

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.*



In communication with those we love... may perpetual light shine upon them.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 19, 2006

Eucharistic Liturgies

November 19 - 26, 2006

Sunday

5:00 pm (Saturday) † Joe & Marian McGowan
8:00 am † Tom Haracz
9:30 am † Rose Schuba
11:30 am † Noel Shaw Family
5:00 pm † Catherine Lorenz

Monday

6:30 am † Walter Varton
8:15 am † Estelle Schmitt

Tuesday

6:30 am † Ruby Eady
8:15 am † Amelia Wedemeyer

Wednesday

6:30 am † Richard Kane
8:15 am † John Madden

Thursday *Thanksgiving*

9:00 am † Vincent Stanislawski

Friday

6:30 am † Richard Kent
8:15 am † Norman (Bud) Lawrence

Saturday

8:15 am † Thomas Gorey
5:00 pm † Deceased members of Vaccaro
& Ignoffo Families

Sunday

8:00 am † Kenneth Warner
9:30 am † Rose Schuba
11:30 am † Julian & John Andrew Stevens
5:00 pm † Virginia Seaborg

Little Angels Captured on Film



Fabulous candid 8x10 photographs, taken by Brian McConkey, of our St. Athanasius School children (Kindergarten through 4th grade) will be on display at The Angel Ball, via an I-Movie format, providing parents and grandparents the opportunity to place orders. You can have your child photographed at a free photo session with Brian on Thursday, December 7, from 3-7 pm at St. A's. Sign up at the Angel Ball. Orders placed that night are guaranteed to be delivered before Christmas. For questions or ideas about New Items, contact Amy Knepper at 847-492-0280 or kneppers6@comcast.net.



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

For over thirty-seven 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-two organizations that work to address the root causes of poverty among seniors, youth, immigrants, people with disabilities and workers in Cook and Lake Counties.

Please make a special effort during this Thanksgiving season to give generously to the CCHD's Collection, November 18-19. Your contribution enables the poor to achieve greater dignity and to build God's kingdom of justice and peace 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,

Father Cardinal George, O.M.I.

Archbishop of Chicago



BREAK THE CYCLE OF POVERTY
BUILD COMMUNITY

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

This Week: Catholic Campaign for
Human Development

Thanksgiving Day Collection:
St. Vincent dePaul Society

Next Week: None

Lindley Park – Evanston’s Newest

Often the first parishioner I would see each morning would be Virginia Lindley. As a long-time sacristan (and, to her embarrassment, a St. A’s Parish Service Award recipient), Virginia would take those few steps across the alleyway, from her house at 2511 Eastwood, which borders our main church parking lot on the west, to help set up the church for weekday Mass. She was there in rain or shine, in sickness and in health. All the weekday morning church gang and I miss her wonderful faithful presence.

After Virginia’s death last January, her family placed the property up for sale. As you will read in this *Chimes*, a group of generous St. Athanasius families, on their own, have chosen to purchase the property and transform it into Lindley Park. Honoring Virginia’s wishes, the house and garage will be torn down. The group’s vision is to make the space available to the parish as a lovely playground park with the hope that, within a few years, the parish may choose to acquire the land.

What is **my perspective** on this?

- ◇ I am impressed by the initiative of involved parishioners, to willingly take this step using their financial resources. I encouraged them to proceed while making it clear that the parish was not in a position at this time to be a part of this arrangement.
- ◇ The parishioners recognized that there was a limited window of time to acquire the property. Undoubtedly, a developer would acquire the property and a new house would be built. We would lose the potential for acquiring the land and adding to the parish resources for generations. Minimally, for the next few years the parish will have access to a landscaped Lindley Park for a variety of uses.
- ◇ How does this development impact our *Forward with Faith* Phase II project to construct a multi-purpose room which will connect our church and school buildings? Phase II remains an established parish priority. Another priority is to put the parish in a financially sustaining status. In the coming months, a design committee will be convened to develop the multi-purpose space proposal in detail. Ultimately, the parish will decide if we proceed. Lindley Park is a separate development. We have a few years to come up with possible ways for the parish to acquire ownership of the Park. I suspect that creative options will emerge.

The parish is not obligated to take over Lindley Park. The generosity of fellow parishioners gives us time to consider our options, sort out our other parish priorities, and in the meantime, enjoy the park space with the grateful memory of a treasured parishioner.

Thanksgiving Services

Thanksgiving provides us **two traditional opportunities to gather**: The 8th annual **Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve Service** this year is at **Alice Millar Chapel on Wednesday, November 22, at 7:30 pm**. Our special **Thanksgiving Day Mass is at 9:00 am**. If you wish, you can bring some nonperishable food items for our local Food Pantry to the Mass.



In the Lord’s Blessings,

Fr. Tom Libera

Teens: Become Eucharistic Ministers

There will be training for all teens (16 years & older) who would like to learn how to become Eucharistic Ministers. Please meet in the front of church promptly after the 5 pm LifeTeen Mass this evening. If you are interested, but cannot make it, please call Christi at (847) 328-1430, ext. 120.

Thanksgiving Food Collection

Hurry! There is still time to donate to the Annual Food Drive for St. Agnes Parish. Our goal is to provide turkeys and food for seventy-five families. Please make your checks payable to the "Thanksgiving Food Collection" and send them to Lloyd & Katie Maday, 2748 Eastwood Avenue, Evanston, 60201.

Prayer for those in the Armed Services

Oh God of Mercy, we beg You now to protect in a special way, those who are fighting for us and for the country we love. Bless them and take care of them. If they are tired, give them strength. If they are wounded and suffering, give them comfort. If they are lonely, touch them with Your gentle hand and let them know that You are near them. Grant them strength, wisdom and help through Your power and Your limitless love.

Amen.

Soup Kitchen

The last soup kitchen opportunity for November is **TODAY**, at Hemenway United Methodist Church, 933 Chicago Avenue, 1:30-4:30 pm (meal served at 2:45). Contact Michael Masini (847-869-4321) for information.

Women's Club Bake Sale

The Women's Club is sponsoring their annual Bake Sale on Sunday, December 3, from 8:00 am. to 1:00 pm in the St. A's school lunchroom. All baked donations are welcomed and cheerfully accepted.

Drop off your donations at the school lunchroom on Saturday, December 2, between 3:15 and 5:00 pm. Kindly include a list of the ingredients and the price of the item to be sold. Get in the Christmas spirit early with home baked goodies, and while shopping, take home some beautiful poinsettias being sold to benefit the 8th Grade Play.

Thank You

The Howard Area Community Center gratefully accepted the warm coats and winter clothing we collected during our recent November coat drive. The Women's Club extends their gratitude to all who donated and helped with the project.

Please Remember In Your Prayers. .

The newly engaged, especially **Joshua Smalley and Claudia Styczen (III)**, and **John Futrell and Christine Fichtel (I)**;

The sick and their caregivers, especially **Mary Ellen Seeger**, mother of Carol Teske, **Vickie Burke**, **Barnard Gatta** father of Mary Dormin, **Rosalie VerPlancke**, **Milton Watson**, **Tim Gobat**, **Leland Smith**, **Ann Coyne**, **Gloria Harris**, **Margaret Shanafield**, **Dorothy McEvoy**, **Katherine Klassen**, **Josephine Rogan**, **Sally Elam**, **Lisa Hildebrand**, **Charles Derrickson**, **Jane McDonough**, **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 **John Murray**, father of Jean Anderson, **Marilu Ratajack**, aunt of Jim Nondorf, and **Edith Paschen Gross**.

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.

Friends of St. A's LLC
announces the coming of

Lindley Park!

What is Lindley Park?

Lindley Park is the property located at 2511 Eastwood, next to the Parish parking lot. For 44 years, this was the home of Virginia Lindley, a long-standing and devoted St. A's parishioner. We are pleased that the Lindley family has chosen to sell the property to Friends of St. A's, LLC. In accordance with Virginia's wishes, we will demolish the house and garage on the property to make way for a grassy play area to be known as Lindley Park.

Who are we?

Friends of St. A's, LLC is a group of dedicated St. A's families that organized the purchase of the property at 2511 Eastwood. We will hold the property for two years, granting the Parish and School a two-year window to evaluate the permanent addition of this property to the footprint of St. Athanasius.

During the option period, we will work with members of the Parish and School to explore the possibility of developing a long-term strategy for the purchase of Lindley Park.

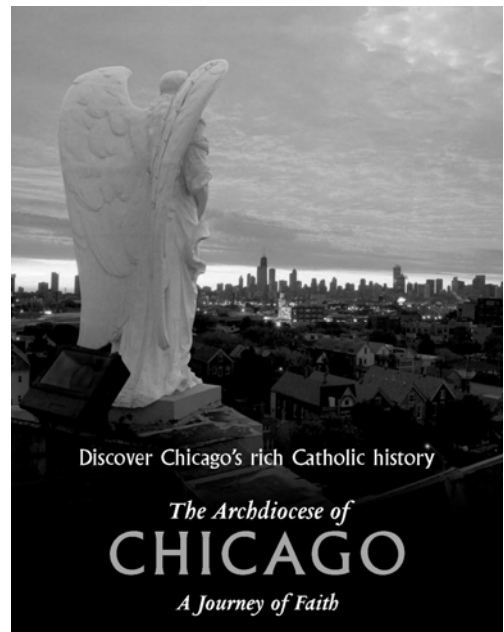
It is the wish of Friends of St. A's, LLC that the School and Parish have unlimited access to precious green space for recess, social gatherings or quiet reflection. To that end, we will open Lindley Park in early 2007 for use by the entire St. A's community. What a great way to ring in the new year!

If you would like more information on how you can help make Lindley Park a permanent part of St. A's, please contact Stephanie Buettell at 847-733-7780 or sbuettell@ameritech.net.

View St. Athanasius Church in *The Archdiocese of Chicago - A Journey of Faith*

This 352 page book contains two main sections: approximately one third is dedicated to the rich history of the Archdiocese of Chicago from the early years as a mission church to its current status as one of the premier Catholic Dioceses in the World. The second section introduces every parish, starting with City Parishes in alphabetical order and ending with the Suburbs Parishes, in alphabetical order per township. His Eminence, Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I., Archbishop of Chicago has prefaced the book. Over 1,400 color photographs, archival documents, paintings and maps illustrate the rich history of the Catholic Church in Chicago. Each parish biography is highlighted with three photographs representing the exterior and interior of the church and a distinguishing feature that the parish regards as a treasure.

This marvelous book is available in the Parish Office for \$35. It will make a beautiful gift for anyone who grew up in the Archdiocese or who values its history.



Parish Calendar

Sunday, November 19

Family Program, 9 am-Noon
First Reconciliation Parent Meeting,
10:45 am, Gym
Athletics, 1-5 pm, Gym
Men's Basketball, 7-9 pm

Monday, November 20

Athletics, 3:30-9 pm, Gym

Tuesday, November 21

Athletics, 3:30-9 pm, Gym
Cub Scouts, 7-9 pm, Gym
School Board, 7 pm, Hartke

Wednesday, November 22

Athletics, 3:30-9 pm, Gym
Men's Basketball, 9-11 pm, Gym

Thursday, November 23

Friday, November 24

Athletics, 3:30-9 pm, Gym

Saturday, November 25

Basketball, 8 am-1 pm, Gym

Sunday, November 26

Athletics, 1-5 pm, Gym
Men's Basketball, 7-9 pm

Staff Extension List

847-328-1430

100 Parish Office	123 Mary Lietz
100 Janice Moore-Rivas	124 Lori Goszczynski
101 School Office	124 Diane Maloney
103 Fr. Sztorc	125 Steve Carson
105 Marion Amling	129 Bridget Hotchkiss
111 Fr. Libera	130 Carolyn Groves
114 José Moreno	142 Barbara Bonier
115 Susan Castagna	143 Karen Sellers
120 Christi Thompson	



Give the Gift of Learning

Many adults need help with basic English reading, writing, and speaking skills. Give the gift of learning. Call Oakton Community College at 847-635-1426. Training will be on January 6, 9, and 27.

Weekday Servers November 20-25

8:15 am Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday
Therese & Elizabeth Cushing
Thursday*/Friday/Saturday
Karina de Hueck, Alena Dowdle

Liturgical Ministers

Next Weekend November 25/26

5:00 pm Saturday

Presider Fr. Libera
Lector Tom McRaith
Servers Anna Cox, Malin Frazel,
Frances Leonard

Eucharistic Ministers

Jackie & Mike Brennan, Jan Zeller,
Richard Byrne, Virginia Davidson

8:00 am

Presider Fr. Sztorc
Lector Emily Strom
Servers Grace Kaminski, Colleen Handel,
Samantha Maltezos

Eucharistic Ministers

Steve Jennings, Walter Farrell,
Bruno Jaselskis, Bill Kauffman,
Jean Lauri

9:30 am

Presider Fr. Sztorc
Lector Maurice Ann Sullivan
Servers Patrick Fitzsimonds, Jamie Davis,
Quinn Foley

Eucharistic Ministers

Tim Burke, Bob Curley,
Sue & Tom Laue, Jill Blabolil

11:30 am

Presider Fr. Libera
Lector Barbara O'Connor
Servers Connor Enochs, Chris & Lizzy Caan
Eucharistic Ministers
Bill & Sue Harmon,
Eunie & Jim Nondorf, Marge Foley

5:00 pm Sunday

Presider Fr. Watts

*Thursday 9:00 am Mass Thanksgiving Day



Readings for the Week of November 19, 2006

Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/ Heb 10:11-14, 18/ Mk 13:24-32
Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/ Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/ Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/ Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/ Lk 19:41-44
Friday: Rv 10:8-11/ Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/ Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/ Rv 1:5-8/ Jn 18:33b-37

Working With The Scriptures

November 19, 2006 (Mark 13:24-32)

“God willing and the creek don’t rise.” I hadn’t seen my friend for several months and I was delighted when I ran into her at the conference. Now, having spent hours catching up, it was time to leave. “I should be home by midnight,” I 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 guarantee that what we anticipate will actually happen and we’re looking for reassurance.

Jesus’ disciples were looking for reassurance, too. Jesus had been telling them to prepare themselves 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, we’re not all that different. I left my friend last night with a 2-1/2 hour drive ahead of me. What if God had not been willing? What if I had not made it home by midnight – or, perhaps, at all? Did the realization that my life is truly in God’s hands make any difference in how I conducted myself at the seminar? Was I any more charitable in my speech? More compassionate? What if I had known that, for me at least, there would be no tomorrow? Would it have made any difference?

“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. Couldn’t God at least give us a little notice so that we can apologize to those folks we were gossiping about over dinner? I promise to be nicer to the people in my office. I promise to rethink those extra tax deductions. I promise – I’ll do it tomorrow – God willing and the creek don’t rise...

Vinal Van Bentem

Handel’s Messiah by Candlelight

Enjoy a musically uplifting and spiritually enriching start to the holiday season. St. Clement Church presents its 31st annual production on Saturday, December 2, at 7:30 pm, and Sunday December 3, at 3:30 pm. St. Clement is located at the corner of Deming Place and Orchard Street in Chicago’s Lincoln Park. Tickets and more information are available by calling 773-281-0371 or online at www.stclementchurch.org/messiah.

Thanksgiving Weekend Concert

The International Chamber Artists will perform at St. Gregory the Great Church, 5535 N. Paulina in Chicago, on Sunday, November 26 at 6:00 pm. Pianist/Artistic Director Patrick Godon will play in various combinations with nine other musicians. Come hear selections by Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven. Suggested donations: \$10-\$20 adults; \$5-\$10 students. For more information, call 773-727-5357 or visit www.ICAmusic.org.

St. Gregory’s Christmas Bazaar

The St. Gregory’s annual Christmas bazaar is **TODAY**, in the gym building, located at 1609 W. Gregory, Chicago, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Come enjoy breakfast with Santa, children’s activities, crafters, and good food all day. Free admission.

Retreat and Renewal Ministry

Missionaries of the Sacred Heart will be hosting a *Life’s Healing Weekend* retreat from December 1-3, at the Bishop Lane Retreat Center in Rockford. To make a reservation or for more information, call 630-892-2371.

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

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Wednesday - Friday 4:30-6:30 pm

Saturday 10 am-4 pm; Sunday 10 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.



Halloween Saints