

The Chimes

of Saint Athanasius Parish

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Eucharistic Worship

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

Our Mission

*"Do this in memory of Me."
We, the members of the
Catholic Community of
St. Athanasius Parish,
are each called by baptism
to continue the work of
Jesus Christ embracing all.
We aspire to worship, love,
thank and serve God.
We are open to what
God calls us to become.*

Anointing of the Sick

Jesus, the Healer

The Anointing of the Sick is a sacrament which certainly mirrors the actions of Jesus when He walked the earth, spending much of His time healing the sick. In fact, most of His miracles involved curing some kind of illness. From the beginning of His ministry, His reputation as a healer spread rapidly. At times so many people wanted Him to perform miracles of healing, He could hardly get out of the house.

Sacrament of Health

Anointing of the Sick is the way we, as Catholics, call on the healing, restoring power of Jesus when we are at our lowest and most vulnerable. It's a way we can gain the strength to bear suffering with patience and dignity. And no matter what happens in life or death, Jesus will be there beside us and beside the people we love.



We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at next weekend's Masses.

Eucharistic Liturgies

November 8 - 15, 2009

Sunday

- 5:00 pm (Saturday) † Margaret Smithe
- 8:00 am † Katie Eisenmenger
- 9:30 am Special Intentions for Beth Bansley McCarthy
- 11:30 am † Barbara Polston
- 5:00 pm Thanksgiving to St. Anthony

Monday

- 6:30 am † Morgan Muench
- 8:15 am † Robert O'Brien

Tuesday

- 6:30 am † Oliva Navarrete
- 8:15 am † Cassilda Lucas

Wednesday

- 6:30 am † George Schaefer
- 8:15 am † Leone Ryan

Thursday

- 6:30 am † Stanislaw Bijatowski
- 8:15 am † Marilyn Tyler

Friday

- 6:30 am † Louise O'Connor
- 8:15 am † Dorothy Berning

Saturday

- 8:15 am † Evelyn Tratnik
- 5:00 pm † Madeline Koziorowski

Sunday

- 8:00 am † Joseph & Roman Sobczak
- 9:30 am † John McGarry
- 11:30 am † Steve Kimball
- 5:00 pm † Rose Carney

St. Athanasius LifeTeen Youth Ministry



2010 Service and Whitewater Rafting Trip Informational Meeting TODAY

Sunday, November 8
in church

immediately following
the 5:00 pm LifeTeen Mass

The trip will take place
July 24 - August 1, 2010
in Cortez, Colorado.

Questions? Contact Jim Potthast at
847-328-1430, ext. 120
or jpotthast@stathanasius-evanston.org.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Please support the CCHD Collection
November 21-22

CCHD addresses the root causes of poverty
by funding organizations that are:

- Decreasing youth violence
- Increasing access to affordable housing
- Advocating for the rights of seniors, immigrants, workers, and people with disabilities

OFFERTORY COLLECTION REPORT

Offertory October 31/November 1 \$11,396
ParishPay for October \$13,349

*~ Thank You ~
Every Contribution Matters
Every Parishioner Counts*

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

This Week: St. Agnes
Scholarship

Next Week: None



Next Sunday's Gospel – November 15, 2009
 Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mk 13:24-32

Jesus said to his disciples:

"In those days after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light; the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory; and then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky.

"Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, know that he is near, at the gates. Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."

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.*

Visit the website for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops at www.usccb.org where you can access the readings for any day, in text or audio form, view a video reflection, or download a podcast.

The St. A's Scripture Study Group offers this question of the week:

Jesus speaks of the ominous events of the end of time, but promises that his word will not pass away. Who has not experienced some disaster, or potential disaster: a tornado, hurricane, flood, earthquake, and, most recently, the economic crisis? What can I do this week to remain focused on the word of God in my life, as a stable point, no matter what happens?

The Scripture Study Group meets every Thursday, 2:00 - 3:30 pm, in the Fitzgerald Center. Please join us whenever you can.

Annual Winter Coat Drive This Weekend

The St. Athanasius Women's Club will hold their Annual Winter Coat Drive this weekend. Coats for men, women and children, along with hats, gloves and scarves (freshly dry-cleaned or washed please) will be much appreciated by our neighbors at the Howard Area Community Center. Please bring your items to Mass and place them in the collection boxes in the church vestibule. Thank you for your support.

St. A's Book Club

The St. A's Book Club meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM in the Fitzgerald Chapel. All are welcome. On November 19, we will be discussing "Of Beetles and Angels: A Boy's Remarkable Journey from a Refugee Camp to Harvard" by Mawi Asgedom. Next month, we will meet on the second Thursday, December 10, and our book will be "The Shack" by William Young. Please join us.

Thanksgiving Food Collection

It's that time of year again! Time to help our sharing parish, St. Agnes, have enough turkey dinners to give out for Thanksgiving. This year we will be shopping, organizing and delivering food on Monday night, November 23. Donations can be made to the "Thanksgiving Food Collection" and mailed to Lloyd & Katie Maday, 2748 Eastwood, Evanston 60201. Thank you very much for your generosity.

Brunch Bee for the Sunday Soup Kitchen

Sunday, November 15

Noon to 12:30 pm - School Lunchroom

The Sunday Soup Kitchen gives each guest a take-away bag for their Monday morning breakfast. On November 15, the Family Program invites all parishioners to help make this happen. If you can't join us on Sunday, can you help with the shopping? We need:

- 125 brown paper lunch bags
- 125 plastic sandwich bags
- 125 bananas
- 125 hard-boiled eggs
- 125 granola bars
- 125 juice boxes or pouches
- 250 slices of whole wheat bread
- 250 slices of cheese
- 125 slices of ham
- 125 slices of turkey
- 125 each: individual mustard and mayonnaise packets

Non-perishables may be dropped off during the week and perishables on Sunday morning. Please bring them to Cynthia Splatt's office in the Fitzgerald Center. Contact her ahead of time by phone at 847-328-1430, ext. 124 or email csplatt@stathanasius-evanston.org, to let her know what you will be bringing.

Please Remember In Your Prayers...

The sick and their caregivers, especially **Tim Vernon, Beth Bansley McCarthy, Marcella Hovey, Bud Teipe, Barbara Pearson, Eddie Carr, Baby Ella Rukhotskiy, Carolyn Lindley, Diann Schroeder, Tom Harvey, Dave Walker, Emma Vogelmann, Michael Del Turco, Kathleen Freestone**, niece of Mary Lietz, **B.J. Wagner**, wife of Harold Kimball, **Fred Meeder, Carol Hoppe, Alice Sloma, John Romankiewicz, Mary Bomba, Mary Alice Micali, Jeanne Haselton, Dennis Degelmann, Katie Ryan, Helene Joelo, Margit Joelo, Kathryn Hand, Ron Selke, and Paul Mooney**, nephew of Bob and Nancy Doyle;

Those in the military, especially **Ken Razionale, USMC, Catie Staub**, daughter of David and Mary Therese Staub, **Ensign Anthony Grusich, USN**, son of Lois and Bill Grusich, **Petty Officer 3rd Class Ryan Olsen** and **PFC Kyle Olsen**, grandsons of Jane and Emmet Ingram, and **Matthew Chrobak**, nephew of Eric Harkna and Tonise Paul;

Those who have died, especially **Sharon Lebsack**, wife of Lyle Dean Lebsack, and **Dr. Raymond Del Fava**.



WITH JUST FIVE WEEKS REMAINING until the end of our ***Generations Campaign***, it is more important than ever to complete what we've started and secure the final \$500,000 needed to reach our \$3 million goal. While the exterior work to our beloved Church continues, we want to ensure that all interior work is appropriately addressed, that Lindley Park officially becomes part of the St. Athanasius campus, and that a maintenance fund is established for future repairs. All three components can only happen with the help of our family of faith. So the question is...

Have you offered your best in support of the Parish you love?

Our thanks to the 430+ families and individuals who have made a financial commitment on behalf of ***The Generations Campaign***. Their generosity has brought us to our current level of success. But what about the other registered members of our Parish? Each gift offered takes us a step closer to reaching our goal so our hope and prayer is that every person who calls St. Athanasius "home" will make the decision to become involved. *Even the smallest footprint moves a person nearer to their final destination.*

So, in thanksgiving for the gift that is St. Athanasius, in recognition of the blessings God so graciously bestows, and with great hope for a bright tomorrow, please pick up a pledge card and state your support today. December 15th (***The Generations Campaign deadline date***) will be here before we know it!

Footprints to the Finish !

Ministry of Staying in Touch



Are you (or is someone you know) homebound, perhaps feeling out of touch with our Church? Would you be interested in receiving a phone call from a caring parishioner? We would call daily, twice a week, or whenever and however often it would best fit your schedule. It would simply be a friendly call, to keep you up-to-date on the local news and happenings, or to check on you to make sure you are all right. It doesn't matter if you have a caregiver or if you are temporarily homebound due to illness or weather - we want you to feel how much we care for you. This new ministry at St. A's will start soon, and we would like your input. Please call Lori Goszczyński at 847-475-6324 (home) or 847-328-1430, ext. 157 (office).



St. Agnes of Bohemia Catholic School

Faith † Education † Service † Leadership

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Excellence in Catholic Education

Beloved Friends at St. Athanasius,

It is again my pleasure to share with you the good work of St. Agnes of Bohemia School. St. Agnes of Bohemia Parish is fortunate to have a vibrant, thriving school with an enrollment of 475 students, 15 more than last year. As you can imagine, the challenges of today's economy have taken a major toll on our families, and scholarship support is more important now than ever. We reach out to St. Athanasius to ask you to support our children and families again this year.

Allow me to share a story of a current St. Agnes family. The Aguilar family graduated two students from St. Agnes, an honors student and basketball star, Yvette, and an award winning poet and honors student, Alejandro. The Aguilars also have a daughter - Araceli - who is in 7th grade at St. Agnes. Araceli also is a fine student and talented basketball player. Maria, their mother, had a job with the city that was eliminated. Eduardo, their father, worked in a law firm that eliminated his position, also. Recently, Eduardo was diagnosed with cancer, and they realized that with medical bills and job losses, they could no longer afford to send their children to Catholic schools. Maria volunteers at St. Agnes to help pay her daughter's tuition, while Eduardo receives treatment.

When you're making a financial aid scholarship decision, you're showing Christian charity to families such as the Aguilars. Without the help of our friends at St. A's to the north, this St. A's to the south wouldn't be able to provide children like Araceli with the opportunity for a Catholic education.

The need for a Catholic education, provided in a safe environment, that sustains family and Catholic values is clear and motivates 300 families to invest an average of 10% of their yearly income toward their children's education. In Little Village, where the median income is \$29,000, that represents a significant sacrifice. Parents sacrifice because they have seen St. Agnes students attend Chicago's best high schools, such as St. Ignatius, Whitney Young, and the Latin School. Our parents have seen St. Agnes graduates come back with degrees from that fine university in your backyard, Northwestern, as well as Harvard, Notre Dame, Cal-Berkeley, DePaul, Loyola, the University of Chicago, Stanford, and many more.

Above and beyond our academic success, St. Agnes emphasizes achieving a depth of informed faith and excellence in the realms of service and leadership. We also teach our students to give to those less fortunate. Each year since 2000, our 8th grade class has completed over 2,000 hours of volunteer service and, by bringing in every spare penny, nickel and dime, St. Agnes school contributed nearly \$2,000 to Operation Rice Bowl.

St. Athanasius Parish's contributions help an average of 25 families each year send their children to St. Agnes School. The only other option for our families is a struggling neighborhood public school system.

We thank you for your continued support of St. Agnes to keep children like Yvette, Alejandro, and Araceli enrolled at St. Agnes and on the path to a faith-filled, academic goal-driven life. We are very grateful.

Sincerely,

Father Don Nevins

There's still time to join!!!!

*The St. Athanasius Women's Club
Membership Year 2009-2010*

Each year, making good use of your membership fee, the Women's Club contributes to the parish and local charities. We purchase altar wine, altar breads (Communion hosts), 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 of Illinois, Infant, Inc. the St. Athanasius Angel Ball, the Evanston Shelter for Abused Women & Children, St. Athanasius Parish St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Sisters of Providence.

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!**

For more information, please contact Bridget Hotchkiss at (847) 328-1430, ext. 129.

St. A's and Senior Varsity

Interfaith Ministry for Seniors

St. A's is a member of Evanston's Senior Varsity Planning Committee, creating interfaith programs for older adults. Don't miss the November Event!

Frank Glab as *The Great Frankini* - Illusionist

Wednesday, November 11

As a Renaissance Man, Frank Glab connects with the medieval religious period when acolytes entertained with juggling and other feats during the long Latin services. In 2005, Frank Glab won first place in the Chicago Close-up Magic Competition. An accomplished organist, pianist, singer, and conductor, he is full-time Director of Music Ministries at St. Rene Goupil Church in Chicago. Join us at the First Presbyterian Church, 1427 Chicago Avenue in Evanston, beginning with coffee at 10:30 am, followed by the presentation and lunch. The cost of the luncheon is \$5. Reservations are required. Call 847-864-1472. Parking is available and the church is handicap accessible via elevator. This is not just for seniors; all adults are welcome!



Westminster Place Holiday Bazaar

Friday, November 13 - 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

The sale at 3131 Simpson Street in Evanston will feature distinctive beaded jewelry, hand dyed silk scarves, Christmas ornaments, knitted items, angels, snowmen, flower arrangements, soup mixes and much more. There will also be a raffle and bake sale. The Depot and Furniture Warehouse features collectibles, housewares and furniture, while the Thrift Shop sells men's and women's clothing and accessories. Lunch will be available from 12:30 to 1:30 pm in the Geneva Place Dining Room for \$7. Proceeds benefit intergenerational programming with neighborhood schools and worthwhile community causes chosen by the residents.

Parish Calendar

Sunday, November 8

Family Program, 9 am-Noon, School
Interfaith Union, 10:45-Noon, School

Monday, November 9

Leadership Night, 7-8:30 pm, Fitzgerald Chapel
Pastoral Council, 8:30-10 pm, Fitzgerald Chapel

Tuesday, November 10

PSO, 7 pm, Hartke

Wednesday, November 11

Brownie Troop #40091, 2:35-4 pm, Hartke
Chess Club, 7 pm, Lunchroom
RCIA, 7-9 pm, Fitzgerald Chapel
Choir, 7:30 pm, Church

Thursday, November 12

Brownie Troop #41566, 3:30-5 pm, Hartke

Friday, November 13

Saturday, November 14

Sunday, November 15

Family Program, 9 am-Noon, School

Soup Kitchen

The month of November brings us two opportunities for soup kitchen outreach. The next **Monday** soup kitchen will be on **November 16** 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 **November 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).

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100 Parish Office	116 Jean Lauri
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107 Judy Berg	129 Bridget Hotchkiss
111 Fr. Tom Libera	142 Barbara Bonier
114 José Moreno	143 Karen Sellers
115 Susan Castagna	157 Lori Goszczynski

Weekday Servers November 9 - 14

8:15 am Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday
Marina & Marcus Schmitz
Thursday/Friday/Saturday
James Zampa, C.J. All

Liturgical Ministers

Next Weekend November 14/15

5:00 pm Saturday

Presider Fr. Sztorc
Lector Steve Carlson
Servers Emma & Noah Regnier, Ellie Richard
Eucharistic Ministers
Henrietta Berning, Jan Zeller,
Tom Meany, Lori & Stan Goszczynski

8:00 am

Presider Fr. Sztorc
Lector Jean Peters
Servers Marina & Marcus Schmitz,
Rebecca Suennen
Eucharistic Ministers
Chris Talbot, Bill Kauffman,
Mary Pat Schmidt, Joseph Walsh,
Josie Vorda

9:30 am

Presider Fr. Libera
Lector Rick Blabolil
Servers Michael & Matthew Consolo,
Aidan Crowe
Eucharistic Ministers
Gabe Rodriguez, Tim Burke,
Claire Labbe, David Staub, Lisa Weber

11:30 am

Presider Fr. Sztorc
Lector Jude Quinn
Servers Cross & Jack Daffada, Kate Elisha
Eucharistic Ministers
Anne Turner, Carol Ekman,
Joan Harvey, Marge Foley,
Mary Sotir

5:00 pm Sunday

Presider Fr. Libera

Readings for the Week of November 8, 2009

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Tuesday: Wis 2:23---3:9/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b---8:1/Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

Working with the Scriptures

November 8, 2009 (*Mk. 12:38-44*)

There were 23 job seekers sitting around the table when the woman rose to share her good news. After months of applications and interviews, she had finally found the perfect job. It hadn't been easy. Her resume included years of experience – not always a good thing when one is looking for a job these days. But her persistence had finally paid off, and today she had come to say “Good-Bye” and to share some advice with the group.

Taking a sheet of paper out of the file on the table in front of her, she began listing the activities that had been helpful to her. Making use of the Internet, volunteering, repeatedly editing and updating her resume, and networking, networking, networking! She didn't have a job to share with the other job seekers, but what she did have she shared generously – and everyone around the table was fed.

Radio and television personalities accept multi-million dollar contracts, sports figures and rock stars draw six-figure salaries and executives of bailed out corporations continue to receive extravagant bonuses. But what about the widows? What about those people who aren't offered “...places of honor at banquets?” What about those people who work for minimum wage – or no wage at all?

“Beware of the scribes, who like to go around in long robes and accept greetings in the marketplaces...” With the exception of the long robes this warning might just as well apply to corporate czars and reality show superstars. Years ago, while working at a small law firm (“...in the marketplace...”), I spent much of my time organizing fundraising events so that attorneys who were running for political office might “...accept greetings...” from their constituents. It was also a part of my job to make sure that people who were particularly generous with financial contributions were given “...seats...and places of honor...” In Mark's Gospel “many rich people put in large sums...” while the widow (and the woman at the meeting of job seekers?) “...contributed all she had...” The question must be, at the end of the day, who contributed the greater treasure?

Vinal Van Benthem

Evanston Catholic Women's Club

The meeting this month will be held on November 11 at the St. Nicholas Parish Meeting Hall, 806 Ridge Avenue, at noon and will be followed by a Mass of Remembrance at 12:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to join them for the Mass and a catered lunch afterward. Call Marge at 847-328-3725 for reservations. Please bring canned goods for the Battered Women's Shelter.

CYO High School Boys Basketball

We are organizing two boys basketball teams to participate in the Annual C.Y.O. High School Basketball League. The PREP Team is for frosh/soph boys and the Varsity Team is for Jr/Sr boys. League play starts the weekend of December 5. The time commitment is seven games + play-offs and one practice a week coached by Jim Collins. (IHSA players are not eligible to participate). Please e-mail Carolyn O'Connell to sign up at coconne@luc.edu with name, birthdate, phone, t-shirt size and year in school. Sign up deadline is Friday, November 20.

Girls Catholic Athletic Conference

Congratulations to the Girls Catholic Athletic Conference (GCAC) as they celebrate their 35th anniversary this year. The 35th Anniversary Dinner will include the Hall of Fame Induction. If interested in nominating a GCAC athlete that graduated from their GCAC High School at least 10 years ago, a coach, administrator, official, or friend of the GCAC, please go to athletics2000.com/gcac for a nomination form or contact June VerSchave at 630-257-7358 for the form. Nominations are due by November 15.

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

Wednesday - Friday 4:30-6:30 pm

Saturday 10 am-1 pm; Sunday 9 am-1 pm

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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.

‡ - @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.



The BOO-ster Club Halloween Party