

The Chimes

of Saint Athanasius Parish

www.stathanasius-evanston.org

Eucharistic Worship

Weekends

Saturday

5:00 pm

Sunday

8:00, 9:30 and 11:30 am

LifeTeen 5:00 pm

Weekdays

Monday through Friday

6:30 and 8:15 am

Saturday

8:15 am

St. Athanasius Parish and School

Angel Ball 2008



One Shining Moment

Friday, November 21, 2008
Palmer House Hilton, Chicago

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Eucharistic Liturgies

November 9 - 16 2008

Sunday - *All Souls*

- 5:00 pm (Saturday) † Renee Walsh
- 8:00 am † Roman & Joseph Sobczak
- 9:30 am † Rose Schuba
- 11:30 am † Ed Brown Family
- 5:00 pm † Ruth Kilby

Monday

- 6:30 am No Mass
- 8:15 am † George Schaefer

Tuesday

- 6:30 am No Mass
- 8:15 am † Matilda Candelario

Wednesday

- 6:30 am No Mass
- 8:15 am † Carmelo Sabatino

Thursday

- 6:30 am No Mass
- 8:15 am † Dorothy Berning

Friday

- 6:30 am No Mass
- 8:15 am † Renee Walsh

Saturday

- 8:15 am † Meivy Lavin
- 5:00 pm † Renee Walsh

Sunday

- 8:00 am † Edward Clarke
- 9:30 am † Rose Schuba
- 11:30 am † Albert Higuera
- 5:00 pm † Willa Wallace



It's not too late to sign up!

LifeTeen Fall Retreat '08

Next Weekend
November 15 & 16

Faith,
Friends,
Fun

The retreat begins at 6:00 pm on Saturday and runs through 6:00 pm on Sunday. The cost is \$40. Pick up a flier/permission slip in the church vestibule or parish office.

Questions? Contact Jim Potthast at jpotthast@stathanasius-evanston.org.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION REPORT

Offertory November 1/2\$7,730
Children's Envelopes\$15.61
ParishPay for October\$12,506

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS



This Week: St. Agnes
Scholarship

Next Week: None

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

"Every month they shall bear fresh fruit for they shall be watered by the flow from the sanctuary."

- Ezekiel 47:12

Ezekiel's vision of the water flowing from the temple reminds us how important it is for the good steward to spend time with God. When we visit with God we are refreshed. From God's sacred house we receive the nourishment we need so that our stewardship efforts will bear fruit.

A Week-in-Review with Bishop Matthias Ssekamanya



Bishop Matthias baptizing Isabella Natalie Dewhirst at the annual African Festival.



Bishop Matthias addressing St. Athanasius grade school students with Principal Castagna and Fr. Tom.



Bishop Matthias discussing the work of St. Athanasius Parish and the Lugazi Diocese at the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops in Washington, D.C.

Eric Harkna and Bishop Matthias attending meetings at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies at the University of Notre Dame.



Thanksgiving Food Collection

It's that time again when we collect donations to purchase food for Thanksgiving dinners for St. Agnes Parish families. St. A's parishioners are always generous for this good cause. Donations can be made to "Thanksgiving Food Collection" and mailed to Lloyd and Katie Maday, 2748 Eastwood, Evanston 60201. We will deliver the food on Monday, November 24, so please send your donations by Thursday, November 20. If you have any questions, please call (847) 475-1538. Thank you in advance for your support.

Save the Date for St. A's Parish Mission

Fr. James Friedel, O.S.A. will lead our Parish Retreat, "Celebrating God's Gifts," on December 7, 8, 9 and 10 at 7:00 pm each day. Please join our community in calling the spirit into our lives.

Holiday Bulletin Deadline

Please note that the deadline for submitting articles for *The Chimes* publication of November 30 is Wednesday, November 19.

St. A's Book Club

All are welcome to participate in the St. A's Book Club. We meet the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm in the Fitzgerald Chapel. Our next selections are "*Our Lady of the Forest*" by David Guterson, November 20 and "*Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace*" by Gerg Mortenson and David Relin., December 18. We hope to see you there.

There will be no 6:30 am Mass

from Thursday, November 6 through Monday, November 17.

November Coat Drive

It's time to start looking through your closets for warm outerwear. The St. Athanasius Women's Club will be conducting a coat drive to benefit the Howard Area Community Center. Coats, jackets, gloves, hats, and scarves are gratefully accepted. No boots, please. Drop off boxes will be in the church vestibule November 8 - 16. Thanks for all of your past support of this program.

Last Chance - 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.

Children's Stewardship Envelopes Available

A thank you goes out to all our young members who have begun using the offering envelopes each week. You help build up St. Athanasius Church. While we celebrated All Saints Day last weekend, the offering envelopes give you the story of a saint each week. Additional boxes of envelopes for young people are available in the rear of the church.

Please Remember In Your Prayers...

The newly baptized, especially **Luke McCarthy Vosper** and **Tait Breen Vosper**, sons of Robert and Marnie Vosper;

The sick and their caregivers, especially **Diann Lanus**, **Father Joseph Nam Dao**, **Denis Drennan**, **Jean Gaertner**, **Beatriz Urbina**, **Isabella Makalska**, **Helene Joelo**, **Ursula Peghini**, **Joan Sextro**, **Patrick Nicholson**, **Bill O'Connor**, **Donald Terando**, **Charmayne Swanson**, **Spencer Powell**; and **Mary Ficek**

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 **Charles Johnson**.

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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ASK ME NOW!

Following an extremely successful “Quiet Phase” conducted during the summer months, we were delighted that *The Generations Campaign* kicked off having received more than \$614,000 in pledges and gifts. ***And there was more exciting news!*** Four anonymous families have come forward to offer St. A’s a Challenge Gift to get the campaign off to a wonderful start. For every gift or pledge received by December 15th, the *Season of Gratitude* Challenge will match – dollar for dollar – up to \$425,000. Along with these announcements, the St. Athanasius community celebrated its public phase launch with a special blessing of the volunteers during each Mass and an Appointment Setting Phone-a-thon on Sunday evening. Many parishioners received calls from our wonderful Ambassadors, and we are happy to report that visits are being scheduled and enthusiasm is high!

While our hope is to meet personally with all the families of St. Athanasius, our current number of volunteers compared to our total registry prevents that from happening right now. However, if you are eager to help make this important project a great success, and want your gift or pledge to be matched by the *Season of Gratitude* Challenge, simply complete the form below, return it through the offertory basket or via mail to the Campaign Office at St. Athanasius, and a member of our Ambassador Team will be in touch as soon as possible!

Yes! I’m ready to make my commitment The Generations Campaign!!

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Day Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

The best time to reach me is _____ (day) _____ a.m. _____ p.m.

If possible, I would like (*name of Ambassador*) _____ to call me.

I am interested in becoming an Ambassador for the campaign. Contact me!

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS:

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Wednesday, November 12

Special presentation at 10 a.m.

- Talk with parents, students, teachers and our principal
- View our outstanding facilities
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New Hope Apartment Program

Family Welcomes an Addition

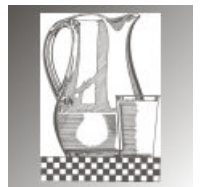
The mother in the New Hope Apartment program gave birth to a daughter on September 16. Both mother and baby, who weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces at birth, are in good health and doing very well. Her Catholic Charities social worker reports that mom appears energetic and is planning to return to work in several weeks. She has started the process of finding a childcare provider for her daughter.

The mother and her boyfriend are working together to reach their housing goal. They will seek to take over the lease on their current apartment or move into an affordable apartment when their participation in the New Hope program ends. They continue to save regularly. The Catholic Charities staff believes that they will be able to achieve self-sufficiency and financial independence with good money management and aggressive saving.

In the New Hope program, our parish works with St. Mary's and St. Joseph's parishes to provide funds for the family's apartment rent. Catholic Charities provides the social worker, who meets with the family weekly, and administers the program.

The Catholic Charities New Hope Apartment program staff joins the mother in expressing heartfelt gratitude to our parish for our assistance in welcoming this baby into the world. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

The Peace & Justice Ministry



St. Agnes Scholarship Collection

This Weekend

Beloved friends at St. Athanasius,

In my first months at St. Agnes, I've discovered it to be a vibrant community of believers. Our strong Catholic school is one of our greatest blessings. I thank you for your support. It is so critical to our scholarship funding at St. Agnes. I write to you today seeking your continued financial support for our students.

A Catholic education, especially in our urban neighborhoods, has never been more important to our Church. Our Catholic schools educate our students to be examples of faith, leadership, and service, while developing high goals, self-discipline, and a strong love of learning. It wasn't long after I came to St. Agnes Parish that I heard amazing stories about how our parish families cherish a St. Agnes education.

Last year, a family facing new financial difficulties had to pull their four boys from our school. They enrolled them in a local charter school, but something was missing. The boys didn't feel respected there, where faith was not a guiding principle in their education. In a month, they returned. The family asked if we could find a way to help them re-enroll their boys. Through the grace of God, a new donor sponsor stepped in to assist this incredible family, all of whom are among the most ardent advocates for St. Agnes School. Many of our families share this family's concerns. Nearly 90 percent of them qualify, based on the poverty level, for free and reduced lunches.

Though challenged financially, we hold high academic standards. Last year, students from our eighth grade class enrolled in St. Ignatius, Cristo Rey, the Latin School of Chicago, Whitney Young, and Lane Tech. One even enrolled at Phillips Exeter Academy in New Hampshire. In the past decade, 70 percent of our students have continued their education in Catholic high schools. Our alumni are now graduates of Harvard, DePaul, Loyola, University of Illinois at Chicago, University of Chicago, Cal-Berkeley and other fine universities.

You are sending children to Chicago's best high schools and the nation's best colleges, as well as educating the Church's future. As Catholics, we have a call for those most in need. Your contributions help an average of 25 families each year to send their children to St. Agnes School. Your kindness is a model of response to that call. You make God's love real and tangible in their lives. You and your loved ones are in our prayers, always.

Sincerely,

Fr. Don Nevins,

Pastor

St. Agnes Parish

Join the Adult Choir

Join in the fun, spirited (in more ways than one) merrymaking, and camaraderie of the adult choir. Oh, and sing everything from classical to contemporary music and Gospel to Celtic songs. No need to have any special vocal talents, although being able to carry a tune would be a plus. We're always on the look-out for people with multiple talents: whistlers, flutists, violinists, multilingual mimics, chefs and enologists are highly desirable.

We would love to have you join the full choir at the 9:30 am Mass, and we would be absolutely thrilled if you might be interested in singing at the 11:30 am Mass or in cantering the 5:00 pm or 8:00 am Masses.

Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm followed by a half-hour of fellowship. Try us for a week or two or for our Christmas Masses.

We're also looking for people to help with "powerpointing" our music at any of the Masses.

For more information, contact Steve Carson (carson88@rcn.com) or Nadine Di Vito (nadine@uchicago.edu).



Parish Calendar

Sunday, November 9

Family Program, 9 am-Noon, School
Scholastic Book Fair, 9:45 am-1 pm

Monday, November 10

St. Vincent DePaul, 7:30 pm, Rosemeyer

Tuesday, November 11

PSO, 7:30 pm, Hartke

Wednesday, November 12

Brownie Troop #1550, 3:30-5 pm, Lunchroom
RCIA, 7-9 pm, Religious Education Office
Chess Club, 7-8 pm, Lunchroom
Peace & Justice, 7:30 pm, Rosemeyer
Choir, 7:30 pm, Church

Thursday, November 13

Friday, November 14

Eighth Grade Disco Dance, 7 pm, Gym

Saturday, November 15

Sunday, November 16

Family Program, 9 am-Noon, School
First Reconciliation Parent Meeting, 10:45 am, Gym

Soup Kitchen

The month of November brings us three opportunities for soup kitchen outreach. The next **Monday** soup kitchen will be on **November 10** 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 13** 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). The next **Sunday** soup kitchen will be on **November 16** at Hemenway United Methodist Church, 1:30-4:30 pm (meal served at 2:45). Contact Michael Masini (847-869-4321). Please consider giving them a helping hand.

Staff Extension List 847-328-1430

100 Parish Office	116 Jean Lauri
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103 Fr. Sztorc	124 Lori Goszczynski
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 November 10 - 15

8:15 am Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday
Mickey & Liam McLaughlin
Thursday/Friday/Saturday
Fiona McMahon, Alana Natke

Liturgical Ministers

Next Weekend November 15/16

5:00 pm Saturday

Presider Fr. Alcantara
Lector Jean Peters
Servers Marina Schmitz, Rebecca Suennen,
Ellie Richard
Eucharistic Ministers
Barbara Zapszalka, Tom Meany,
Helen Stake, Bill Quinlan,
Anne Swoboda

8:00 am

Presider Fr. Alcantara
Lector Eileen Parkinson
Servers Ellie Sweeney, Lizzie Caan,
Alexandra Nicholson
Eucharistic Ministers
Kausar Allahrakha, Nancy Taylor,
Jean Lauri, Deborah Haracz,
Bill Kauffman

9:30 am

Presider Fr. Alcantara
Lector Steve Carlson
Servers Matthew & Michael Consolo,
Frankie Zoltan
Eucharistic Ministers
Joan Conroy, Donna Consolo,
Gabe Rodriguez, Dennis O'Malley,
David Ozar

11:30 am

Presider Fr. Libera
Lector Josie Vorda
Servers Evan & Christian Swenson,
Johnny Miller
Eucharistic Ministers
Jim Rooney, Joan Johnson,
Nancy Murray, Tom & Sue Laue

5:00 pm Sunday

Presider Fr. Libera

Readings for the Week of November 9, 2008

Sunday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/
Jn 2:13-22
Monday: Ti 1:1-9/Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Lk 17:20-25
Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/1 Thes 5:1-6/
Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Working with the Scriptures

November 9, 2008 (Ez. 47:1-2, 8-9, 12)

Day after day, hour after hour they come. One after another, they enter Joyce's beauty shop. Women mostly – old women wanting to look younger, young women wanting to look more glamorous – although occasionally a man will come in for a quick haircut. She greets most of them by name. She offers them a cup of coffee. She invites them to take a seat. And then begins the work of transformation.

“How's your family?” she asks. An innocent enough question, but her customer knows that she really means it when she asks. And, so, the customer answers, and what began as a simple question ends with the customer tearfully telling of her daughter's unexpected pregnancy and how her world of college and career plans has been turned upside down. And that's when the real transformation begins to happen. Joyce listens with care, letting the woman tell her story. She doesn't offer any advice but somehow, in the telling, the woman finds answers. As she leaves, she thanks Joyce for helping her. And salt water is made fresh.

Another woman sits down. Her story is different. The diagnosis is not good. She will begin chemotherapy tomorrow. Joyce listens and hears the woman's fear. “They say I may lose my hair” the woman says. “Then we will give you new hair.” Joyce replies. “We have loads of fantastic wigs in our catalogs, and when it begins to grow back we'll give you a new hairstyle that will make you look ten years younger!” And, again, salt water is made fresh.

The prophet Ezekiel paints a word picture of Jerusalem and its temple destroyed, its people taken into slavery in tears. But then he prophesies a new temple and fresh water flowing out from it. Later scholars compare the temple, destroyed and rebuilt, to Jesus and his body, dead and raised up again. Salt water made fresh.

Today you and I are called to be the body of Christ. But do we really know what that means? Are we able to make fresh water from salty? Joyce knows. She does it every day...

Vinal Van Benthem

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

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November 22-23.**

NSPI Dinner

Jonathan Schell, author and visiting lecturer at Yale University will speak on “*Thinking the Unthinkable: A Nuclear Weapons Free World*,” at the annual dinner of the North Suburban Peace Initiative on Saturday, November 15. The event will begin with a reception at 6 p.m. followed by dinner in the St. Francis Xavier Parish Gym, 549 Ninth St., Wilmette. Tickets to the dinner are available for \$60. For more information, please call Mary Sotir, (847) 864-4015.

Notre Dame H.S. Open House

Notre Dame High School, college prep for young men, will host Open House on Sunday, November 16 from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. All prospective junior high students and their parents are invited to attend for individual tours of Notre Dame's facilities and programs. They will also receive an insightful look at how Notre Dame educates the minds and hearts of young men by shaping leaders in the areas of faith, scholarship and service. Notre Dame High School is located at 7655 W. Dempster Street in Niles. For more information, contact LaVerne Bontempo in the Notre Dame Enrollment Office at (847) 779-8615 or lbontempo@ndhsdons.org.

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Wednesday - Friday 4:30-6:30 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.

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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 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.



Our School's Halloween Parade