friday/Saturday
Alana Natke, Billy Nondorf

Liturgical Ministers

Next Weekend August 23/24

5:00 pm Saturday

Presider Fr. Sztorc
Lector Chris Talbot
Servers Quinn Foley, Michael Carlin
Eucharistic Ministers
Jackie & Mike Brennan,
Henrietta Berning,
Stan & Lori Goszczynski

8:00 am

Presider Fr. Sztorc
Lector Barbara Zapszalka
Servers John Charron, Martin Fenn,
Maira Dillon
Eucharistic Ministers
Jerry Garner, Chris Talbot,
Walter Farrell, Bruno Jaselskis,
Robert Coats

9:30 am

Presider Fr. Libera
Lector David Staub
Servers Mathew & Michael Consolo,
Molly Gentile
Eucharistic Ministers
Bob Curley, Kevin Leonard,
Michael Sultan, Rita Bambrick,
John Osterlund

11:30 am

Presider Fr. Sztorc
Lector Mary Rooney
Servers John Clair, Kevin Cole
Eucharistic Ministers
Bill & Sue Harmon, Claire Labbe,
Mary Ann Harvey, Rosemary Welch

5:00 pm Sunday

Presider Fr. Libera

Readings for the Week of August 17, 2008

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28
Monday: Ez 24:15-24/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Working with the Scriptures

August 17, 2008 (Is. 56:1, 6-7; Rom. 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt. 15:21-28)

“Why can’t we all just get along?” A friend and I were discussing her son. He enlisted in the military earlier this year and is currently training in communications. Until recently, his Mom’s worries were pretty much centered on Iraq and Afghanistan, but today’s papers with their stories of Russian tanks moving in South Ossetia and Russian bombing in central Georgia, have increased her concern. “Why can’t we all just get along?” I asked. But neither of us had an answer.

This isn’t a new question. In fact, all three readings this Sunday seem to be talking about the same thing. In Isaiah 56:3 (not included in today’s text) we read: “Let not the foreigner say...”The Lord will surely exclude me from his people”. In response the prophet assures the reader: “Thus says the Lord...my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.” In Paul’s Letter to the Romans, we witness Paul’s growing conviction that his ministry is not just to the Jews, but to the Gentiles as well. But, it is in Matthew’s Gospel that we find the most striking example.

In Mt. 10:5 we hear Jesus instructing his disciples: “Do not go into pagan territory or enter a Samaritan town.” So it is not surprising that when a Canaanite woman comes to him for help, Jesus’ response is something less than enthusiastic. Yet, before this conversation could even take place Jesus had to travel to the place where the Canaanite woman lived. “At that time, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon.” In other words, Jesus had to leave His comfort zone. “Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David!” His response to that woman has been handed down through the ages. “O woman, great is your faith!” “And the woman’s daughter was healed...”

“Why can’t we all just get along?” Why do we continue to reject those outside our comfort zone? Why do we refuse to share even the scraps from our tables? Why do we not find healing? Could it be that, unlike the Canaanite woman, we simply do not have enough faith for it to be otherwise?

Senior Lifestyle Expo

Sponsored by the Northeastern Illinois Area Agency on Aging, this conference offers a wealth of information on topics of interest to seniors through seminars, exhibits and games. It will be held at the Drury Lane Theatre and Conference Center, 100 Drury Lane in Oakbrook Terrace on Wednesday, September 3 and Thursday, September 4, 9 am to 2 pm. Tickets are \$3 at the door or print \$1 off coupon online at www.SeniorLifestyleExpo.org. Visit the website for further details or call 800-528-2000.

Confirmation Thank You

Dear Father Libera,

I express here my appreciation for the parish alms of \$1,1173.00 mentioned as the 2008 Confirmation donation to this bishop.

Many are the appeals from people through the course of a year for assistance and help registered with the bishop. There are more requests than can be honored. But I accept this donation in the spirit with which it was given - the first such donation I have ever received from an assembly at Confirmation. I am deeply touched by your gesture with your parishioners. Thank you for your solicitude from the desk of this bishop.

May your pastorate at St. Athanasius remain in the sight of God.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph N. Perry
Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago

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The deadline for submitting information to the parish office is Friday at Noon, 10 days prior to publication date.

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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 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.

