

# The Chimes

## of Saint Athanasius Parish

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### Eucharistic Worship

Monday - Friday 6:30 and 8:00 am  
Saturday 8:00 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.*



*Giving Thanks for Our Abundance*

# Eucharistic Liturgies

November 21 - 28, 2010

## Sunday

- 5:00 pm (Saturday) † Tom Kent
- 8:00 am † Michael Schultze
- 9:30 am † Mary G. Hargrove
- 11:30 am † Helen Wieland
- 5:00 pm † Grace Potthast

## Monday

- 6:30 am † Stanley Brandt
- 8:00 am † Moira Wagner

## Tuesday

- 6:30 am † Sally Fetzer
- 8:00 am † Barbara Polston

## Wednesday

- 6:30 am † Dennis Hebson
- 8:00 am † Norman F. Lawrence

## Thursday - *Thanksgiving*

- 9:00 am † Jessie and Vincent Stanislawski

## Friday

- 6:30 am † Sharon Lebsack
- 8:00 am † Kenneth and Marilyn Patterson

## Saturday

- 8:00 am † Walter and Joan Branigan
- 5:00 pm † Bea Biondi

## Sunday

- 8:00 am † Ed and Dorothy Hanlon
- 9:30 am † Jim and Mary Ellen Seeger
- 11:30 am † Patricia O'Neill
- 5:00 pm Special Intentions for Cillian McGuire

# Angel Ball 2010 Blessings

Have you reserved your seats for this year's Angel Ball? **The ticket deadline is this weekend**, so be sure we've got your reservation for our gala event – Saturday, December 4, at the Westin Chicago River North. To buy your tickets online, please visit [www.saintas.net/blessings](http://www.saintas.net/blessings) or contact Julie Harrison at 312-848-8584. It's sure to be a wonderful evening with live and silent auctions, gourmet food, dancing to the Dad Circus band, and fun(draising) for the important educational programs of St. Athanasius Parish.

Thanks to all who bought Diamond & Champagne Raffle Tickets and our beautiful Angel Ball Blessings Ornament last weekend after Masses. Raffle tickets and ornaments will also be on sale at the Angel Ball! Can't wait for the Ball to pick up your ornament? Ornaments will be available for sale at the Parish House for \$25 each.

**Angel Ball Count down =  
14 days to the big event!  
Won't you join us?!**

*Julie Harrison, Stephanie Buettell, and Kate Regnier*  
**Angel Ball 2010 Co-Chairs**



## Organ Concert

### by Frank Glab TODAY

Come hear our former music minister, Frank Glab, as he accompanies the St. Rene Goupil Choir in a concert to honor St. Cecilia on Sunday, November 21 at 3:00 pm. The concert also features The Metropolis Quartet (oboe and strings) and will include a blessing of the completed St. Cecilia Shrine. St. Rene Goupil Church is located at 6340 S. New England Avenue in Chicago. A free will offering will be taken.

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION REPORT

Offertory November 13/14 .....	\$8,550
St. Agnes .....	\$1,525
ParishPay for November .....	\$14,736

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

### OUTREACH COLLECTIONS



This Week: Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Thanksgiving: St. Vincent de Paul

Next Week: Christmas Flowers

# Bringing Children to Church

And Jesus said,

**“Let the children come and forbid them not, for to them belongs the Kingdom of Heaven.”**

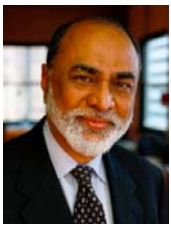
At St. A's we seek ways to make the worship experience meaningful to the children, and ways to help adults worship with fewer distractions. The 9:30 am Mass on Sundays offers several options for families. Throughout the year there are **Grade Level Masses**, where the children host a liturgy.

- Today, November 21, Grade 4 students will lead us in preparing to celebrate Thanksgiving.
- On November 28 we begin a new liturgical year and will be offering **Children's Liturgy of the Word** at the 9:30 am Mass on all Sundays when there is no special celebration. While the assembly hears the readings and homily, **children 5 to 8 years of age** are invited to the gym to hear the readings from the Children's Lectionary and engage in a conversation about the Gospel story. They will return to church to participate in the offertory procession. We invite parents to take a turn assisting with Ms. Splatt with this opportunity for the children.
- **Pre-School Religion Readiness Program**, for **children 3-5 years of age**, meets in the school Kindergarten room during the 9:30 am Mass.
- A **Toddler Nursery**, staffed by a childcare professional, is available free of charge during the 9:30 am Mass, in the Rosemeyer Room, on the lower level of the Parish House.

For further information on any of these opportunities, contact the Religious Education Office at 847-328-1430, and speak with Bridget Hotchkiss, Coordinator, at extension 129 or Cynthia Splatt, Director, at extension 124.

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## Interfaith Thanksgiving Service



The keynote speaker for Interfaith Action's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be Imam Abdul Malik Mujahid, chair of the board of trustees of the Council for the Parliament of the World's Religions and a leader in the Chicago Muslim community. Imam Mujahid works to encourage dialogue among religious traditions to foster cooperative work for peace and justice.

The service will take place **Wednesday, November 24 at 7:00 pm** at the Unitarian Church of Evanston, 1330 Ridge Avenue. Please join with others in the Evanston community who will gather to celebrate in song and prayer. Music will be provided by the combined choirs of the Unitarian Church in Evanston and the Bahá'í Faith Choir. Blessings will be given by representatives of a diversity of faiths. All are welcome at this Thanksgiving service!

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## Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection TODAY

Today we take up a Collection that helps fight poverty at its roots. For 40 years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has provided funding for groups that make lasting change and lift up the poor in the United States. The Collection has helped secure funding for low-income day care centers, legal advocacy to enforce fair wages, programs that emphasize education, and affordable housing in low-income neighborhoods.



**Fight poverty in America. Defend human dignity.  
Give to the CCHD Collection.**

### In the Footsteps of St. Paul

#### Informational Meeting December 5

Fr. Rich and Fr. Curtis are again planning a travel expedition next fall, September 27 to October 8, 2011, that includes Athens, Delphi and a seven-day Mediterranean Cruise to the Greek Isles, Istanbul and Ephesus. Walk the cities and islands visited by St. Paul and his co-workers during the first century after Christ. Stand where the great Apostle Paul stood and preached. Join them in following Paul's journey. **Come to the travel meeting on December 5, 2:00 pm** at St. Mary of Vernon Rectory in Indian Creek to find out all about it.

### Last Chance to Donate to the Thanksgiving Food Collection

Please consider helping 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 22**. Donations can be made to the "Thanksgiving Food Collection" and mailed to Lloyd & Katie Maday, 2748 Eastwood, Evanston 60201. Thank you for your generosity.

### Brunch Bee for the Sunday Soup Kitchen

TODAY, November 21, Noon – 12:30 pm  
in the school lunch room

The Sunday Soup Kitchen gives each guest a bag of food to take with them. The Family Program invites **all parishioners** to help make this happen.

### St. A's Annual Bake Sale

The Women's Club is sponsoring their annual Bake Sale on Sunday, December 12, from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm in St. A's school lunchroom. All baked donations are welcomed and cheerfully accepted.

Drop off your donations at the school lunchroom on Saturday, December 11, between 3:30 and 5:00 pm. You may also purchase the baked goods before and after the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday. On Sunday morning, baked goods may be dropped off between 7:30 and 9:15 am. Kindly include a list of the ingredients and the price of the item to be sold.

We have noticed that small packages (i.e. 6 cupcakes, brownies, 6-8 cookies) are best sellers. So, make a big batch, but break it into smaller sizes. Home baked goods are delightful and having smaller quantities in a package allows for more mixing and matching!

Get in the Christmas spirit early with home baked goodies and while shopping take home some beautiful poinsettias being sold to benefit the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Play.

In addition, Ten Thousand Villages will hold its annual Fair Trade Fair in our gym on Sunday, December 12. This Christmas consider purchasing handmade jewelry and gifts to help improve the lives of thousands of artisans in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Middle East.



### *Please Remember In Your Prayers...*

The newly baptized, especially **Michael Paul Corrigan**, daughter John and Michelle Corrigan, and **Cecilia Belle Palumbo** and **Olivia Eve Palumbo**, daughters of Victor and Michelle Palumbo;

The sick and their caregivers, especially **Mary Kay Gallagher**, sister of Mike Brennan, **Jerry Slowinski**, father of Brian Slowinski, **Douglas Winger**, **Bernice Urban**, **Louis Kovande**, **Joseph Landry**, **Ethel Law**, **Gaeton Lauri**, **Marianne Trombello**, **Edward Donahue**, **Gerry Lietz**,

Those in the military, especially **Alexander Ellis**, son of Georgie Ellis, **Ken Razonale**, USMC, **Catie Staub**, daughter of David and Mary Therese Staub, **Lt.j.g. 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 **Moira Wagner**, mother of Arnold Wagner, **Theodore Puralewski, Sr.** and **Helen Mescall**, mother of Thomas Mescall

Gospel for November 28, 2010

## First Sunday of Advent

Matthew 24:37-44

JESUS SAID to his disciples: “As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away. So will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be out in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left. Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”



*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.*

*For further reflection:* Some of our non-Catholic friends believe in “the rapture” – one will be taken and one left. We do not envision being beamed-up from a shopping mall, or from our office or school, without warning, but we do know that sudden death, a fatal accident, a natural disaster can end our earthly lives without warning. At any given moment, would we be prepared to stand before God? It is a challenge to avoid sin at all times. There are so many better ways to be human.

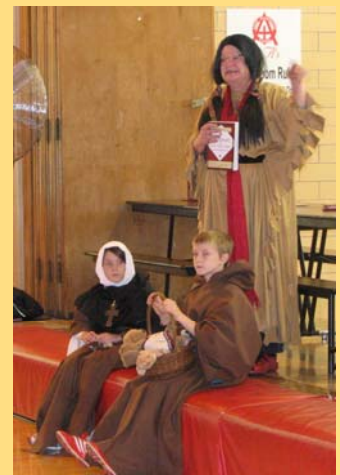
## St. A's A to Z ~ Holy Water

In a sense all water is holy, because it is the source of all life, one of God's many gifts. At the Easter Vigil, on Holy Saturday night, Catholics bless water for use in the sacrament of Baptism, and for blessing people and objects throughout the year. Our Baptismal font is filled with this Holy Water and the small fonts at the doors of the church contain it. As we enter church, we use it to make the sign of the cross, to remind us of our Baptism and to ask to be cleansed of our sins. Holy Water is not magical; it is a sacramental, a sacred sign that extends and radiates the power of God's grace we experience in the sacraments.

## Common Ground Presentation

“Here's to you, Bishop Robinson” will be presented by Ron Miller at Common Ground Evanston on Tuesday, November 23, at 7:30 pm at the King Home, 1555 Oak Avenue. When the Episcopal/American Anglican Church consecrated its first openly gay bishop, Gene Robinson, the ripples were felt throughout Christianity. Miller will discuss Robinson's compelling book, “In the Eye of the Storm: Swept to the Center of God,” and such repercussions as the Catholic Church's offer to disaffected Episcopal/Anglican priests. The lecture fee is \$10.

Intergenerational  
Communion of Saints  
morning sponsored by  
our Family Program





*Breakfast with Santa!  
Sunday, December 5  
9am - 1pm, St. A's Gym*



*Coffee, Juice, Donuts, Muffins, Pastries! \$5 Donation*

*Get a picture with Santa for \$5*

*Get a \$2 discount if you bring a new unwrapped toy  
for donation!*



*All proceeds go to the LifeTeen Service Trip!*

*Questions? Contact Jim Potthast at 847-328-1430, ext. 120.*

Bridget Carney and Friends  
in Nicaragua





# Parish Calendar

## Sunday, November 21

Family Program, 10:45 am-Noon, School

## Monday, November 22

Basketball Practice, 3:30-8 pm, Gym  
Angel Ball Committee, 7 pm, Hartke  
St. Vincent de Paul, 7:30 pm, Rosemeyer

## Tuesday, November 23

Basketball Practice, 3:30-8:30 pm, Gym

## Wednesday, November 24

Basketball Practice 2:30-8:30 pm, Gym  
Choir Practice, 7:30 pm, Church

## Thursday, November 25

## Friday, November 26

Basketball Practice, 9 am-Noon, Gym

## Saturday, November 27

Basketball Practice, 9 am-3 pm, Gym

## Sunday, November 28

Family Program, 10:45 am-Noon, School  
Basketball Practice, 2-8:30 pm, Gym

## Weekday Servers November 22 - 27

8:00 am Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday  
Jules and Cassie All  
Thursday/Friday/Saturday  
C.J. All, Clark Winkle

## Liturgical Ministers

Next Weekend November 27/28

5:00 pm Saturday

**Presider** Fr. Libera  
**Lector** John Carroll  
**Servers** Christopher Kreid, Henry Maltezos,  
Tony Loverdi

### Eucharistic Ministers

Tom Meany, Jan Zeller, Kevin Kirkland,  
Lori and Stan Goszczynski

8:00 am

**Presider** Fr. Sztorc  
**Lector** Michael Bansley  
**Servers** Sam Knepper, Liam McLaughlin,  
Oscar Michel

### Eucharistic Ministers

Kausar Allahrakha, Walter Farrell,  
Bruno Jaselskis, Steve Jennings,  
Josie Vorda

9:30 am

**Presider** Fr. Libera  
**Lector** Tom Cramer  
**Servers** Gannon and Mary Lee,  
Mary Leinenweber

### Eucharistic Ministers

Gabe Rodriguez, Anne Swoboda,  
Jill Blabolil, Maria Slowinski,  
Kevin Leonard

11:30 am

**Presider** Fr. Sztorc  
**Lector** Maurice Sullivan  
**Servers** Maddie Miles, John Miller,  
Madeleine Quackenbush

### Eucharistic Ministers

Carol Ekman, Mary Ann Harvey,  
Anne Turner, Karen Sellers, Joan Johnson

5:00 pm Sunday

**Presider** Fr. Wayne Watts

## Tea At Techny

Become time-travelers and return through thousands of years to the people whose stories, adventures and misadventures all led to Bethlehem and the story of the first Christmas. "Once Upon a Time: The Story of the First Advent" will be presented on December 1 from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm at Divine Word Mission, 1835 Waukegan Road in Techny. Judy Logue is the featured speaker. For reservations, call Marcia Fischer at 847-272-7600. The cost is \$20.

## Staff Extension List 847-328-1430

100 Parish Office	116 Jean Lauri
100 Janice Moore	120 Jim Potthast
101 School Office	123 Mary Lietz
103 Fr. Rich Sztorc	124 Cynthia Splatt
105 Marion Amling	125 Steve Carson
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

## Readings for the Week of November 21, 2010

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43  
Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Lk 21:1-4  
Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Lk 21:5-11  
Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Lk 21:12-19  
Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Lk 21:20-28  
Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2/Lk 21:29-33  
Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Lk 21:34-36  
Next Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

## Working with the Scriptures

November 21, 2010 (*Lk 23:35-43*)

In her story “Dead Man Walking”, Sr. Helen Prejean tells about her journey with one man on death row. The man had been sentenced to death for a crime which he did, in fact, commit. Sr. Prejean made no excuses for him. Nor, for that matter, did he make excuses for himself. He was guilty and he admitted his guilt.

In the beginning, Sr. Prejean wasn't at all sure that she even wanted to get involved in Prison Ministry. After all, she had no experience in the area and it had never been her idea to begin with. Nevertheless, since that seemed to be what God was calling her to do, she said “yes.” She said “yes” because she believed that, no matter what sin – what *crime* – might lead to a person's imprisonment, God continues to love each one of us unconditionally. And if God could love the sinner, then so must she.

Our Church is blessed with many people who have answered God's call to Prison Ministry. They visit local prisons and they do good work there. But there are other prisons. There are prisons built with stones of blame and shame, the gates of which can only be unlocked with self-knowledge and self-love. There are prisons of fear and distrust, fenced compounds locked with locks that only the keys of understanding and acceptance can open. There are prisons we build for ourselves, lies and manipulations so tangled that the light of truth can barely penetrate them; and there are prisons we build for others, prisons of prejudice and hate with walls so high that we can no longer see what's on the other side.

The thieves on either side of Jesus had been condemned justly. Like the man in “Dead Man Walking,” their sentence corresponded to their crimes. Yet Jesus offered them forgiveness and the promise of Paradise. Sr. Helen Prejean made the same offer to the man on Death Row. That's what Prison Ministers do. That's what we are *all* called to do. The question is, what are we to do if we're the one who built the prison in the first place?

*Vinal Van Benthem, sfo*

## Relevant Radio

Make your daily experience of Advent special with Catholic talk radio. Helping you prepare room for Christ in the “inn” of your hearts. Tune into Relevant Radio 950AM.

## Holiday Bazaar and Art Fair

Come to the First Church of God Christian Life Center, 1524 Simpson Street in Evanston on **Saturday, November 27, 10:00 am-5:00 pm**, for seasonal treasures: jewelry, prints, handmade books and other one-of-a-kind gifts.

## Four Steps of Prayer

Come experience a new way of prayer presented by Fr. Peter Wojcik at St. Francis Xavier Church in Wilmette on the four Mondays of Advent (November 29, December 6, 13 and 20), 7:00-8:30 pm in the Church building. There will be time of prayer and Taizé Chant reflection, followed by refreshments. For more information, call 847-256-4250.

## Organ Recital

Elliot Chapel of Westminster Place-Presbyterian Homes is hosting an Organ Recital featuring Steven Betancourt, Director of Liturgical Music and University Organist at Loyola University, Chicago, on Monday, November 22, at 1:30 pm.

## Help through the Holidays

Ready or not, holidays happen. Take a proactive approach to coping with grief during the upcoming Season of Good Cheer. Come to NorthShore University HealthSystem Home and Hospice Services, 4901 Searle Parkway in Skokie, on Tuesday, November 30, 6:30 - 8:00 pm, . For more information or to RSVP, please call 847-982-4364.

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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

### Buildings and Grounds

Jose Moreno, *Facilities Manager* (jmoreno@saintas.net)

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#### Evanston Hospital 570-2330

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### Deacon

Richard S. Jay

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### Pastoral Associates

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Cynthia Splatt, *Director* (csplatt‡)

### Youth Ministry

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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](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 8:00 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.



*All Souls Table of Remembrance*