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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.*



*Appreciative Remembering -
"May the Angels Lead You into Paradise."*

Eucharistic Liturgies

November 15 - 22, 2009

Sunday

- 5:00 pm (Saturday) † Madeline Koziorowski
- 8:00 am † Joseph & Roman Sobczak
- 9:30 am † Beth Bansley McCarthy
- 11:30 am † Steve Kimball
- 5:00 pm † Rose Carney

Monday

- 6:30 am † Barbara Bansley
- 8:15 am † Ned Mitchell

Tuesday

- 6:30 am † Rose Schuba
- 8:15 am † Rose Schuba

Wednesday

- 6:30 am † Harry Moran
- 8:15 am † Charmayne Swanson

Thursday

- 6:30 am † Joyce Close
- 8:15 am † Tom Haracz

Friday

- 6:30 am † Genevieve Lubawy
- 8:15 am † Jose Pacheco

Saturday

- 8:15 am † Charlotte Bill
- 5:00 pm † Raymond L. Del Fava

Sunday

- 8:00 am † John Annetti
- 9:30 am Julian & Margaret Stevens 50th Anniversary
- 11:30 am † Raymond L. Del Fava
- 5:00 pm † Crystal Martinez



Helen Wieland's 103rd Birthday

Helen Fitzpatrick Wieland is celebrating her 103rd birthday on Monday, November 16. She has been a very active member of St. Athanasius Parish since 1954. Notes and cards of congratulations can be sent to her at 2601 Central Street, Apartment 301, Evanston, IL 60201. Helen's children are Philip J. Wieland, Maurice Ann Wieland Sullivan, and Dr. John M. Wieland.

Thanksgiving Services

The 11th Annual Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will take place Wednesday, November 25, at 7:00 pm at the Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation, 303 Dodge Avenue. Jennifer Nelson-Seals, Executive Director of Interfaith House of Chicago will speak on "Hospitality." The service is sponsored by the Interfaith Action of Evanston.

**The St. Athanasius special
Thanksgiving Day Mass
will be on**

Thursday, November 26 at 9:00 am.
Please bring a non-perishable item
for our local food pantries.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION REPORT

Offertory November 7/8.....	\$8,420
St. Agnes Scholarship.....	\$6,841
ParishPay for October	\$13,349

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

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS



This Week: None
Please consider putting a
donation into the poor box for
St. Vincent de Paul

Next Week: Campaign for
Human Development

Pastor's Notes

Question of the Week

Doing "Faith First" at parish meetings is steadily taking hold. Reading and reflecting on the Gospel for the coming Sunday helps bring alive an encounter with the Lord. Doing this together also connects us with fellow St. A's disciples.

Thanks to the work of our Thursday Scripture Study group, a **Question of the Week** has been added to the Faith First page. Perhaps it may inspire personal reflection or family discussion. Why not allow the Question to circulate through your thoughts and prayers in the coming days?

BustedHalo.com

I find BustedHalo.com, an online magazine for spiritual seekers, addictive and enlightening. Compiled for young adults – the rest of us are allowed to peek in – Busted Halo offers up-to-the-minute commentary on what is going on from a wide ranging Catholic perspective. For instance, the current edition features interactive pieces on *Health Care Reform and Catholicism Revisited*; *Finding God in All Things*; *What Works: The Welcoming Prayer*; and **Busted Halo's Digital Pilgrimage Video Blog: Meeting Jack Liu, UC Berkeley**. If you scroll into its Entertainment and Lifestyle tab, you come across such items as Spiritual Seekers Adventure (on a Budget): Wouldn't be caught dead on a religious pilgrimage? There may be something for you at BustedHalo.com.

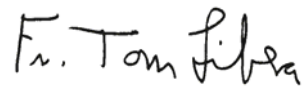
Catholic Campaign for Human Development

For the last four years, I have volunteered to be part of one of the teams that visits the local organizations that have applied for grants from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Our role is to evaluate the effectiveness of the organization in using grant monies and to verify that the group's work is in conformity with Catholic teaching. These visits consistently remain among the most enlightening experiences of my year.

I am impressed by the strategies these grassroots community organizations use to improve the quality of neighborhood life, housing for seniors, fair wages for immigrants, or other issues that make life a struggle.

Next week's second collection provides the funds for these grants. CCHD is one of the best accomplishments of the Catholic Church in our country.

In the Lord's Blessings,



A Note from the Cardinal

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

For over thirty-nine years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has been a living example of our Church's social teaching. This year, CCHD is funding twenty-one organizations throughout Cook and Lake Counties that are helping seniors, youth and families to help themselves.

The CCHD is committed to addressing the root causes of poverty, abiding strictly to the Catholic Church's social teaching, including the respect for life and the dignity of all human beings.

Please make a special effort during this Thanksgiving season to give generously to the CCHD's Collection November 21-22. Your contribution enables the CCHD to help build God's kingdom of life, peace and justice today. One hundred percent of the CCHD budget comes from individual donations - of any size - just like yours. Your contribution does make a powerful difference. May God bless you for your support of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

You and those you love are in my prayers, please keep me in yours.

Sincerely, yours in Christ,
Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago

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.

Last Chance - Rotary Book Drive

Books due Monday, November 16

Once again, this year, we are collecting gently used books to be distributed to designated inner-city schools, including our sister school, St. Agnes. Last year we collected 15,000 books; let's top that this year! Please have your children bring the books to their classrooms at St. A's or to the school office. Thank you for helping less fortunate students succeed.

Brunch Bee TODAY for the Sunday Soup Kitchen

Sunday, November 15

Noon to 12:30 pm - School

Lunchroom

Please join us as we put together take-away bags for each soup kitchen guest for their Monday morning breakfast. Questions? Contact Cynthia Splatt at 847-328-1430, ext 124 or csplatt@stathanasius-evanston.org.

Memorial Mass for

Betty Wieder

Sunday, November 22

1:00 PM

Elliott Chapel

Presbyterian Home

All are welcome.

Please Remember In Your Prayers...

The sick and their caregivers, especially **Tim Vernon, 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 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 Emmitt Ingram, and Matthew Chrobak, nephew of Eric Harkna and Tonise Paul;**

Those who have died, especially **Beth Bansley McCarthy, daughter of Mike and Diane Bansley, and Agnes O'Halloran.**

Next Sunday's Gospel – November 22, 2009
The Solemnity of Christ the King

Jn 18:33b-37

Pilate said to Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?" Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?"

Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here."

So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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:

Our King wears a crown of thorns and is about to be executed unjustly. Society seeks powerful leaders. Jesus seemed to lack all power and yet, two millennia later, millions follow Him. He came to testify to the truth and, if we hear His voice, we belong to the truth. This week how can we listen to Him and speak truth to power?

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

Onward Toward Our Goal

As mentioned in the bulletin and from the pulpit, our *Generations Campaign* is now drawing to a close and, with the official end date set for December 15th, we are reaching out to all the faithful stewards of St. Athanasius in an effort to reach our \$3 million goal and fulfill all components of our campaign. Each registered member of our Parish who has not yet offered a pledge, as well as all St. Athanasius non-parishioner alumni, will soon receive letters inviting their financial participation. We have accomplished a great deal in the past year and with just a few weeks remaining, we are confident that we can be successful and finish what we've started.

We are delighted to report that, following the recent campaign/construction update given at the Masses, St. Athanasius received a few new gifts from previous donors. What a wonderful show of support and dedication! This made us realize that, perhaps, others who have already sent in a pledge or gift may also be willing to expand their generosity for the sake of our Parish family. So, in addition to the letters being sent to the people from whom we have not heard, we are respectfully contacting those who may be interested in repeating a previous gift or extending the length of a pledge. If you are able to help out in this extraordinary way, thank you! If not, please know that the pledge or gift you have already offered is greatly appreciated and a true blessing.

Please continue to pray for our *Generations Campaign* and for all the men and women who have brought us to our current success!

Footprints to the Finish !

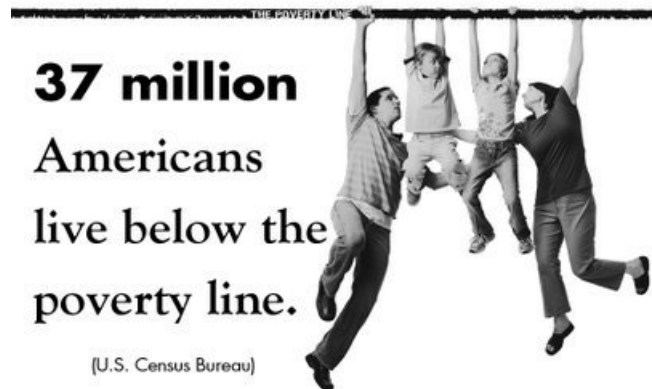


Catholic Campaign for Human Development

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



Parish Calendar

Sunday, November 15

Family Program, 9 am-Noon, School
1st Communion Parents Meeting, 10:45 am, Gym

Monday, November 16

Basketball Practice, 3:30-7:30 pm, Gym

Tuesday, November 17

Basketball Practice, 3:30-8 pm, Gym
School Board, 7 pm, Hartke

Wednesday, November 18

Brownie Troop #2466, 2:35-3:45 pm, Hartke
Brownie Troop #1550, 2:35-4 pm, Lunchroom
Basketball Practice, 2:30-6:30 pm, Gym
Cub Scout Pack #931, 7 pm, Gym
Chess Club, 7 pm, Lunchroom
RCIA, 7-9 pm, Fitzgerald Chapel
Choir, 7:30 pm, Church

Thursday, November 19

St. A's Book Club, 7:30 pm, Fitzgerald Chapel

Friday, November 20

Saturday, November 21

Destination Boardwalk, 7:30 pm, Gym

Sunday, November 22

Family Program, 9 am-Noon, School
Interfaith Union, 10:45-11:45 am, School

Weekday Servers November 16 - 21

8:15 am Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday
Christian & Ian Swenson
Thursday/Friday/Saturday
Caitlin & Eleanor Sweeney

Liturgical Ministers

Next Weekend November 21/22

5:00 pm Saturday

Presider Fr. Libera
Lector Barbara O'Connor
Servers Karina, Devin & Peter deHueck
Eucharistic Ministers
Barb Zapszalka, Bill Quinlan,
Helen Stake, Jackie & Mike Brennan

8:00 am

Presider Fr. Libera
Lector Angela Grannon
Servers Clementine Creevy, Martin Fenn,
Sebastian Des Roberts
Eucharistic Ministers
Deborah Haracz, Kerry Hubata,
Steve Jennings, Adele Martell,
Judy Berg

9:30 am

Presider Fr. Sztorc
Lector David Staub
Servers Molly Gentile, Fiona Dillon,
Ava Hanlon
Eucharistic Ministers
Bob Curley, John Osterlund,
Joan Conroy, Dennis O'Malley,
David Ozar

11:30 am

Presider Fr. Libera
Lector Jim De Nardo
Servers Claire Glavin, Jeff Enochs,
Tyler Roback
Eucharistic Ministers
Eunie & Jim Nondorf,
Mary Ann Harvey, Nancy Murray,
Karen Sellers

5:00 pm Sunday

Presider Fr. Watts

Soup Kitchen

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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Readings for the Week of November 15, 2009

Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32
Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Lk 19:41-44
Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

Working with the Scriptures

November 15, 2009 (*Mark 13:24-32*)

“God willing and the creek don’t rise.” We hadn’t seen our friends in months and we were delighted when they called to say they were in the area. Now, having spent hours catching up, it was time to leave. “We should be home by midnight,” they said, “God willing and the creek don’t rise.” A common enough expression, but where does it come from? Why do we say, “God willing”? Well, maybe it’s because we know that unless God is willing, no amount of planning on our part will make any difference and we’re looking for reassurance.

Jesus’ disciples were looking for reassurance, too. Jesus had been telling them to prepare for the difficult days to come but they didn’t understand. They thought they could wait until the skies darkened and the earth shook and *then* begin to get ready... “God willing and the creek don’t rise.”

Unfortunately, things haven’t changed much. This week the media is reporting yet another rise in unemployment. Every morning individuals go to work not knowing if they’ll still have a job by the end of the day. And being out of work with few prospects on the horizon feels more and more like the end of the world. What if God is not willing? What if our friends had not made it home by midnight? What if the job market doesn’t rally? What if we knew that the world as we know it would end tomorrow? Would we do anything differently?

“Learn a lesson from the fig tree...when you see these things happening, know that he is near...” What a relief! We don’t have to start worrying until the ground starts shaking, right? But Jesus says that no one knows when the hour will arrive; and when your job is on the line it can feel like the ground is already shaking. Couldn’t God at least give us a little notice so that we can prepare? “I promise to give a fair day’s work for a fair day’s pay.” “I promise to look out for the good of my employees.” “I promise – I’ll do it tomorrow – God willing and the creek don’t rise...”

Vinal Van Benthem

Support Chastity Education in the Archdiocese

The Chastity Education Initiative, sponsored by the Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of Chicago is holding its 7th Annual “Educating Minds, Inspiring Hearts” Benefit Dinner on November 22 at Drury Lane in Oakbrook Terrace. The keynote speaker will be His Eminence Francis Cardinal Arinze, who was one of Pope John Paul II’s closest advisors and served from 2002 to 2008 as the Prefect for the Congregation of Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments. Tickets are \$75. Call 312-534-5355 or visit www.respectlifechicago.org.

St. Francis Xavier Holiday Bazaar

Bring your family and friends and get your holiday shopping underway on Thursday, November 19 from 6:00 to 9:30 pm at the St. Francis School gym, 808 Linden Avenue in Wilmette. Over 30 vendors will be selling such items as jewelry, clothing, handbags, hair accessories, key chains, food items, ornaments, housewares, and art.

Grief & The Holidays

Holidays can be an especially emotional time for someone who has suffered the loss of a loved one. The holiday season is filled with memories, feelings and activities that can make coping with loss more difficult. Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care’s Bereavement Department offer this special program to help explore positive alternatives during the holiday season. The program will be offered at two locations: the Park Ridge Community Church, 100 Courtland Avenue in Park Ridge on November 18, 7:00 - 9:00 pm and at Resurrection Retirement Center, 7262 W. Peterson in Chicago, 7:15 - 8:15 pm. For more information, call (847) 692-8884.

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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 Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm

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

Parish Office Staff

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

Barbara Bonier, *Office Manager* (bbonier‡)

Marion Amling, *Business Manager* (mamling‡)

Janice Moore, *Administrative Assistant* (jmoore‡)

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Pastoral Staff

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Deacon

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Evanston, IL 60201-2319

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Chimes Articles

The deadline for submitting information to the parish office is Friday at Noon, 10 days prior to publication date.

Best method is to email the document as an attachment to chimes@stathanasius-evanston.org.

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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

is a several-month process for an adult wishing to become a Catholic through the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) or through a Profession of Faith. These rites are celebrated at the Easter Vigil. Please contact Fr. Rich Sztorc.

Infant Baptism

is generally celebrated on the first and third Sundays of the month at 1:00 pm in the Church. The Baptism Preparation Program for parents and godparents, if possible, is held each month. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

Confirmation

preparation begins in the middle of 7th grade and is celebrated during the winter of 8th grade. For adult/high school confirmation, call the Religious Education Office.

The Eucharist

is brought to the homebound by Care Ministers. Arrangements are made by calling Lori Goszczyński. First Eucharist preparation for children begins in 1st grade and is celebrated in the spring of 2nd grade.

Matrimony

arrangements are made by contacting one of the priests at the Parish Office. Arrangements a year in advance allow for adequate reservation time, participation in marriage preparation programs and liturgical planning.

Anointing of the Sick

is celebrated in the Fall during a communal celebration. Special requests for this sacrament can be arranged by calling the Parish Office.

Reconciliation

is celebrated on Saturdays, after the 8:15 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.

