

The Chimes

of Saint Athanasius Parish

www.stathanasius-evanston.org

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.*



A Few Last Slides Before School Begins

Eucharistic Liturgies

August 23 – 30, 2009

Sunday

- 5:00 pm (Saturday) Brocki Family
- 8:00 am ✠ Shirley Schreiber
- 9:30 am ✠ Alfred Reynen
- 11:30 am ✠ Frances Marguerite
- 5:00 pm ✠ Jack Steinberg

Monday

- 6:30 am ✠ John McGarry
- 8:15 am ✠ Dennis Donoghue

Tuesday

- 6:30 am ✠ Mildred Bobowski
- 8:15 am ✠ Derek Dodd

Wednesday

- 6:30 am ✠ Adelaide Burns
- 8:15 am ✠ Mim Sullivan

Thursday

- 6:30 am ✠ George Lambrechts
- 8:15 am ✠ Genevieve Lubawy

Friday

- 6:30 am ✠ Anthony Mancini
- 8:15 am ✠ James Neal

Saturday

- 8:15 am ✠ Mary McKiernan
- 5:00 pm Special Intentions for the Houk Family

Sunday

- 8:00 am ✠ Ann Ignoffo
- 9:30 am ✠ Genevieve Lubawy
- 11:30 am ✠ Jack Kent
- 5:00 pm ✠ Eva Solazzo

St. Athanasius Church

Labor Day Mass

Monday, September 7

9:00 am

There will be no 6:30 am or 8:15 am Mass that day.

Solidarity Bridge Thank You

Dear Fr. Tom and the St. A's Community,

We are deeply grateful for your generosity to the poor of Bolivia by inviting us to come speak to your community and by holding a second collection for Solidarity Bridge. Thank you so very much for the gifts totaling \$3,251.97!

We really appreciate the way you have extended yourself over the past few years to include the poor of Bolivia in your outreach. Your generosity will bear tremendous fruit as Solidarity Bridge continues to save lives and relieve suffering with your help.

A very special thanks to you, Fr. Tom, for fostering in the St. Athanasius community an effective solidarity with the poor. Your ongoing support is a great encouragement to us at Solidarity Bridge.

May the risen Christ bring peace and joy to your heart!

Yours in solidarity,

Juan Lorenzo Hinojosa, PhD, Executive Director
Ann Rhombert, MSW, Associate Director
Sarah Hinojosa, MTS, Director of Parish Outreach

OFFERTORY COLLECTION REPORT

Offertory August 15/16	\$8,253
Assumption.....	\$383
Children's Envelopes.....	\$6
ParishPay for August	\$14,503

~ Thank You ~
Every Contribution Matters
Every Parishioner Counts

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

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



Next Week: None

Ministers of Care

If you, a family member, or friend are not able to get to Mass because of illness or home confinement, please call Lori Goszczynski, at (847) 328-1430, ext. 157, or leave a message at the Parish Office and we can have someone bring you Holy Communion.

Aid Our Neighbors Through St. Vincent de Paul

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society needs our continued assistance. Their average weekly collection at the poor box is less than \$70. They make informed gifts to people in need in the St. A's community by providing such basic assistance as rent, food, or utility bills, as well as counseling their recipients. We all receive many requests for money, but this one touches the neediest in our own neighborhood. As you exit the church today, please consider putting a donation into one of the metal poor boxes by the doors. You may also sign up for a monthly automatic donation at www.parishpay.com.

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 Administrative Assistant, Janice Moore at extension 100.

Save the Date!

St. Athanasius Women's Club
Annual Fall Dinner
Wednesday, September 16

Day Care Offered

Are you looking for quality day care in a safe, warm and loving environment? Kausar Allahrakha will provide holistic, child-centered care with many activities to keep your child happy and active. She provides breakfast, lunch and nutritious snacks according to the requirements of DCFS. Kausar, who has provided child care at St. Athanasius Church during our 9:30 am Mass for many years, is certified in CPR and First Aid and is approved by DCFS and the Village of Skokie, where her home is conveniently located. For more information, please call Kausar at 847/763-0835.

Please Remember In Your Prayers...

The sick and their caregivers, especially **B.J. Wagner**, wife of Harold Kimball, **Tom Kent**, **Fred Meeder**, **Elizabeth Adamson**, **Carol Hoppe**, **Molly Malek**, sister of Joan Lemasters, **John Romankiewicz**, **Mary Alice Micali**, **Karen Firestone**, **Jeanne Haselton**, **Mary Bomba**, **Dennis Degelmann**, **Arthur Hofstetter**, **Katie Ryan**, **Alice Sloma**, **Helene Joelo**, **Margit Joelo**, **Charmayne Swanson**, **Kevin Steinhauser**, nephew of Ann Adamson, **Bruce McCulloch**, husband of Jean McCulloch, **Kathryn Hand**, **Ron Selke**, **Sharon Lebsack**, **Claudia Brant**, **Don Terando** and **Paul Mooney**, nephew of Bob and Nancy Doyle;

Those in the military, especially **Ken Razionale**, USMC, **Catie Staub**, daughter of David and Mary Therese Staub, **Ensign Anthony Grusich**, USN, son of Lois and Bill Grusich, **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 **Mary McKiernan**, mother of Barbara Davis.

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.

Next Sunday's Gospel – August 30, 2009
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

When the Pharisees with some scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they observed that some of his disciples ate their meals with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands.

For the Pharisees and, in fact, all Jews, do not eat without carefully washing their hands, keeping the tradition of the elders. And on coming from the marketplace they do not eat without purifying themselves. And there are many other things that they have traditionally observed, the purification of cups and jugs and kettles and beds. So the Pharisees and scribes questioned him, "Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?"

He responded,
"Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts. You disregard God's commandment, but cling to human tradition." He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile. "From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile."

After reading the Gospel aloud, in unison, those gathered reflect on the following questions:

- In this passage, what word, phrase or image struck you?
- How does that speak to you personally?
- How does that speak to our community at St. Athanasius? And to the wider Church?

*Conclude by praying the **Our Father** together.*

Faith First

Our faith grows out of our experience of the presence of God. As Catholic Christians we are doubly blessed to be people of the Table and of the Book. We encounter God in the Sacraments, notably the Eucharist, and also in the Scripture. As Father Tom mentioned last Sunday, this year our St. Athanasius community will pay special attention to the gift of Scripture in our lives.

Every gathering and meeting in the parish will begin with a reading of the Gospel for the coming Sunday and reflection on the message of that particular passage. But why wait to come to a meeting? This is a gift that we can all enjoy, whenever we want, at home, at work, on the train, in the car. In this space, each week, watch for ways to put Faith First.

Beginning Sunday, September 13, the St. Athanasius Scripture Study group will provide a weekly reflection question to accompany the text printed in *The Chimes*. The readings for each day of the week are already listed in *The Chimes*. In addition, please visit the website for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops at www.usccb.org where you can access the readings for any day, in text or audio form, view a video reflection, or download a pod cast.

Family Program

When we celebrated the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother on August 15, the readings spoke of fruit - Elizabeth called the Baby Jesus the “fruit of Mary’s womb”. St. Paul called the Risen Christ the “first fruits of those who have died”. This feast comes at the traditional time of the first harvests in the northern hemisphere and, for those of us who live in cities and towns somewhat removed from the growing and harvesting of fruit, it is still a reminder that autumn is fast approaching.

Another academic year is about to begin and energy is focused on our children and their education. They are the fruit of our families & communities, and they need to be nurtured. Here at St. A’s, many of the children attend our parish school and receive religious education daily as part of the curriculum. However, the majority of Catholic children in this country attend secular schools. They receive their faith formation at home and in classes such as those offered by our Family Program. Do you have children, or do you have relatives, friends, or neighbors who have children who might be enrolled in these classes? Would you like to teach or help with the program? Classes meet from September to May on Sunday mornings from 10:45 am to noon. For a full schedule and further information, please consult the parish website, or contact the Religious Education Office at 847-328-1430, ext. 129 or 124, or email Bridget at bhotchkiss@stathanasius-evanston.org or Cynthia at csplatt@stathanasius-evanston.org. If you are already a part of the program, please remember to return your registration forms.

Northwestern University Football Promotions



Meet the Team Night - Go on the field to play with the Wildcat Football Team at 6 pm on August 28! Plus, the 'Cats are throwing back their prices for fans who bring their cans or bottles to the annual

Meet the Team Night at Ryan Field. For every can or bottle you bring, you can purchase tickets to a Wildcat nonconference game in September for only \$10 each.

Purrfect Attendance - Students in the 8th grade and younger who present a copy of their certificate of perfect attendance from the 2008-09 school year will receive a FREE Family Plan season ticket package - that's a family of five attending every home game in 2009, which is a **\$420 value!** The certificate must be presented in advance to receive your free tickets.

Wildcats 3.0 - Children in the 8th grade and younger will receive two free tickets to a nonconference game in September when they present a copy of their report card filled with all As and Bs from the 2008-09 academic year. All report cards must be presented in advance as the offer is not valid on the day of the game.

Bound for Success for Reading Program - Kids in the 8th grade and younger who complete the required reading will earn prizes, including Lou Malnati's Pizza and tickets to select Wildcat home games.

North Shore Community Day - Support your community and the 'Cats by attending North Shore Community Day on September 5 for the Wildcats' game against Towson. All residents of the North Shore can purchase end zone tickets at half-price, which is only \$13 each. Tickets must be purchased in advance using the code "NUNSD".

For questions about any of these promotions, please email wildcatmarketing@northwestern.edu.

Annual Mass to Honor First Responders & Grotto Dedication

The Notre Dame College Prep community invites all first responders (firefighters, police officers, paramedics, nurses, etc.) and all others to a Mass at Our Lady's Grotto on September 11 at 9:30 am. Help them honor these men and women who are heroes among us. First responders are encouraged to wear their dress uniforms if possible. Notre Dame College Prep is located at 7655 West Dempster Street in Niles. For more information, please call 847.779.8610 or visit ww.nddons.org.

Musical Auditions

Regina Dominican High School is looking for a few good men to star in the upcoming fall musical, *Meet Me in St. Louis*. Auditions will be held in the auditorium after school on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 1st and 2nd from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm. The show will be performed on November 19, 20 & 21. For more information, please contact show director, Mr. Hiett, at dhiett@rdhs.org or at 847-256-7660, extension 265.

Misericordia Family Fest

"One Day for a Better Tomorrow"

The 29th Annual fest will be held on Sunday, September 13 from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm on the Misericordia Campus at Ridge and Devon in Chicago. Come for live entertainment, children's games, kiddie rides, auctions, raffles, food and drinks. Parking is free. All proceeds support Misericordia's programs for 550 children and adults with developmental disabilities. For more information and tickets, call (773) 273-2766.





41st Annual J. Barry McRaith St. Athanasius Golf Classic

September 18, 2009 – Peter Jans Golf Course

Registration/Lunch – Noon

Shotgun Start – 1:30 pm

Awards and Prizes will be given at Dinner

Dinner Banquet, Live Music & Dancing featuring

Dad Circus

*Can't Golf? Join us at the "19th Hole" for
Dinner and the "After Party" under the stars!*



RESERVATION FORM

<u>Golfer:</u>	<u>Phone:</u>	<u>E-Mail:</u>
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____

We will match singles, twosomes and threesomes, and notify everyone of their starting tee location.

Lunch, Golf, Gift Bag & Dinner & After Party: \$110.00 each
(Electric Golf Carts included with entrance fee) x _____ = \$ _____

19th Hole Dinner & "After Party" only: \$50.00 each
(Includes Dinner, Beer & Wine) x _____ = \$ _____

Sponsor a Hole @ \$150.00 each:
(Course signage and Bulletin "thank you") x _____ = \$ _____

Donation Only: (any amount) \$ _____

Total Enclosed: *(make checks payable to St. Athanasius Church)* \$ _____

Questions? Please call Tom Leinenweber at 312-403-1312.

Please return your form and money to Tom Leinenweber, 2915 Colfax St., Evanston, IL 60201 **BY SEPTEMBER 11.**

Parish Calendar

Sunday, August 23

Monday, August 24

Virtus Training, 1-4 pm, Hartke
Volleyball, 3:30-7:30 pm, Gym
Ice Cream Social, 4-6 pm, School

Tuesday, August 25

Volleyball, 3:30-8 pm, Gym

Wednesday, August 26

Thursday, August 27

Volleyball, 3:30-8 pm, Gym

Friday, August 28

Kindergarten Coffee, 8:45 am, School

Saturday, August 29

Sunday, August 30

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass



The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, August 30 at 3:00 pm at St. John Brebeuf in Niles. Couples married in 1959 who are interested in attending this celebration should contact our Parish Office at 847/328-1430 to register. For further information, call the Family Ministries Office at 312/534-8351 or visit the website at www.familyministries.org.

Staff Extension List 847-328-1430

100 Parish Office	116 Jean Lauri
100 Janice Moore	120 Jim Potthast
101 School Office	123 Mary Lietz
103 Fr. Sztorc	124 Cynthia Splatt
105 Marion Amling	125 Steve Carson
107 Judy Berg	129 Bridget Hotchkiss
111 Fr. Libera	142 Barbara Bonier
114 José Moreno	143 Karen Sellers
115 Susan Castagna	157 Lori Goszczyński

Weekday Servers August 24 - 29

8:15 am Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday
Christopher Affinito, Molly Braasch
Thursday/Friday/Saturday
Lizzie Caan, John Charron

Liturgical Ministers

Next Weekend August 29/30

5:00 pm Saturday

Presider Fr. Sztorc
Lector Steve Carlson
Servers Matthew McCareins, Rebecca Suennen
Eucharistic Ministers
Tom Meany, Jackie & Mike Brennan,
Nancy Murray, Richard Byrne

8:00 am

Presider Fr. Libera
Lector Jean Peters
Servers Christian Swenson, James Zampa
Eucharistic Ministers
Bill Kauffman, Joseph Walsh,
Nancy Taylor, Mary Pat Schmidt,
Judy Berg

9:30 am

Presider Fr. Sztorc
Lector Barbara O'Connor
Servers Eleanor Sweeney, Christopher Affinito
Eucharistic Ministers
Donna Consolo, Claire Labbe,
Tim Burke, Lisa Weber,
Bridget Hotchkiss

11:30 am

Presider Fr. Libera
Lector Maurice Sullivan
Servers C.J. All, Elizabeth Caan
Eucharistic Ministers
Tom & Sue Laue, Marge Foley,
Mary Sotir, Jim Rooney

5:00 pm Sunday

Presider Fr. Sztorc

Readings for the Week of August 23, 2009

Sunday:	Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69
Monday:	Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51
Tuesday:	1 Thes 2:1-8/Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday:	1 Thes 2:9-13/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday:	1 Thes 3:7-13/Mt 24:42-51
Friday:	1 Thes 4:1-8/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday:	1 Thes 4:9-11/Mk 6:17-29
Next Sunday:	Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Working with the Scriptures

August 23, 2009 (Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; John 6:60-69)

“As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” Except when it gets to be too difficult, or when it means making an ethical decision that might make me less than popular with the people at work, or when it means using quality materials even though importing cheaper goods would increase profits, or when it means implementing fair interest rates and responsible lending practices, or when it means disposing of waste products appropriately. “This saying is hard, who can *accept* it?”

We’re all familiar with “John 3:16”. We see the signs at sporting events and on billboards. “God so loved the world...” This certainly seems easy enough to accept. After all, doesn’t everyone want to be loved? But how do we respond? Or do we even see any need to respond? John 3:16 doesn’t say anything about responding. Isn’t God’s love free and unconditional?

The answer would, of course, be “yes”. But there’s another part – *our* part. Do we *accept* God’s love? Because if we do, then we choose to be bound to God just as accepting the love of a friend means that we are bound to our friend. We cannot choose to accept God’s love on Sunday morning and then turn around and ignore it on Monday! A little further on, in John 3:19, we read “...the light came into the world but people preferred darkness...because their works (the things that they did at home – and at work – like choosing whether or not to make an ethical decision, cast the dissenting vote, pay a just wage, etc.) were evil.” Here’s where it starts to get hard. No wonder Jesus says that no one can do this unless they have the Father’s help! Did we really think we could handle this on our own?

“Do you also want to leave?” The answer seems obvious on Sunday morning, but what if Jesus was to ask the question at 10:00 am. on Monday? Do we choose to accompany Jesus *every* day? Or do we prefer to “...return to our former way of life” from Monday through Friday?

Vinal Van Benthem

Bereavement Ministry

The Bereavement Ministry of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Wilmette is hosting a second series of support groups for those walking through loss and grief. The three sessions will be held the first Thursdays of August, September and October. The group will use short passages from *Tear Soup: A Recipe for Healing after Loss* and Joyce Rupp’s *Praying Our Goodbyes* for reflection and sharing. Reservations are encouraged, but not required. For more information, please call Debbie at the Ministry of Care Office at (847)256-2273, option 1. All are welcome.

Interfaith Beach Meditation

Interfaith Action of Evanston will sponsor a summer Beach Meditation on Labor Day, Monday, September 7, at 9:00 am, at the Clark Street Beach. In case of rain, the service will be moved to Parkes Hall, Room 122, 1870 Sheridan Road. Dick Whitaker, an Yoga instructor, will lead gentle exercises, interspersed with readings by Interfaith Minister Rev. Elizabeth Stout, who will be using “water” as her theme.

Rainbow Hospice Fundraiser

“**Lake Effect**” will be held on August 28, 5:00 pm to midnight, at the Palmer House in downtown Chicago. The night will include multiple entertainment venues, including headliners the Plain White T’s. Food, drinks, and architectural tours will be part of the festivities. One hundred percent of the ticket proceeds will support the Rainbow Hospice Good Mourning Program for children. Find out more about the event at www.lakeeffectparty.com or call (847) 692-8897 for tickets (\$75 per person).

St. Athanasius Parish

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Pastors

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

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

Parish Office

847-328-1430 (fax) 847-328-1809

Admin. Assistant Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 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 9 am-1 pm

Parish Office Staff

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

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Marion Amling, *Business Manager* (mamling‡)

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Richard S. Jay

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Pastoral Associates

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Anne Marie McMichael, *Secretary* (amcmichael@saintas.net)

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.

