

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
Life Teen 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 Prayer When Money Is Tight

*Gracious God, you tell me to look at the birds in the air who don't work or sow,
yet they are fed each day by your hand.*

*But Lord, they can fly where they need to go,
while I still need to put gas in the car.*

*And you say to look at the flowers in the field who don't worry about what they
will wear, yet you clothe them in splendor and majesty.*

*But Lord, lilies might dress up my dinner table,
but won't feed my hungry family.*

*Giver of all good gifts, I know you can't give me wings to fly
or a life free of worry.*

So please give me, instead, a heart overflowing with trust in you.

*Though I may not get all the things that I ask for,
I know you will give me everything that I need.*

*When money is tight and anxiety is near, open my heart to give freely of myself
that I might be abundantly rich in you.*

Amen

Eucharistic Liturgies

October 12 - 19, 2008

Sunday

- 5:00 pm (Saturday) † Joe & Marian McGowan
- 8:00 am † Richard Gough
- 9:30 am † Rose Schuba
- 11:30 am † Noel Shaw Family
- 5:00 pm † Jacob Pierce

Monday

- 6:30 am † Dorothy McEvoy
- 8:15 am † Fr. Bruno Grinis

Tuesday

- 6:30 am † Sally Elam
- 8:15 am † Catherine & Don Carlson

Wednesday

- 6:30 am † Willa Wallace
- 8:15 am † James E. Craig

Thursday

- 6:30 am † John Dillon
- 8:15 am † Mildred Burns

Friday

- 6:30 am † Francie Creevy
- 8:15 am † John Wallace

Saturday

- 8:15 am † Armin Kusswurm
- 5:00 pm † Vincent Stanislawski
- † Armin Kusswurm

Sunday

- 8:00 am † John Madden
- 9:30 am † Richard Spiedel
- 11:30 am † Mary Louise Wright
- 5:00 pm † Rose Schuba



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There's Still Time!

As the launch of our ***Generations Campaign*** draws near, it is time to train our wonderful volunteers for the roles they have assumed. We thank everyone who stepped forward as campaign Ambassadors and helped us secure our amazing Challenge Gift of **\$100,000!** Even if you were unable to take part in this special initiative, you can still make a significant impact on the success of this campaign by becoming a volunteer Ambassador.

An additional training date has been scheduled on...

Monday, October 13

The session will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Hartke Room. Refreshments will be served.

If you are still prayerfully considering how you wish to participate in ***The Generations Campaign***, simply attend this training and make your decision after you have received a wealth of information. Attendance at training does not obligate you to take part in any volunteer role.

RSVPs are necessary as training will only be conducted with a sufficient number of attendees. Please contact the campaign office at (847)332-1615 to reserve your seat. We look forward to welcoming you as the newest member of ***The Generations Campaign*** volunteer team!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION REPORT

Offertory October 4/5\$10,925
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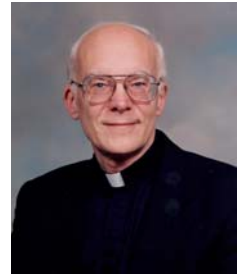
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS



This Week: St. Agnes,
Our Sharing Parish

Next Week: Propagation
of the Faith

Pastor's Notes



Time and Talent: Sharing the Abundance

Time and talent may, at times, seem in short supply. The Lord has another perspective. Grace makes space. This week, we spend time considering how the Lord, in His Parish of St. Athanasius, calls us, as generous stewards, to share some of our time and talent in furthering the work of the parish. Please pray over *The Spirit is calling you...* opportunity sheet. Turn it in today or next week. That gesture in itself helps to build us up.

Today's Thought from Tim Patton

For the past few months, I have been instructed and inspired because one of our parishioners, Tim Patton, has shared his gift of acute observation of daily life by posting a short *Today's Thought* a few times a week. As a man of faith, as a husband and parent, Tim spots those everyday events where God's presence emerges from the reality of everyday family life.

Why does he do it? Tim responds: *"I find it a great outlet to think about faith, read about it, and share it at the same time. We become one - stronger in Christ - when we are together. God is in every day. I want to continue spreading that message. I am here to serve any way I can. God has given me the courage to do this much."*

Tim has generously offered to **add any St. A's person to his *Today's Thought* e-mail list.** Just e-mail him at **TSP2519@aol.com.** Here are **two samplings** of what Tim offers:

"Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 1 John 4:11

With so many uncertainties in the world today, there is one thing that is and will remain true forever. God loves us, and we are called to love one another. Find Him in our world today. In a spoken word, in silence, sitting at a stoplight. God is all around us. Find Him, welcome Him, and share Him. The Dow may drop another 800 points tomorrow, but God will always give us the opportunity to search for him and be filled with his presence. Nothing else matters at the end of the day. The sun will come out again tomorrow."

...."After a long day, I said to my son, what did you learn today. 'Not Much', the typical answer. I used it myself, we all have. He waited around the dinner table and then said that the words **Silent** and **Listen** have the same letters. He insisted this was not a school assignment, just an observation. When we are Silent, we don't always listen. When we Listen, we are not always silent. Perhaps we should embrace silence and listening, as we search for meaning in life as we walk along the road to Emmaus." - *Tim*

Grandparents Sunday - Next Sunday

Next Sunday we honor our grandparents. We have **invited our 2nd graders** from the Family Program and our school to **act as hosts to grandparents at the 9:30 am Mass.** We will celebrate grandparents in our midst at all Masses. **Put out the invitation.**

Stewardship Weekly Offering Envelopes for Our Young Members

Boxes of envelopes have been distributed to our School and Family Program children. A weekly report of the amount donated by those using these envelopes will be reported in *The Chimes.*

All of our young parishioners are invited to share a portion of their blessings by helping to support St. Athanasius Church. Extra boxes of these "Patron Saint" envelopes are available in the church vestibule.

In the Lord's Blessings,

Fr. Tom Libera

Aurora

My first impression of the neighborhood was an endless rutted dirt road. Not a country dirt road, lined with trees, giving one the sense of getting back to nature, but a city dirt road lined with endless identical fences of corrugated tin, hot and dusty without a tree in sight. The road went up and up, a slow climb. We bounced over holes and ruts from runoff rain and drainage from the houses with no sewer system.

My guide, Aurora, was a 16-year-old from this neighborhood. How she can tell the difference between all the houses to help us through this maze, I do not know, as most of the blocks look pretty much the same to me. After about a half an hour of a snail's pace up into this "colonia" on the outskirts of Oaxaca city, we pulled up to a house that looked like all the other houses: rusty tin fence enclosing a dirt yard full of junk and garbage, with a one room corrugated tin hut standing to one side. In this home lived Aurora, her parents and three younger siblings. The kitchen is an outdoor area covered by a roof. There is no running water or electricity; their water is delivered once a week and stored in a 300-gallon tank. Aurora is the third child in the family, her older sister is married and has three children, and her older brother is in prison. Her father works on and off as a mason and her mother stays at home. There are schools in the neighborhood, but due to poverty, many families do not send their children. Aurora was forced to leave school after fourth grade. She did not attend much that year and did not pass. Since she did not pass, her father thought it was of no use for her to continue and, at the age of 10, sent her out to work for the family. She worked outside the neighborhood in the town of Zaachila cleaning homes. At 14 she met a family who was building a church in the area and they invited her to attend. She began to attend services, she improved her reading in bible study and, after a year, she joined other young people in teaching bible stories to the children in the church. She found she had a gift for teaching and loved to work with the younger children. She spoke to the pastor about her dream of becoming a teacher, but her family refused to help her continue her studies. The pastor's family had heard about Casa Isabel and decided to see if the family would allow her to leave. It was a struggle because after years the family had become dependent on her work and was not happy to see her go. With gentle persuasion over several months, the church was able to persuade the family to let her have a chance at her dream. Casa Isabel staff investigated "open" school systems, as she was too old to go to a regular primary school. The staff located a system where she could study at home and advance at her own pace. She came to Casa Isabel this month, enrolled in school, and started again down the path to her dream.

**Steadily Growing**

The beginning of the school year is here and with it Centro de Compartimiento welcomed seven new students: three high school students, two university students and one student who will be studying primary school. The young women currently in the program range in age from 14 to 25 years of age and come from a variety of backgrounds, the common thread being their families' inability to help them continue school. We are very happy to be growing and reaching out to new students. We have room for only two more students this year, one at each of the two houses, and if we want to keep growing, we will have to expand our funding base and living quarters. We still need more funding to complete this school year and are looking for support on a monthly basis for each girl to finish her education.

Doing it by Hand

We at Casa Isabel are very excited about our new property, but the house needs a lot of work before we can live there. It is currently a one room warehouse that needs remodeling. Even though we don't live there, we have to maintain the property. Long grass is a haven for mosquitoes and, in a region plagued by dengue fever, the neighbors are very vocal about keeping the yards clean. The young women are kept very busy this rainy season with all the yard work. It is not easy to keep up yard work on two homes, especially when you have to do it by hand. I remember an old push lawnmower that we used to have and how I was so happy when we got a motorized lawn mower. Now, as we hack at the ever growing plants with machetes, I dream of the push mower. The house has a green area that is about forty feet by

ninety feet, all weeds. There are few homes with lawns here, as most people keep their yards with just dirt or gravel. Well, it is good exercise and we are outdoors a lot. Soon the rainy season will end and we will switch from hacking weeds to raking leaves. At least the compost pile is growing and, in a few months, we should have some nice dirt to start a small garden. In the meantime, we planted some trees. No home in Mexico is complete without a lime tree, so we planted two. Lime juice is a standard condiment at most every meal. We also planted two shade trees on the street and we transplanted a *nanchi* seedling that was growing where we rent. The *nanchi*, a favorite here in the region, is a small yellow berry that is made into sweet mash or cured. We hope to find funding soon to divide the house into rooms and make it livable. Then we will only have one yard to care for.

God bless you all, and thank you for all of your generous support.

Respectfully,
Kristin Lietz



The Spirit is calling you...

*Whether you are 9 or 90, there are so many ways in which St. A's could use your time and talent. Please take a moment to read through areas of the parish that could use a helping hand and **mark** any of the ministries that you feel are calling you with either "new" or "already involved".*

Volunteer opportunities:

* indicates a special need

DURING or AT MASS

- Eucharistic Minister – I'll help 1 Sunday each month
- Hospitality – I'll help with hospitality 1 Sunday a month
- * Greeter – I'll greet people 1 Sunday a month
- Choir (Sing harmony at 9:30 am, melody at 11:30 am):
- Substitute Family Program Catechist - I'll fill in as needed
- * Sacristan – I'll set up the altar Sunday at 9:30 am Mass
- Usher – I'll pass the basket at special holiday Masses
- * PowerPoint – I'll help with PowerPoint during a Mass
- Liturgy Planning / Mass Coordinator – I'll help plan our Masses
- Liturgical Environment - I'll help decorate our church

IN OUR COMMUNITY, I'll participate in, or help coordinate:

- Our "Amos Day Laborer" pool, to help with a special project or event
- * Our Parish Mission (12/7-12/10) - planning, hospitality or publicity
- Our annual Blood Drive
- St. Agnes Thanksgiving Food Drive
- Delivering wreaths in November for our Christmas wreath sale
- Christmas Wish Baskets
- Holiday Fair on December 13/14
- Plan our National Migration Week Mass
- Our Sunday, Monday or Thursday soup kitchen
- Drive an elderly person to Mass
- St. Vincent de Paul Society, to assist the needy
- Comfort those who have lost a loved one
- Bring Eucharist to someone unable to come to Mass
- Help our babysitter during the 9:30 Mass
- A Respect Life Ministry project
- * An Elizabeth Ministry project to support young mothers
- * Help lead a M.O.M.S. Ministry discussion for mothers
- Tutor students at St. Agnes
- A Peace and Justice Ministry endeavor.

PARISH LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES I'll like to:

* indicates a special need

Access needs in the Parish, dream about what might be accomplished at St. A's, and facilitate what needs to be done, by when and by whom. Become part of our Parish Assessment and Renewal (PAR) Leadership by joining a Coordinating Group. They link ministries and facilitate communication to the Parish Pastoral Council and to the other coordinating groups.

- Administration Coordinating Group
- * Community Building Coordinating Group
- Faith Development Coordinating Group
- Outreach Coordinating Group
- Worship Coordinating Group
- Assist a School Board Committee
- Assist a Family Program Board Committee
- Be on our Finance Committee
- Share your technical/network expertise with the Facilities Committee
- Be on next year's Angel Ball Committee
- Be part of next year's St. Patrick's Day Party planning
- Help with our LifeTeen Youth Ministry Program

OTHER POSSIBILITIES I'll like to:

- Take the "Living Your Strengths" quiz to surface my top 5 talents
- Become part of our Ministry of Praise, praying for the intentions requested by parishioners each month
- Gather & transcribe stories of faith from old & young, from school & family program. Everyone's story is welcome.
- * Distribute envelopes for special collections in the Church pews
- Something not here that you would like to get involved in

Name:

Phone:

Email:

There's still time to join!!!!

The St. Athanasius Women's Club Membership Year 2008-2009

Each year, making good use of your membership fee, the Women's Club contributes to the parish and local charities. This year's donations to the parish included the purchase of altar breads (Communion hosts), altar wine, purificators and hand towels for Mass. In addition, we maintain and clean the vestments as well as the cloths used for the altar.

The club enhances the worship space every weekend with lovely flowers. Also, thanks to additional help from our generous parishioners, we purchase the Advent Wreath and the flowers and décor for Easter and Christmas.

Our twelve month soup kitchen is supported with donations of food and money by members, along with two additional checks from the Club given in November and June. With the charitable response from the parish, we sponsor the Annual Coat Drive for the Howard Area Community Center in November.

Last year the club supported the USO, Meals at Home, the St. Athanasius Angel Ball, the Evanston Shelter for Abused Women & Children the Family Program Scholarship Fund and the St. Athanasius Parish St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Realizing that our support for each other is grounded in our faith in Christ, a monthly Mass is offered for all active and deceased members of the Women's Club. **Come join us as we begin another year!**

St. Athanasius Women's Club 2008-2009 Membership Application

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Last First

Address: _____
(This information will be used to update our membership directory)

Membership Fee: \$25 enclosed _____

Please return this form along with a check made payable to St. Athanasius Women's Club to:
Bridget Hotchkiss
2503 Eastwood
Evanston, IL 60201

Tour of St. Agnes and the National Museum of Mexican Art

The St. Athanasius Women's Club cordially invites you to join them on **Wednesday, October 22, 8:45 am – 2:00 pm**. Come and bring your friends for a relaxing and informative tour of St Agnes, "our sharing parish". We have arranged for a tour of both the church and the school in the "Little Village" neighborhood. An added feature of this day will be a visit to The National Museum of Mexican Art (*formerly Mexican Fine Arts Center*). The Museum presents a comprehensive display of Mexican culture that is "sin fronteras" – without borders. Cost of the tour is \$35 per person, including lunch at Nuevo Leon. Limited seating. Please reserve by October 17. Make check payable to the St. Athanasius Women's Club and mail your check to Nancy Murray, 3321 Dartmouth Place, Evanston, IL 60201. Any questions? Call Barbara O'Connor at 847-328-4977. The bus will leave from in front of the church on Lincoln Street.



Parish Calendar

Sunday, October 12

Family Program, 9 am-Noon, School

Monday, October 13

Generations Training Session, 7-9 pm, Hartke
St. Vincent dePaul, 7:30 pm, Rosemeyer

Tuesday, October 14

Volleyball, 3:30-9 pm, Gym
PSO, 7:30 pm, Hartke

Wednesday, October 15

Volleyball, 2-5 pm, Gym
RCIA, 7-9 pm, Fitzgerald Chapel
Chess Club, 7-8 pm, Lunchroom
Choir, 7:30 pm, Church

Thursday, October 16

Cub Scouts, 7 pm, Gym
St. A's Book Club, 7 pm, Fitzgerald Chapel

Friday, October 17

Volleyball, 3:30-5 pm, Gym

Saturday, October 18

Sunday, October 19

Family Program, 9 am-Noon, School

Readings for the Week of October 12, 2008

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43
Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/
Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Staff Extension List 847-328-1430

100 Parish Office	116 Jean Lauri
100 Janice Moore-Rivas	120 Jim Potthast
101 School Office	123 Mary Lietz
103 Fr. Sztorc	124 Lori Goszczyński
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	

Weekday Servers October 13 - 18

8:15 am Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday
Jeffrey Enochs, Martin Fenn
Thursday/Friday/Saturday
Madeline Giella, Claire Glavin

Liturgical Ministers

Next Weekend October 18/19

5:00 pm Saturday

Presider Fr. Sztorc
Lector Rick Blabolil
Servers Paul & Therese Cushing
Eucharistic Ministers
Joan Conroy, Nancy Murray,
Tom Meany, Jackie & Mike Brennan

8:00 am

Presider TBA
Lector Jude Quinn
Servers Patrick Walsh,
Karina & Peter deHueck
Eucharistic Ministers
Kausar Allahrakha, Kerry Hubata,
Steve Jennings, Mary Sullivan,
Joseph Walsh

9:30 am

Presider Fr. Sztorc
Lector Peggy McCarthy
Servers Matteo Brucato, Anna Cox,
Aidan Crowe
Eucharistic Ministers
Beth Rodriguez, John Osterlund,
Barbara O'Connor, Dennis O'Malley,
David Ozar

11:30 am

Presider TBA
Lector Dan Delaney
Servers Jeffrey Enochs, Quinn Foley,
Malin Frazel
Eucharistic Ministers
Mary Ann Harvey, Karen Sellers,
Tom & Sue Laue, Jim Rooney

5:00 pm Sunday

Presider Fr. Sztorc

Soup Kitchen

The next **Monday** soup kitchen will be on **October 13** 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 23** at First United Methodist Church, 1630 Hinman Avenue, 4:30-7:30 pm (meal served at 6:00). Contact Karen Ryan (332-1850), Kris Koenig-Morel (475-2104) or Christine Carlson (869-4160). Please consider giving them a helping hand.

Rotary Book Drive

The Wilmette Rotary Club is sponsoring the Big Book Drive and is requesting St. Athanasius to participate in this large project. The project begins on October 1 and ends on November 14. Donations of gently used children's books to be given to worthy inner-city elementary schools such as St. Agnes and San Miguel.

Children should bring books from home to St. A's for collection. Joan Harvey and Marge Foley have generously agreed to collect them for distribution to the designated schools.

Mom & Tot Playgroup Returns

Come join us for Mom & Tot Playgroup the first Tuesday of every month from 10:30 am to noon in the Rosemeyer Room of the Parish House. Children from babies to pre-school are welcome, as are caregivers and dads. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Maggie Swider at 847-425-1331 or email at mtrebbien@hotmail.com.

2008 St. Athanasius Parish Annual Christmas Wreath and Garland Sale Cub Scout Pack 931

Orders will be taken throughout October
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**PAYMENT AT THE TIME OF
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Complete order form (available in the Parish Office), make check payable 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.

Mail order to Wreath and Garland Sale, Cub Scout Pack 931, c/o Foley, 2518 Orrington Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201. Or you may drop off the order in the school office.

Your order will be DELIVERED TO YOUR HOME the weekend after Thanksgiving or the next weekend. The delivery date depends on when our supplier delivers the order to us.

Please Remember In Your Prayers...

The newly baptized, especially **Samuel Fuentes Burke Rios**, son of Donald Rios and Karen Burke, **Daniel Deus Cruz Rea**, son of Steven and Jennifer Rea, and **Elliot Richard York**, son of Ethan and Jennifer York;

The newly engaged, especially **William Glaser** and **Susan Wolf (II)**;

The sick and their caregivers, especially **Diann Lanus**, **Denis Drennan**, **Joan Sextro**, **Patrick Nicholson**, **Bill O'Connor**, **Donald Terando**, **Charmayne Swanson**, **Phillip Driscoll**, **Maureen Ward**, **Norman Seligman**, **Spencer Powell**, **Susanna Bohacsik**, **Augusta Pomeroy**, and **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, **Evelyn Craig Tratnik**, mother of Janis and Cindy Tratnik, **Evelyn Wysocky**, and **Eugene Negri**.

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.

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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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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.



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