

# The Chimes

## of Saint Athanasius Parish

### Eucharistic Worship

Monday - Friday 6:30 and 8:15 am  
Saturday 8:15 am, 5:00 pm  
Sunday 8:00, 9:30 and 11:30 am  
LifeTeen 5:00 pm

## St. Athanasius Parish Annual Report July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006

Dear St. Athanasius Parishioner,

At Mass during the next two weekends, we will take time to account for how our parish resources have been used and then prayerfully examine how we might continue making available for the Lord's work our time, talent, and treasure. We know that the essence of stewardship is recognizing that all we have and are and will be is God's.

Financially, we can be grateful for the increased generosity in our Sunday offering. Over 65 parishioners now use the **ParishPay option** which collectively makes a contribution averaging over \$2,000 a week. Check with the Parish Office to join ParishPay. Thank you to all who added \$43,000 in our HOPE Sunday appeal or who finished their **Forward with Faith** pledges which allowed us to complete Phase I of our facility improvement program. However, you will see, financial challenges still face us.

The best picture of St. Athanasius Parish is all of us gathered, inside or outside, to praise and worship the Lord. Then we allow the Lord to work on us. The best way for us to reach financial sufficiency, the best way to use our gifts, is to gather together at Sunday Mass. **Therefore, an essential part of your stewardship at St. Athanasius Parish is a decision for you and your family to gather at the Lord's table on Sunday.**

In the Lord's Blessings,  
*Fr. Tom Libera*



### Parish Statistics

	<u>Year-end</u> <u>6/30/06</u>	<u>Year-end</u> <u>6/30/05</u>
Registered Households	1,035	1,031
Baptisms	69	68
First Communions	46	63
Confirmations	40	49
Marriages	19	20
Funerals	22	17
Family Program Students	155	166
Parish School Students	315	315

# Eucharistic Liturgies

October 8 - 15, 2006

## Sunday

- 5:00 pm (Saturday) † Vincent Stanislawski
- 8:00 am † Dorothy Murrari
- 9:30 am † Rose Schuba
- 11:30 am † Jack O'Connor
- 5:00 pm † Ruth Bonier

## Monday

- 6:30 am † Willa Wallace
- 8:15 am † John W. Hickey

## Tuesday

- 6:30 am † John Rak
- 8:15 am † Thomas Gorey

## Wednesday

- 6:30 am † Gretchen O'Neill
- 8:15 am † Paula Poyser

## Thursday

- 6:30 am † Will Kenyon
- 8:15 am † Doris Stolle

## Friday

- 6:30 am † Arthur Petersen
- 8:15 am † Phyllis Romanowicz

## Saturday

- 8:15 am † Suzanne Shanesy Fisher
- 5:00 pm † Joe & Marian McGowan

## Sunday

- 8:00 am † Joseph Andrzejewski
- 9:30 am † Shirley Kiefer
- 11:30 am † Rose Schuba
- 5:00 pm † Robert Kelton

St. Athanasius Women's Club  
cordially invites you to join them for

## ***An Ethnic Tour of Chicago***

Thursday, October 19

8:45 am - 2:00 pm

Bus will leave from the church on Lincoln Street  
(Bus is handicapped accessible with washroom facilities)

Come and bring your friends to a relaxing and informative tour of Chicago's ethnic neighborhoods beginning with a guided tour of St. Michael's German Catholic Church in Old Town. Our tour will pass through Greektown on our way to Jane Addams Residence and Hull House Museum. We will stop in Chinatown where we will have lunch.

The cost of \$25 **includes lunch in Chinatown.**

*Jackie Brennan, Marilyn Jaskelsis,  
Joan Lemasters, and Mary Sotir*  
Program Committee

**Space is limited, so  
please make your reservation by October 13.**

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Tour Reservations \$25 per person  
St. Athanasius Women's Club

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Send reservation form and check, payable to St. Athanasius Women's Club, to Jackie Brennan, 9419 Central Park Avenue, Evanston, 60203. Questions? Call Jackie at 847-676-4067.

## Prayer Group Beginning at St. A's

At the request of some parishioners, we will be starting a prayer group here at the church. The group is open to anyone who would like to share prayer with others, to augment their own spiritual life, and/or to learn more about ways to pray. The group will have its first meeting on October 17 at 7:30 pm in the Fitzgerald Chapel. If you have any questions, please contact Carolyn Groves at [carolyn.groves@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn.groves@gmail.com) or 773-262-6257.

### **SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**



This Week: St. Agnes,  
Our Sharing Parish

Next Week: None

## Caring for Our Aging Parents A Conversation

There are many of us in the parish who are being called upon to care for, make decisions about, or facilitate the transitions our parents are needing to make in these later stages of their lives. There are often difficult choices to be made or to aid our parents in making about their living situations, their health care, the quality of their lives. Talking with others who are going through a similar experience is helpful. You don't feel you are alone; you can get helpful ideas about resources from others; and you can hear success stories from those who have succeeded in helping their parents through the transitions. On **Wednesday, Oct. 18, at 7:30 pm, we will gather in the Teacher's Lounge** to share our stories. Anyone is invited to come who is, has been, or is soon to be in this situation of parenting our parents.

## Special Invitation to All Grandparents

Please join us at any of the Masses on the weekend of October 28-29 for a special appreciation of Grandparents.

## St. A's Women's Club

It's not too late to send in your membership form to Bridget Hotchkiss at 2503 Eastwood Avenue, Evanston, 60201. The directory will be going to print soon. Questions? Call Bridget at 847-733-0219.

## Dedicated Giving - Only 2 Chairs Left!

We have received contributions for 13 of our 15 choir chairs and wish to thank our generous donors for their assistance with this purchase. Our cost for each chair, including shipping, is \$150. We will acknowledge your donation with a brass plaque on the back of the chair. To make a dedicated Choir Chair donation, please mark your check or your envelope with the words "Choir Chair" and place it in the collection basket; or you may bring it to the Parish Office.

## Interfaith Union

The school was begun in 1993 at Old St. Patrick's Church in downtown Chicago for families with Catholic and Jewish parents. It is a religious education program for children raised in both traditions. The school downtown currently serves 75 families with an enrollment of over 150 children. We were asked to be the site of the north branch beginning in October on Sunday mornings along with the St. A's Family Program. For more information on the school, please contact Carolyn Groves in the Religious Education Office at 847-328-1430, extension 130 or [carolyn.groves@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn.groves@gmail.com). Help us spread the word!

## *Please Remember In Your Prayers. .*

The newly baptized, especially **Alexander Julian VanDurmen**, son of Craig and Jennifer VanDurmen; **Joseph Paul Conlon IV**, son of Joseph and Beth Conlon; **Ella Ida Carlson**, daughter of Kevin and Sandra Carlson; **Alexander William Lane**, son of Trei and Jenna Lane;

The newly engaged, especially **Michael Susauto** and **Felicia Sutauto (I)**;

The sick and their caregivers, especially **Josephine Rogan**, **Sally Elam**, **Lisa Hildebrand**, **Vickie Burke**, **Charles Derrickson**, **Jane McDonough**, **Julius Amling**, father of Marion Amling, **Arnie Jacobson**, **Cardinal Francis George**, **Jennifer Klandrud**, **Frank O'Shaughnessy** and **Fr. John Michael Murphy**;

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

Those who have died, especially **Russell Potts**.

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.

## Angel Ball 2006 in Full Swing

The Angel Ball is the single largest fundraiser supporting the financial health of our parish and an opportunity for the entire St. Athanasius community to come together for a common purpose; sustaining the work and mission of our vibrant and active parish. It's also a lot of fun! Please save the date and plan to attend this gala event on Friday, December 1, 2006.



## Business Ads Are “Win-Win”

Angel Ball Program Book ads are a great way to generate community support for a business and a terrific way to benefit St. Athanasius at the same time! The 2006 Angel Ball Program Book will be a high quality, beautifully bound keepsake that will grab the attention of approximately 500 potential customers.

Consider the possibilities. Interior Decorator. Someone you know has a business or talent. Financial Advisor. Maybe it's you or the company you work for. Realtor. Reach out to family, friends and/or businesses who may be interested in this advertising opportunity. Physician. Program Book ads strengthen community support for a business. Contractor. Take a minute (right now!) and commit to get one business ad for the Angel Ball Program Book.

## Benefit Dinner For Jim Ivers of Resurrection Center

Jim Ivers is the Director of Resurrection Center in Woodstock, a position he had held for 30 years. On December 9, 2005 Jim was struck by a car while shoveling snow. Jim was airlifted to Intensive Care at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. For 21 days, he faced numerous surgeries to repair injuries to his head and legs. He was then transferred to the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago for another 35 days. With both optic nerves dead from the head trauma, Jim is now completely blind.

Jim, his wife Mary, and their family have already faced and overcome major difficulties and there are more to come. Jim's strength of spirit has been up to the challenge and his body is mending, but it will take time.

Friends and neighbors will gather with Jim and his family to Celebrate Life on Oct. 15th at White Eagle Banquets 6839 North Milwaukee Avenue, Niles, IL. The celebration/fundraiser starts at noon, continues until 5pm and includes a buffet. Information about this event and a trust fund is available at [www.helpjim.org](http://www.helpjim.org).



## Soup Kitchen

October offers three soup kitchen outreach opportunities. The **Monday** soup kitchen will be **October 9** at Second Baptist Church, 1717 Benson, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm (meal served at noon). Contact Blanche Childs (864-2506) or Katie Maday (475-1538). The next **Sunday** soup kitchen will be **October 15** at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1004 Greenwood Street, 1:30-4:30 pm (meal served at 2:45). Contact Michael Masini (847-869-4321). The next **Thursday** soup kitchen will be **October 19**, 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)

## Have YOU been touched by cancer?

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life, the largest non-profit fundraising event in the nation, is coming back to Evanston for its 9th year and we need YOUR help! We are currently recruiting volunteers for our Planning Committee that meets once a month. Cancer survivors, caregivers, and anyone with a passion for the fight against cancer—please get involved! For more information please contact Brooke Billings at (847) 328-5147 or [brooke.billings@cancer.org](mailto:brooke.billings@cancer.org).

## Baby Bottle Project

Remember, keep filling your baby bottles with change for the pro-life work of The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland. Bottles are to be returned to Mass the weekend of October 28/29.

## Parish Calendar

### **Sunday, October 8**

Men's Basketball, 7-9 pm, Gym

### **Monday, October 9**

Athletics, 3:30-6 pm, Gym

St. Vincent DePaul, 7:30 pm, Rosemeyer

Peace & Justice, 7:30 pm, Fitzgerald Chapel

### **Tuesday, October 10**

Athletics, 3:30-6 pm, Gym

PSO, 7-10 pm, Hartke

### **Wednesday, October 11**

Athletics, 3:30-9 pm, Gym

RCIA, 7-9 pm, Fitzgerald Chapel

Chess, 7-8 pm, Lunchroom

Fundraising Committee, 7:30 pm, Hartke

Men's Basketball, 9-11 pm, Gym

### **Thursday, October 12**

Scripture Study, 9-11 am, Fitzgerald Chapel

Athletics, 3:30-9 pm, Gym

### **Friday, October 13**

Athletics, 3:30-9 pm, Gym

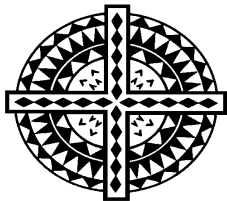
### **Saturday, October 14**

Athletics, 8 am-2:30 pm, Gym

### **Sunday, October 15**

Family Program, 9 am-Noon, School

Men's Basketball, 7-9 pm, Gym



## Staff Extension List

847-328-1430

100 Parish Office	120 Christi Thompson
100 Janice Moore-Rivas	123 Mary Lietz
101 School Office	124 Lori Goszczynski
103 Fr. Sztorc	124 Diane Maloney
105 Marion Amling	129 Bridget Hotchkiss
111 Fr. Libera	130 Carolyn Groves
114 José Moreno	142 Barbara Bonier
115 Susan Castagna	143 Karen Sellers

## Weekday Servers October 9-14

**8:15 am** Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday  
Robert Staub, Bradley Suennen  
Thursday/Friday/Saturday  
Lauren Teske, Nora Thompson

## Liturgical Ministers

Next Weekend October 14/15

### 5:00 pm Saturday

**Presider** Fr. Libera

**Lector** Sheila Fenn

**Servers** Joseph Couri; Connor Cole; Kevin Cole

#### **Eucharistic Ministers**

Joan Conroy; Virginia Davidson;

Jan Zeller; Nancy Murray; Bob Costello

### 8:00 am

**Presider** Fr. Libera

**Lector** Amy Fischl

**Servers** Anna Cox; Therese Cushing;

Joe DeGrand

#### **Eucharistic Ministers**

Steve Jennings; Mary Sullivan;

Chris Talbot; Morley Robbins;

Deborah Haracz

### 9:30 am

**Presider** Fr. Libera

**Lector** David Staub

**Servers** John Clair; Jamie Davis;

Emily Kreid

#### **Eucharistic Ministers**

Tom Laue; Sue Laue; Bridget Hotchkiss

Dennis O'Malley; David Ozar

### 11:30 am

**Presider** Fr. Sztorc

**Lector** Dan Delaney

**Servers** Connor Enochs; Tony Gauna;

Colleen Handel

#### **Eucharistic Ministers**

Devin Kincaid; Jim Rooney

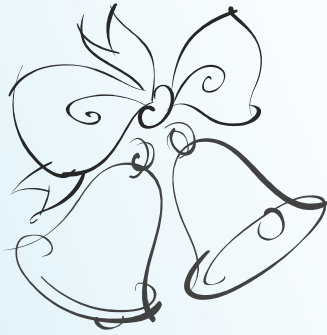
Joan Johnson; Marge Foley

Rosemary Welch

### 5:00 pm Sunday

**Presider** Fr. Sztorc

**Servers** Nora Charron; Shannon Harvey



## Readings for the Week of October 8, 2006

Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/ Heb 2:9-11/ Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12  
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: Wis 7:7-11/ Heb 4:12-13/ Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

## Working with the Scriptures

Oct. 8, 2006 (Gn. 2:18-24; Mk. 10:2-16)

We don't generally have a lot of weddings at my parish, but last weekend was the exception. On Friday our Director of Liturgy & Music was married and, as you might expect, the music was wonderful. On Saturday it was a young man with whom I was privileged to walk as he journeyed to the Easter Vigil and full communion in the Catholic Church two years ago.

Our readings this weekend talk about marriage, so it seems only natural to think of weddings. But there's a difference between having a *wedding* and being *married*. I saw this couple one morning while I was hurrying to my office in downtown Chicago. The sidewalk was crowded with commuters, everyone rushing except these two people. They were walking directly in front of me and seemed curiously removed from the scene around them. They reminded me of a long-married farm couple I knew as a child...

### Hot Rain

Hot rain – early in the morning.

They walk –

her dress, a farmer's garden  
of door-yard flowers.

He, tall –

outdoor lines trace life across his face.

Each shelter for the other.

No need to speak;

long years of words

let silence be enough.

His heavy feet find dry place on the earth.

She walks behind,

content to take the path he claims for both.

*From On the Way to Work  
By Vinal Van Benthem*

## Thank You From Little Sisters Of The Poor

The Little Sisters of the Poor would like to express their sincere gratitude to you and your Parishioners for the generous donation of \$1,207.18 in support of Saint Mary's Home for the Elderly. Your charity helps us create an atmosphere of authentic respect for life while welcoming and caring for the needy elderly in our Home. Through your thoughtfulness, you reinforce the value of the lives of all our Residents.

In the spirit of Blessed Jeanne Jugan, we Little Sisters commit ourselves totally to God and trust in His Divine Providence. Without your generosity and that of other benefactors, we could no longer continue our mission of hospitality. We are most appreciative of your faithful stewardship!

Jeanne Jugan experienced prayers of gratitude as an efficacious way to God's Heart. As a tradition, the Sisters offer a Mass each month for the intentions of our benefactors and offer daily prayers so that the divine blessings promised by Jesus himself may be bestowed upon you.

Sincerely,

***Sister Mary Emilie, l.s.p.***



## St. Athanasius Parish Endowment Funds (Parish and Outreach) Board of Trustees Report to the Parish for Fiscal Year 2005-6

The St. Athanasius Parish Endowment Funds Board of Trustees met once during the 2005-2006 fiscal year on January 18, 2006. Present were: Stan Goszczynski; Sue Harmon; Fr. Tom Libera (ex-officio voting member, as pastor); and Dave Ozar (chair). Excused: Tim Burke (ex-officio voting member, as chair of the Finance Committee).

Stan Goszczynski, Sue Harmon, and Dave Ozar accepted the invitation to stay on the committee as appointed voting members for another three year term. Fr. Libera will appoint two more voting members, preferably including one recommended by the Social Justice Committee and a non-voting ex-officio member from the Parish Council.

The Board will now meet twice a year, once early in the fall and again at the end of January.

The Parish Endowment Fund (typically reserved for unexpected parish expenses) had available funds of \$52,592 (i.e. accumulated revenue excluding the principal). The Finance Committee projected a shortfall in Sunday collections and requested up to \$15,000 to cover operating expenses. The Board discussed the matter at some length because the principal purpose of this fund is to assist the parish with special needs rather than shortfall in revenue. The Board also noted that, given the volatility of the stock market, it had previously adopted the policy of reserving from routine spending a minimum of 5% of the principal (approximately \$10,000 at present) for the sake of a sudden unforeseen emergency. The Board approved unanimously to allocate up to \$15,000. (\$10,000 was withdrawn).

The purpose of the Outreach Endowment Fund is to provide a funding source for community outreach programs. At meeting time the fund had \$15,593.00 available, excluding principal. The Board decided to reserve from routine spending a minimum of 5% of the principal of fund as well (approximately \$2,500 at present).

The following grants were approved:

School for Little Children funding: a 1/2 child care scholarship for a low income family (\$2,200)  
Boys Hope Girls Hope (\$1,000)

Annual parish membership in the United Power for Action and Justice organization which organizes around common region-wide issues (\$4,000)

Fr. Val Burusu from Rwanda, who has ministered at our parish, so he could participate in a Clinical Pastoral Education program at St. Joseph's Hospital (\$1,000)

The Board seeks detailed proposals for our Outreach Endowment from any parishioner or parish organization. Submit proposals to Board Chair, Dave Ozar, at 847-492-1606 or Father Libera at the Parish Office.

You are invited to contribute to any of our parish endowments (Parish, Outreach, or Educational Endowments) so that parish resources to continue our work are strengthened.

The next meeting of the Board will be soon. Watch future *Chimes* for date information.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Dave Ozar, Chair*

## Parish of St. Athanasius Income Statement For the Years Ended June 30, 2006 and 2005

Income	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
<b>Parish Operations</b>		
1 Sunday, Christmas and Easter collections	752,236	706,981
2 Parish fundraising	26,541	12,169
3 Religious Ed. tuition & fees	37,021	38,612
4 Youth ministry fundraising & donations	25,941	26,832
5 Other income	59,017	61,251
6 Interest, rent and endowment income	16,872	11,641
7 Bequests, memorials and gifts	126,335	137,079
<b>Total Parish Operations</b>	<b>1,043,963</b>	<b>994,565</b>
<b>Parish School Operations</b>		
8 Tuition and fees	1,208,893	1,190,871
9 Fundraising, net	134,536	143,976
9a Fundraising money from prior years	71,000	
10 Gifts and Donations	94,476	79,808
11 Other income	15,023	19,758
12 Subsidy from Parish Church	255,830	184,228
<b>Total Parish School Operations</b>	<b>1,779,758</b>	<b>1,618,641</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>2,823,721</b>	<b>2,613,206</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
<b>Parish Operations</b>		
13 Salaries, wages and benefits	433,400	433,370
14 Utilities, repairs and insurance	159,642	137,669
15 Assessments paid to Archdiocese	106,983	111,393
16 Office, liturgical and administrative expenses	98,565	82,244
17 Ministries	63,585	57,396
18 Contributions – Lenten tithe and other		10,610
19 Other Expenses	30,581	27,252
20 Subsidy to Parish School	255,830	184,228
<b>Total Parish Operations</b>	<b>1,148,586</b>	<b>1,044,162</b>
<b>Parish School Operations</b>		
21 Salaries, wages and benefits	1,482,657	1,339,711
22 Utilities, repairs and insurance	142,428	97,603
23 Books and instructional materials	44,459	59,104
24 Computers and equipment	30,122	45,869
25 Office and other general expenses	52,797	55,801
26 Scholarships	27,295	20,553
<b>Total Parish School Operations</b>	<b>1,779,758</b>	<b>1,618,641</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>2,928,344</b>	<b>2,662,803</b>
<b>Net Surplus ( Deficit)</b>	<b>(104,623)</b>	<b>(49,547)</b>

*Sunday collections rose by over 5% and significant bequests were received...*

*The school required more subsidy from the parish than prior year...*

*Increased utility and school subsidy expenses account for over 90% of increase from prior year...*

*Changes in school personnel, utility rate increases, and extra scholarships caused increases over prior year...*

## Some Questions and Comments About Parish Finances

### Why do we have a deficit?

We ended fiscal year 2006 with a deficit of \$104,623. While Sunday collections rose, they were below budget, and utilities were also higher than budgeted. The school exceeded its budget in a number of areas, and a 3-year campaign to raise funds to cover this was successful. \$54,000 has been received, and an estimated \$130,000 is expected. The Church experienced a cash flow shortage, which has resulted in a loan from the Archdiocese of \$181,000 to pay the expenses the parish could not cover.

### Why Does Our Budget Increase Each Year?

Approximately 83% of the school's expenses and 38% of the church's expenses are in the area of salaries and benefits for staff. Small staff reductions have been made, but it is difficult to reduce staff further without affecting parish services. We strive to keep our expenses in line and under control, which is an essential component of good Stewardship.

### What Can We Do About Parish Income?

The major source of our budget comes from your offerings in the collection. While bequests and gifts were unusually and unpredictably high the last two years, we cannot make ends meet on an ongoing basis without a consistent increase in overall contributions and Sunday offerings. Fortunately, the Planned Offertory Pledge cards returned early in 2006 promised a substantial percentage increase from those who completed them.

### Are There Other Ways I Can Help The Parish?

**Come to Church!** Bring along others and relish the changes that our Parish Assessment and Renewal brings to St Athanasius. **Volunteer!** Many volunteers make St. Athanasius a vibrant and energetic faith community. Consider enrolling in **ParishPay** to contribute regularly and easily.

## Parish of St. Athanasius Balance Sheet June 30, 2006 and 2005

Assets	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Cash for operations	127,982	141,064
Receivables due to parish	45,322	19,828
Scrip inventory	0	31,285
Prepaid expenses	8,764	11,176
Forward With Faith Campaign funds	141,513	1,002,409
Endowment funds	708,925	675,238
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>1,032,506</b>	<b>1,881,000</b>
<b>Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>		
Prepaid school tuition and fees	128,166	130,387
School salary and other accruals	83,480	70,950
School Fundraising carry forward	0	70,207
Loan from Archdiocese of Chicago	181,000	0
Donation received for future year	34,700	72,464
Contributions payable	10,000	10,000
Endowment Restricted Funds	708,925	675,238
Forward With Faith Restricted Funds	141,513	1,002,409
Parish fund balance	(255,278)	(150,655)
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	<b>1,032,506</b>	<b>1,881,000</b>

## What is going on with the Capital Campaign?

Receipts through June 30, 2006 are approximately \$1,592,600. The renovation of the school used nearly \$1,300,000. Gathering Space specified funds of \$57,725 are held aside. Payments to the Archdiocese total \$127,139. Future projects include church lighting and building maintenance.

## Who contributes?

One-third of our parishioners give \$500 or more each year and we are grateful for their generosity. All of our parishioners, even those considered inactive or even non-supporting, make use of parish services when they need them. 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 Are The Parish Endowment Funds?

Three Parish Endowment Funds exist as separate funding sources for the operation and advancement of Parish and School ministries. They are the Parish Endowment, School Endowment, and Outreach Endowment Funds. Professional managers hired by the Archdiocese invest the funds. Separate governing boards within the parish determine the use of income from each of the endowments.

## What is the best way to contribute?

While any method assists the parish - weekly envelopes or monthly envelopes - this year **ParishPay** was added.

**ParishPay** offers an opportunity to contribute automatically, either by debiting a bank account or using a credit card. The regular receipt of contributions is very helpful in meeting cash flow needs. The form below can be submitted to the Rectory, or you may register on line.

## An Invitation to Join Our Planned Offertory Program

St. Athanasius Parish participates in an online program called **ParishPay**. This program, through the Archdiocese of Chicago, allows us to process donations via automatic withdrawals from bank accounts or credit cards. There are two ways to sign up:

- 1) You may fill out the form below and return it to Barbara Bonier in the Parish Office, or
- 2) You may sign up online at [www.parishpay.com](http://www.parishpay.com).

Sign up once and the donations are taken care of for you, once each month. We are very grateful for all of your continuing support, and hope that this program will provide another option for handling your contributions.

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

### DONATION INFORMATION

I wish to give the following amount MONTHLY: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
I also wish to include a MONTHLY amount for **St. Agnes, our Sharing Parish**: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
For the **Easter** collection (March or April), please additionally deduct: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
For the **Christmas** collection in the month of December, please additionally deduct: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### BANK ACCOUNT INFORMATION

Routing # \_\_\_\_\_ (9-digit bank identifier located along bottom of check)  
Name of Bank \_\_\_\_\_ Account # \_\_\_\_\_

-OR-

### CREDIT CARD ACCOUNT INFORMATION\*

*\*Please keep in mind that when you use a credit card, approximately 3% of your donation is deducted as processing fees.*

Circle One:      Visa                      MasterCard                      American Express                      Discover  
Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_  
Account # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_









If you have questions or concerns regarding our Annual Report, feel free to contact any of our Finance Committee members: Fr. Tom Libera, Pastor; Martha Hauber; Doug Wambach; Marion Amling, Business Manager; Robert Natke; Nancy Wojcik; Karen Sellers, Parish Administrator, Greg Stoklosa; Frank Zoltan.

# *The Spirit is calling you...*

*There are so many ways in which St. A's could sorely use the talents of its parishioners. Please take a moment to read through areas of the parish that could use a helping hand and put a check mark next to any of the ministries that you feel are calling you...*

**(Don't worry! We will prepare you for any of these activities.)**

## **"One shot" volunteer opportunities:**

      	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>AT MASS</u></b></p> <p>* <u>Choir</u> (9:30: contemporary/harmony):</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">I'll try out 1 rehearsal and 1 Sunday .....</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">I'll join for the Christmas season .....</p> <p>* <u>Choir</u> (11:30: contemporary/melody-only):</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">I'll try out 1 rehearsal and 1 Sunday .....</p> <p>* <u>Gift bearer</u> – I'll bring up the gifts 1 Sunday .....</p> <p>* <u>Altar prepper</u> – I'll set up the altar 1 Sunday .....</p> <p>* <u>Usher</u> – I'll pass the basket 1 Sunday .....</p> <p>* <u>Greeter</u> – I'll greet people 1 Sunday .....</p> <p>* <u>Hospitality</u> – I'll help with hospitality 1 Sunday .....</p> <p>* <u>Powerpoint</u> – I'll click the PP slides 1 Sunday .....</p>
      	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>IN THE COMMUNITY</u></b> <i>(Please <u>circle</u> your choice(s)!</i>)</p> <p>I'll help <b>once</b> with...</p> <p>the blood drive, cropwalk, inclusion awareness Sunday, national migration week Mass, Christmas wish baskets, 10,000 Villages Christmas gift sale, St. Agnes Thanksgiving Food Drive, soup kitchen, driving an elderly person to Mass, a St. Vincent de Paul activity, comforting a member of the parish who has lost a loved one, bringing the Eucharist to someone unable to come to Mass, babysitting at the 9:30 Mass, a Respect Life Ministry project, an Elizabeth Ministry endeavor, the M.O.M.S. Ministry, tutoring students at St. Agnes, a Peace and Justice Ministry endeavor, delivering wreaths for the Christmas wreath sale, a specific parish community event</p>

**More like “a shot and a half” volunteer opportunities:**



I'll help...

\* cook and/or bring dinner for the youth in LifeTeen every other Sunday starting Sept 24 .....

\* copy papers and help in the school office .....

\* read to the children in the classrooms .....

\* on the school board committees .....

\* with the Angel Ball .....

\* on the Forward With Faith Phase II Committee .....

\* plan our Sunday liturgies (one 1-hr mtg/month) .....

\* preserve and archive parish and school photos .....



**Other possibilities:**

\* I'll pray for the Parish Ministries .....

\* I'd like some help in deciding .....

These are my interests/talents: .....

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\* I'm already involved in a parish ministry .....



**Name:** .....

**Phone:** .....

**Email:** .....



# 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's Hours: Monday 8:30 am-1:30 pm

Tuesday - Friday 11:30 am-4:30 pm

Reception Hours: Monday/Tuesday 4:30-8:30 pm

Wednesday - Friday 4:30-6:30 pm

Saturday 10 am-4 pm; Sunday 10 am-1 pm

## Parish Office Staff

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

Barbara Bonier, *Office Manager* (bbonier‡)

Marion Amling, *Business Manager* (mamling‡)

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

## Pastoral Staff

### Buildings and Grounds

Jose Moreno, *Facilities Manager* (jmoreno‡)

### Catholic Chaplain

Evanston Hospital 570-2330

Sr. Ann Weiler, O.S.F.

### Deacon

Richard S. Jay

### Music Ministry

Steve Carson, *Director* (scarson‡)

### Pastoral Associates

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

Diane Maloney, *LEAVEN* (dmaloney‡)

### Religious Education

Carolyn Groves, *Director* (cgroves‡)

Bridget Hotchkiss, *Coordinator* (bhotchkiss‡)

### Youth Ministry

Christina Thompson, *Director* (cthompson‡)

### Parish School

2510 Ashland Avenue

Evanston, IL 60201-2319

School Office 847-864-2650 (fax) 847-475-7385

### Parish School Staff

Susan Castagna, *Principal* (scastagna@saintas.net)

Suzanne Hanley, *Admin. Assistant* (shanley@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](mailto:chimes@stathanasius-evanston.org).

‡ - [@stathanasius-evanston.org](mailto:@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.



Conner Berg serves hors d'oeuvres at the Progressive Dinner.