

The Chimes

of Saint Athanasius Parish

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Eucharistic Worship

Monday - Friday 6:30 and 8:00 am
Saturday 8:00 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.*



**2009 - 10 ANNUAL
REPORT INSIDE**

Eucharistic Liturgies

October 10 - 17, 2010

Sunday

- 5:00 pm (Saturday) † Vincent Stanislawski
- 8:00 am † Edward Dietz
- 9:30 am † Genevieve Sobaski
- 11:30 am † Betty Kelly
- 5:00 pm † Allen Hoover

Monday

- 6:30 am Special Intention
for Meghan Marie Hayes
- 8:00 am † Cederborg and Leeson Families

Tuesday

- 6:30 am † Edward Dietz
- 8:00 am † Belinda Green

Wednesday

- 6:30 am † Robert Coats
- 8:00 am † Rachel Harrigan

Thursday

- 6:30 am † Stephen Rooney
- 8:00 pm † John Quinlan

Friday

- 6:30 am † John Rak
- 8:00 pm † Marie Paul

Saturday

- 8:00 am † Norman F. Lawrence
- 5:00 pm † Douglas Curtis and Bea Biondi

Sunday

- 8:00 am † Michael Hess
- 9:30 am † Helen Wieland
- 11:30 am † John Bansley
- 5:00 pm † Edward Dietz

St. A's Women's Club Tour Event
This Wednesday, October 13
 See enclosed flyer for more details

CROP Walkers Step Off Sunday, October 17

The annual interfaith CROP Walk, which supports disaster relief around the world and five local charities, will take place Sunday, October 17. Registration begins at 1:30 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church, 1325 Wilmette Avenue in Wilmette, and walkers step off at 2:00 pm.

The Peace and Justice Ministry invites you to join the St. A's team by walking or sponsoring a walker. The route of the walk, which lasts about an hour, is through Wilmette.

Local charities that benefit include three in Evanston: Hilda's Place (Connections for the Homeless), the Interfaith Action Hospitality Center, and Soup at Six at Hemenway Methodist Church. Two Rogers Park groups, A Just Harvest (Good News Community Kitchen) and the ARK Food Pantry, also receive funds.

For more information or to participate in the walk, please contact Maryellen Moore at 847-328-6970 or maryellenmoore@sbcglobal.net.

Fr. Robert Barron to Launch Nationwide Television Program

Tune in to WGN America Sunday mornings at 8:30 am to view "Word on Fire with Father Barron" as he brings the transformative power of the Gospel to his viewers. This is a groundbreaking broadcast. Fr. Barron will become the first priest since Archbishop Fulton Sheen in the 1950s to have a regular, national program on a commercial television network. Fr. Barron is a professor at University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary and is one of the world's most innovative teachers of Catholicism. One goal of this new program is to reach out to Catholics and others who are searching for meaning in their lives or who have left the Church because they are disillusioned. For more information, visit the website at www.WordOnFire.org.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION REPORT

Offertory October 2/3 \$16,678
 ParishPay for September \$14,421

~ Thank You ~
Every Contribution Matters
Every Parishioner Counts

OUTREACH COLLECTIONS

This Week: St. Agnes,
Our Sharing Parish

Next Week: None



Solidarity Director to Discuss El Salvador

Sunday, October 24

Thirty years ago, two deadly events sent El Salvador reeling. Archbishop Oscar Romero was shot and killed while saying Mass in March, 1980. In December that same year, four American churchwomen were murdered by government soldiers. That year was the start of a bloody civil war that lasted 12 years and killed 75,000 people.

Leslie Schuld, executive director of the Center for Interchange and Solidarity, will talk about El Salvador at the Presbyterian Home, 3200 Grant Street, on Sunday, October 24 at 3:00 pm. CIS is an organization that came together after the signing of the peace accords ending the civil war. She will discuss what has happened in the country since another important event, the election of Mauricio Funes in March 2009, the first president in decades elected without the backing of the country's conservative elite. Sponsored by the St. A's Peace and Justice Ministry, Schuld has spoken at St. A's several times in past years. Her organization has often been among the Lenten charities our parish supports.



Nancy and Mike McLaughlin check out the selection of premier wines that were up for auction last Saturday night at Vintage Blessings.

Angel Ball Update

Thank you to all who participated (as a wine donor, wine drinker, wine winner, or all three) in last weekend's Vintage Blessings. Thanks to many it was a fabulous way to kick off our Angel Ball season!

As in years past, the goal of Angel Ball is to raise funds for the educational programs of our Parish and School, while at the same time strengthening our connections as a Parish. This year's event will be held on December 4 at The Westin Chicago River North and will focus on our many Blessings. Over the coming weeks, we'll be highlighting all the ways you can support Angel Ball 2010. This week, we want to highlight the live and silent auctions that take place at Angel Ball. Our Auction Chairs are hard at work soliciting travel, dining, experience

packages, sporting event tickets, sign-up parties, goods, and services to make our auctions buzz with excitement. Please consider donating your vacation home, your sporting event tickets, hosting a sign-up theme party, anything that you think will help us raise money for the important educational programs of St. Athanasius Parish. For more information about donation items we are seeking or to complete an auction donation form, please contact Stephanie Buettell at sbuettell@comcast.net or 847-733-7780, or visit www.saintas.net/blessings. Thank you for sharing your Blessings!



Insearch. . .

a program of discernment and formation for adult men interested in diocesan priesthood begins on Tuesday, October 19. For more information, contact Fr. Brian Welter, Vocation Director, at 312-534-8298 or bwelter@archchicago.org, or Fr. Dick Mueller at 847-272-7090.

Prayer to Sacred Heart for Vocations

Sacred heart of Jesus, graciously listen to our prayers for priests and religious. Give us generous heart to respond to your call in our lives. Lift up courageous men and women willing to follow after your heart as priests, sisters, brothers and deacons. Help us to share our faith and to encourage young people to explore religious vocations. Guide all people, Lord, in your ways of compassion, truth and peace that we may find happiness in fulfilling our vocations. Amen.

St. Athanasius Inclusion Sunday TODAY

Church Tour This Sunday

Our next mini-tour will take place on Sunday, October 10, after the 8:00 am Mass. Join us also on Saturday, October 23 after the 5:00 pm Mass.

Soup Kitchen

The next **Monday** soup kitchen will be **October 11** at Second Baptist Church, 1717 Benson, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm (meal served at noon). Contact Katie Maday (475-1538) or Helen Madden (866-8875). The next **Thursday** soup kitchen will be on **October 21** at First United Methodist Church, 1630 Hinman Avenue, 4:30-7:30 pm (meal served at 6:00). Contact Kris Koenig-Morel (475-2104) or Christine Carlson (869-4160).

Book Club meets October 21

The St. A's Book Club meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Fitzgerald Chapel. Please join us on October 21 when we will discuss *Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain. The November 18 selection will be *Housekeeping* by Marilynne Robinson. In December, we'll meet on the 2nd Thursday, December 9, to discuss *Homestead* by Rosina Lippi. All are welcome.

Annual Rotary Book Drive

Dear St. Athanasius Parents,

The Wilmette Rotary Club is sponsoring the Big Book Drive again this year and is requesting St. Athanasius to participate in this large project. Last year's donation of 17,000 titles will be hard to top, but we're hoping to make 20,000 books our goal this year. With your help we will do it! The project begins on October 1 and ends on November 19. We would appreciate any contributions of your children's gently used books to be donated to worthy inner-city elementary schools such as St. Agnes and San Miguel. Students there in the past have loved receiving your books to read and to be read to. When this happens, they have a very good chance to raise their reading levels and therefore to succeed in school.

So please have your children bring to St. A's school books they are no longer using. Heather Andersen and Eunice Nondorf have generously agreed to collect them for distribution to designated schools.

Thanks for your help. It does make a difference!

Maurice Sullivan

St. Athanasius/Wilmette Rotary Club

Please Remember In Your Prayers...

The newly baptized, especially **Nicholas Thomas Livatino**, son of Christopher and Megan Livatino, and **Meinlise Dure**, daughter of Louis and Gina Dure;

The sick and their caregivers, especially **Edward Donahue**, **Helen Stelzer**, **Bill Aronin**, **Meghan Hayes**, niece of Marie Hayes, **Dennis O'Malley**, **Richard Fowler**, **Pat Schmidt**, **Sheryn Taylor**, daughter-in-law of Harry and Nancy Taylor, **Bonnie Lytle**, **Donald Pauli**, **Emmanuel Van Nierop**, **Alice Sloma**, **Gerry Lietz**, **Irene Cagney**, **Mary Mika**, daughter of Sue Stoessel, **Heather Flotta**, niece of Sue Stoessel;

Those in the military, especially **Alexander Ellis**, son of Georgie Ellis, **Ken Razonale**, **USMC**, **Catie Staub**, daughter of David and Mary Therese Staub, **Lt.j.g. 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 **William Doherty**, brother of Donna Kane.

St. Athanasius Parish

October 2010

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St. Athanasius

Parish Annual Report

July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010

October 10, 2010

STATE OF ST. ATHANASIUS PARISH 2009-2010

Forty-five thousand people are running the Chicago Marathon today. Included are St. A's people. You don't complete a successful marathon by just showing up. In attempting to finish the run, a menu of ingredients like deciding to run, serious practice, registering, and enlisting other people's support are all stirred together.

This week, we will give the annual account of the time, talent, and treasure for our parish. Today, in addition to a presentation of our financial report, I will give my views on the state of our parish. In a coming week, you will have an opportunity to add your perspective and hopes for our future.

Participating in a marathon is a good way for describing life at St. Athanasius. Since our founding in 1921, the combined efforts of parishioners, pastors, teachers, and many others have sustained that long distance run of responding to the call of Jesus Christ to "Do this in memory of Me."

The Chicago Marathon runner will see some spectacular sights along the course. What do I see here at St. A's? I notice the **completed outside repair** of our beautiful church building. Next year the goal is to finish re-decorating the interior, improving sound, creating better church access, and a wish list of other improvements. Last year your generosity added about \$250,000 in pledges to our Generations Campaign's \$3 million goal. Presently we are within \$225,000 of that goal. This marathon generosity helps assure our parish's future. Thanks to all who continue to support this project.

The marathon runner builds up determination and stamina by continual practice. As Catholic disciples of the Lord, **where do we build up our spiritual stamina?** Our wisdom says that **the Mass is the summit and source of our spiritual development.** *The Chimes* continues to print the **Faith First** reminder to read and reflect on the coming week's Gospel, both at parish meetings and in the home. While attendance at Mass fluctuates widely, during October it averaged an 8.9% decrease from 2008 to 2009. **This concerns me.** While there are **signs of parish vitality** evidenced, for example, by the 42 new families who joined us this past year, by our school's increased enrollment, by the creative new resources offered to our Family Program parents, and by a purposeful effort to re-invigorate our parish leadership and Parish Pastoral Council, without a vibrant Sunday worship community built up from all our households, we will slowly become spiritually strangled as we cut ourselves off from what shapes and feeds our community.

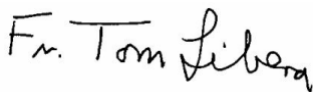
After your decision is made to be actively present for Sunday worship, I know **your expectations for an engaging liturgy, including homily, music, welcome, and environment, are not always met.** That is why a **major priority for our parish leadership and Pastoral Council during this coming year** will center on finding more effective ways with which you can feel a connection between the Mass and your daily life. We are working to respond to the question, “What does it take to bring you back next Sunday?”

Along the marathon route the cheers of the crowd boost runner motivation and strength. Last year, I reported that **Mrs. Katherine Klassen**, who died in 2006, left her parish a generous benefice in her will which has totaled just over \$235,000. This last year another committed parishioner, **Mr. Spencer Powell**, died and remembered St. A’s in his will with a gift of \$100,000. Following the wisdom of our Finance Committee \$75,000 of Katherine’s has been allocated to our Generations Campaign Building Maintenance Fund. We are still discussing how to be the best stewards of the remaining funds with the general view of using the bulk not for immediate needs, but instead to invest in strengthening our parish’s future. Please remember these two gentle people and all who have been generous to our parish throughout our history in your prayers. Deciding to **include St. Athanasius Parish in your legacy** is a special affirmation for us to continue the work of building up the parish of Jesus Christ.

To enter the Chicago Marathon requires an entrance fee. Our Financial Report gives the details, but we were able to **substantially improve the balance sheet** from the previous year. Although we still have a deficit, it was considerably lower than first projected. Through an increase in your Sunday stewardship, a salary freeze for all our staffs, and for the parish staff an additional 10% salary decrease, which has since been lifted, we made it through. My gratitude goes out for your generosity and the real sacrifices our dedicated parish and school staff made this past year. **Your Sunday stewardship offering is what we depend upon to fulfill our budget and sustain us for the long haul.**

While the marathoner makes that single stride one at a time, the runner also is strategizing a pace to reach that finish line. In our history, St. A’s has faced times of challenges and doubts, recovery and flourishing. Through it all, we can take the advice of the author of the Letter to the Hebrews: “Keep your eyes on Jesus, who both began and finished this race we’re in. Study how he did it. He never lost sight of where he was headed – that exhilarating finish in and with God.” (12:2)

In the Lord’s Blessings,



Fr. Tom Libera
Pastor

Parish Statistics

	<i>Year-end</i> <u>6/30/10</u>	<i>Year-end</i> <u>6/30/09</u>
Registered Households	989	1,013
Baptisms	56	67
First Communion	62	63
Confirmations	52	47
Marriages	16	8
Funerals	26	20
Family Program Students	153	160
Parish School Students	361	350

Parish of St. Athanasius
Income Statement
For the Years Ended June 30: 2010 and 2009

Income	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Parish Operations		
1 Sunday, Christmas and Easter collections	793,619	778,871
2 Parish fundraising	636	462
3 Religious Ed. Tuition/Donations & Fundraising	45,766	49,963
4 Youth ministry fundraising & donations	675	0
5 Other income (includes annual appeal rebate)	37,665	22,363
6 Interest, rent and endowment income	48,873	21,964
7 Bequests, memorials and gifts	<u>5,559</u>	<u>1,480</u>
Total Parish Operations	932,790	875,103
Parish School Operations		
8 Tuition and fees	1,733,701	1,675,744
9 Fundraising, net	267,060	223,465
9a School Excess overage to next fiscal year	0	(57,014)
10 School Deficit from Balance Sheet Funds	27,035	0
11 Gifts and Donations	26,703	67,627
12 Other income	2,122	7,934
13 Grant from Parish Church	<u>125,000</u>	<u>150,000</u>
Total Parish School Operations	2,181,621	2,067,756
Total Income	3,114,411	2,942,859
Expense		
Parish Operations		
14 Salaries, wages and benefits	468,148	457,316
15 Utilities, repairs and insurance	142,542	153,402
16 Assessments paid to Archdiocese	118,877	112,794
17 Office, liturgical and administrative	62,329	81,222
18 Ministries	9,522	18,003
19 Other Expenses	26,151	30,797
20 Grant to Parish School	<u>125,000</u>	<u>150,000</u>
Total Parish Operations	952,569	1,003,535
Parish School Operations		
21 Salaries, wages and benefits	1,761,437	1,651,597
22 Utilities, repairs and insurance	156,877	162,904
23 Books and instructional materials	76,532	64,931
24 Computers and equipment	45,361	66,868
25 Office and other general expenses	93,902	78,677
26 Scholarships	<u>47,511</u>	<u>42,779</u>
Total Parish School Operations	2,181,620	2,067,756
Total Expenses	3,134,189	3,071,291
Net Surplus (Deficit)	(19,778)	(128,432)

Sunday Offerings, Christmas & Easter collections increased by 3% over last year, for a total of \$20,598.

The school grant has been reduced this year to \$125,000.

Parish Operations expenses, other than salaries and benefits, decreased by 6% this year.

Salary & Benefits increased by 2% and are 49% of total expenses.

Some Questions and Comments about Parish Finances

What is the bottom line?

We ended fiscal year 2010 with a net loss of (\$19,778). Parish staff took a temporary 10% pay cut to ease the cash flow crisis. A campaign loan was taken out to cover expenses due for the exterior repairs, to be repaid as pledge payments come in.

Who contributes?

One-third of our parishioners give \$500 or more each year and we are grateful for their generosity. Our Parish is here for all of our parishioners, even those considered inactive or even non-supporting. Our community needs each and every member to contribute according to their means to make sure our services are available to all who need them.

What Can We Do About Parish Income?

The major source of our budget comes from your offerings in the collection. We cannot make ends meet on an ongoing basis without a consistent increase in overall contributions and Sunday offerings.

What is the best way to contribute?

Most parishioners use weekly or monthly envelopes to contribute. A growing number of parishioners (**126 families**) contribute online through **ParishPay**, a donation program allowing you to contribute automatically, either by debiting a bank account or using a credit card. If you would like to sign up for **ParishPay**, please visit the website at **www.parishpay.com** or contact Barbara Bonier at 847-328-1430, extension 142.

St. Athanasius Parish Balance Sheet June 30: 2010 and 2009

Assets	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Cash for operations	157,675	127,078
Associated Organizations Cash	61,892	30,917
Receivables due to parish	5,042	36,968
Prepaid expenses	4,500	200
Church Repair Funds	91,712	90,188
Campaign Funds	223,298	603,495
Endowment funds	<u>886,687</u>	<u>886,375</u>
Total Assets	1,430,806	1,775,221
Liabilities and Fund Balance		
Prepaid school tuition and fees	229,506	210,964
School salary and other accruals	115,608	101,526
School Fundraising & Capitol carry forward	62,978	118,221
Operating Loan from Archdiocese	43,487	84,751
Campaign Loan from Archdiocese	521,219	-0-
Donations for future years	66,760	36,034
Endowment Restricted Funds	886,687	886,375
Campaign Restricted Funds	223,298	603,495
Associated Organizations Cash Reserves	78,146	36,953
Parish fund balance	<u>(796,883)</u>	<u>(303,098)</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	1,430,806	1,775,221

If you have questions or concerns regarding our Annual Report, feel free to contact any of our Finance Committee members:
Fr. Tom Libera, Pastor, Marion Amling, Business Manager, Karen Sonnicksen Sellers, Parish Administrator, Robert Natke, Chair, Stephanie Buettell, Doug Wambach, Greg Stoklosa, Kristen Watson



2010 St. Athanasius Parish Annual Christmas Wreath and Garland Sale Cub Scout Pack 931

The beautifully hand crafted evergreen wreaths
are on heavy steel frames sizes 20" to 60".
They are decorated with a frosted pinecone and a velvet bow.
(Without bow \$1.00 less per item).
Garlands are 25 feet long.

Orders will be taken throughout October
with a final order date of **October 29, 2010**.
PAYMENT AT THE TIME OF THE ORDER IS REQUIRED.

To Order:

Complete order form, make out check to Cub Scout Pack 931, memo "wreaths".
If you have forgotten what you usually order, we have a record of what you purchased last time.
Call Fran Foley at 847-475-7607 or email fzirbel@benefitconsultinggroup.com.

Drop off the order in the school office or mail to: **Wreath and Garland Sale, Cub Scout Pack 931 c/o Foley,
2518 Orrington Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201**

Your order will be DELIVERED TO YOUR HOME the weekend after Thanksgiving or the next weekend.
We will do our best to make sure you have it at your house the Saturday after Thanksgiving.
However, the delivery date depends on when our supplier delivers the order to us.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Where would you like us to leave your wreaths and/or garlands? _____

Order Form (Please keep a copy of order for your records)

Please make check out to **Cub Scout Pack 931, memo "wreaths"**.

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	COST PER	TOTAL COST
	20 inch balsam wreath with velvet bow	\$19.00	
	24 inch balsam with velvet bow	\$24.00	
	36 inch balsam wreath with velvet bow	\$28.00	
	48 inch balsam wreath with velvet bow	\$39.00	
	60 inch balsam wreath with velvet bow	\$56.00	
	25 ft Balsam Garland 25 feet	\$23.00	
	Check here if no bow desired any	No Bows	-\$1 per wreath

Total check amount: \$_____

Gospel for October 17, 2010

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 18: 1-8

JESUS TOLD HIS DISCIPLES a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary. He said, "There was a judge in a certain town who neither feared God nor respected any human being. And a widow in that town used to come to him and say, 'Render a just decision for me against my adversary.' For a long time the judge was unwilling, but eventually he thought, 'While it is true that I neither fear God nor respect any human being, because this widow keeps bothering me, I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.'" The Lord said, "Pay attention to what the dishonest judge says. Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"



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.*

For further reflection:

Arrogance may succeed in certain situations, but certainly never in spiritual matters. Even if we lead blameless lives, we do so only by the grace of God. It is really only what we ought to be doing.

St. A's Church A to Z: Bowing, as a liturgical gesture

When entering or leaving a Church, Catholics genuflect, touch one knee to the ground, in reverence to the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle. We used to kneel to receive Holy Communion, but as we now stand, we make a simple bow of the head and shoulders, before taking the bread and the cup. Lectors approaching the altar to proclaim the Word of God bow, Gift Bearers also bow after having handed the gifts to the priest. People whose knees may not be as supple as they once were, or who suffer from illness or injury, may bow on entering or leaving a church.

CYO Celebrates 80 Years

This year, the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO), under the auspices of Maryville Academy, is celebrating its 80th anniversary. This summer the CYO revitalized its summer basketball league with competition from 26 teams at Marist and Christian Fenger High Schools, and Washington Park in Chicago, with help from a grant from World Sport Chicago. We are working hard to rejuvenate this venerable institution as we seek to promote our healthy, organized and structured programs in our community. We thank everyone who participates in our programs and are asking for memories and photos of CYO glory past, which can be sent via email to cyo@maryvilleacademy.org. For more information on the CYO and its programs and events, visit the website at www.maryvilleacademy.org.

Parish Calendar

Sunday, October 10

Family Program, 10:45 am-Noon, School
Volleyball Practice, 1-2:30 pm, Gym

Monday, October 11

Volleyball Practice, 3:30-7 pm, Gym
St. Vincent de Paul, 7:30 pm, Rosemeyer

Tuesday, October 12

PSO, 7:30 pm, Hartke

Wednesday, October 13

Brownie Troop #40091, 2:35-4 pm, Lunchroom
Volleyball Practice, 5-6:30 pm, Gym
Technology Night, 7 pm, Gym
Choir Practice, 7 pm, Church
RCIA, 7 pm, Fitzgerald Chapel

Thursday, October 14

Peace & Justice, 7:30 pm, Fitzgerald Chapel

Friday, October 15

Saturday, October 16

Flower Sale Pick-up after the 5 pm Mass, Gym

Sunday, October 17

Family Program, 10:45 am-Noon, School
Flower Sale Pick-up until 1 pm, Gym
Volleyball Practice, 1-2:30 pm, Gym



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Weekday Servers October 11-16

8:00 am Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday
Sam Knepper, Christopher Kreid
Thursday/Friday/Saturday
Isabel and Christopher LeCompte

Liturgical Ministers

Next Weekend October 16/17

5:00 pm Saturday

Presider Fr. Sztorc
Lector Rick Blabolil
Servers C.J., Jules and Cassie All
Eucharistic Ministers
Jackie & Mike Brennan, Joan Conroy,
Bill Quinlan, Nancy Murray

8:00 am

Presider Fr. Libera
Lector Chris Talbot
Servers Caitlin Sweeney, Sam Knepper,
Christopher Kreid
Eucharistic Ministers
Kausar Allahrakha, Jean Lauri,
Mary Sullivan, Mary Pat Schmidt,
Bill Kauffman

9:30 am

Presider Fr. Sztorc
Lector Angela Grannon
Servers Connor and Michael Carlin,
Nicholas Cassier
Eucharistic Ministers
Barbara O'Connor, Anne Swoboda,
Beth Rodriguez, Dennis O'Malley,
David Ozar

11:30 am

Presider Fr. Libera
Lector Dan Delaney
Servers Peter Caan, John Charron,
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Eucharistic Ministers
Tom and Sue Laue, Karen Sellers,
Mary Ann Harvey, Anne Turner

5:00 pm Sunday

Presider Fr. Sztorc

Readings for the Week of October 10, 2010

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19
Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1/Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Eph 1:11-14/Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Lk 12:8-12
Next Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/2 Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8

Working with the Scriptures

October 10, 2010 (*Lk. 17:11-19*)

They were sixty-six of the “best and the brightest.” Young men and women representing all four years at the University, these were the people who would one day make decisions that will impact the world. Many were majoring in global finance and, as the retreat continued, several voiced a concern that perhaps they should transfer to the not-for-profit world. The speaker quickly assured them that their expertise was needed precisely where they were heading, on the world stage. One day they will sit in corporate boardrooms and direct the course of business around the globe. They will be the ones to whom the world looks for mercy.

But when they make those decisions, what thanks should they expect? There has been a great deal of conversation recently about what our country does for other nations - providing military support, medical care, technical assistance, etc. - often ending with the question “...and what thanks do we get?”

This week’s Gospel is about giving thanks. Ten lepers stand at a distance from Jesus. They do not call “unclean” but, rather, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!” Obviously they have heard of this man, Jesus. He is the “expert”. He has the power to heal. And so He does. We are told that all ten were cleansed, but only one (and that one a despised foreigner!) returned to say “Thank You.” They were cleansed “...as they were going.” Perhaps the other nine had simply continued to do as Jesus had instructed them and would return later, after showing themselves to the priests. The Samaritan, not being a Jew, may not have felt obliged by this particular law. Maybe this was the only person capable of thinking “outside of the box.”

Whatever the case, Jesus didn’t somehow “repossess” their cleansing because they had neglected to thank Him. God’s love is unconditional. It does not depend on us. Our country’s leaders, like those university students, often find themselves faced with decisions that determine whether foreign populations will live or die. Let us hope that they, like Jesus, can find it in their hearts to act without demanding a “Thank You.”

Vinal Van Bentem

Dying to Live:

A Theology of Migration

Rev. Daniel G. Groody, CSC, Ph.D.

Tuesday, October 12 7:30 – 9 pm

St. Nicholas Parish, Oldershaw Hall

Daniel Groody will offer his thoughts on the human struggle for a more dignified life and the search for God in the midst of it. This presentation will include the film “Dying to Live.” Groody is a Holy Cross priest, assistant professor of theology and director of the Center for Latino Spirituality at the University of Notre Dame. This event is free.

Taize Service ...

will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 3637 Golf Road in Evanston, on Friday, October 15 at 8 pm. All are invited to take part in this time of fellowship.

Organ Recital

Elliot Chapel of Westminster Place-Presbyterian Homes is hosting an Organ Recital featuring Douglas Bruce, principal organist from St. Franz Xaver Church in Munchenstein, Switzerland, on Monday, October 25, at 1:30 pm.

Evanston Catholic Women’s Club

This month they will be having their meeting at Misericordia, 6300 North Ridge Avenue in Chicago. They will meet at the Greenhouse Inn Restaurant on October 13 at 12:00 noon. A tour of the facilities will be available. For reservations, call Marge at 847-328-3725 before October 12. Everyone is welcome.

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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.

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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 Goszczyński. 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 8:00 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.



All creatures great and small show up for the blessing of pets.