

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.*

70 Years of Baptisms



Levi Sky Granzetto #6451, Nathaniel Bell #6452



Thaddeus McGuire #6453

Eucharistic Liturgies

November 25 - December 2, 2007

Sunday

5:00 pm (Saturday) ☩ Amelia Wedemeyer
8:00 am ☩ Rose Schuba
9:30 am ☩ Colleen McCarthy
11:30 am Michael Rivera
5:00 pm ☩ Samuel Groves

Monday

6:30 am ☩ Frank Starus
8:15 am ☩ Louise O'Connor

Tuesday

6:30 am ☩ Carmelo Sabatino
8:15 am Philip Driscoll, Sr.

Wednesday

6:30 am ☩ Sally Welko
8:15 am ☩ George Loughlin

Thursday

6:30 am ☩ Josephine Rogan
8:15 am ☩ Esther Rak

Friday

6:30 am ☩ Robert Schmitz
8:15 am ☩ Sheri Payne

Saturday

8:15 am ☩ John K Scott
5:00 pm ☩ Joe & Marian McGowan

Sunday

8:00 am ☩ John Goodman
9:30 am ☩ Rose Schuba
11:30 am ☩ Ed & Rosemary Brown
5:00 pm Elizabeth McCarthy Family

Retirement Fund for Religious

The second collection December 9 benefits elderly women and men religious. More than 19,000 religious have less than 20 percent of the amount needed for projected costs of living and health care. The average Catholic sister, brother, or order priest remains in active ministry until age 74. Today 37,870 women and men religious are past age 70 and need our help with the current high cost of living and health care. To learn more, visit www.retiredreligious.org.



Fourth Wednesdays for Spiritual Growth

On Wednesday, November 28, we will have our second meeting for people interested in deepening their spirituality. The current “buzz” word in religion these days, *spirituality* is not new to Catholics. We have always been encouraged to grow personally in our relationship to God and provided with many ways to nurture that relationship from the rosary to the daily missal, novenas, Adoration. Many do not find these traditional practices helpful any longer and yet are still looking for a deeper connection with God and with themselves. Busyness and activities take over our lives and we begin to yearn for time, for space to just be. **TAKE THE TIME AND COME.** We will meet the fourth Wednesday of the month, both at 9 am and at 7:30 pm, in the Fitzgerald Chapel. Pick the session which is most convenient for you. Each session will last for an hour and a half at most. Our November session will be devoted to practicing gratitude in our prayer life and how a focus on gratitude can affect our actions and relationships. For more information, contact Carolyn Groves at carolyn.groves@gmail.com or 847-328-1430, ext. 130.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS



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

Next Week: Christmas Flowers

Women's Club Annual Bake Sale

The St. Athanasius Women's Club will hold their annual Bake Sale on Saturday, December 8, before and after the 5:00 pm Mass, and on Sunday, December 9, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm, in the school lunchroom. All baked donations are welcomed and cheerfully accepted. Drop off your donations at the school lunchroom on Saturday, December 8, 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.

New Worship Hymnals Available for Honoring Loved Ones

As you worship today, we hope you will enjoy using our new magenta *Gather Comprehensive Hymnals*. Parishioners may donate the cost of a hymnal, as their gift or in memory of a loved one, to help defray the cost of these books. A bookplate will be pasted to the inside front cover of each donated hymnal to acknowledge your donation. The suggested donation of \$25 per hymnal should be placed in one of the donation envelopes found in the pews. The envelopes may be placed in the offertory basket or in the box in the Church vestibule, or they may be brought to the Parish House or put through the mail slot on the Parish House front door. If you have any questions, please call Bridget Hotchkiss at 847-328-1430, ext. 129, or Karen Sellers at 847-328-1430, ext. 143. Thank you.

Food Drive Next Weekend, December 1/2

Non-perishable items such as peanut butter, beans, canned meats and fish, pasta, tea and coffee are appreciated. Donations will be collected in the bin in the church for the Hemenway United Methodist Food Pantry. The Peace and Justice Ministry thanks you for your continuing support!



Soup Kitchen



December offers three soup kitchen outreach opportunities.

Sunday, December 16, at

Hemenway United Methodist

Church, 1:30-4:30 pm (meal served at 2:45). Contact Michael Masini (847-869-4321).

Monday, December 17, at Second Baptist

Church, 1717 Benson, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm (meal served at noon). Contact Blanche Childs (864-2506) or Katie Maday (475-1538).

Thursday, December 20, 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).

Please Remember In Your Prayers...

The sick and their caregivers, especially **Carl Sotir, Colin Barth, Lisa Croke**, sister in law of Colleen Tosti, **Philip Driscoll, Sr.**, father of Phil Driscoll, Jr., **Angela Fernando, Phillip Neff, Richard Strup**, former parishioner **Diane Bergquist, J. Robert Krebs**, father of Marsha Byrne, **Maritza Acevedo, Olga Cheppel, Paul Mooney, Betty Suttner, Maureen Walsh, Patricia Harker, Patrick Nicholson**, and **Charmayne Swanson**;

Those in the military, especially **Matthew Chrobak**, nephew of Eric Harkna and Tonise Paul, and **Catie Staub**, daughter of David and Mary Therese Staub;

Those who have died, especially **Alexander Ross**, father of Aimee Kaiser, and **John K. Scott**.

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.

**THEOLOGY ON DRAFT IS BACK
FRIDAY EVENING
DECEMBER 7 AT 7:30 pm
COME TO THE GYM TO HEAR**

DOMINIC GRASSI

Pastor of St. Gertrude's Church
and well known author of
"Bumping into God" series

Fr. Grassi will be discussing his new book
"Bumping into God in the Kitchen"
which has recently been featured in the *Sun Times*.
We may be sampling some recipes from his book.

Howard Area Community Center's Christmas Shopping Spree

On Monday, December 3, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm, the Crate & Barrel Wilmette store, in Plaza del Lago will host an exclusive shopping event in which your \$50 ticket purchase gets you a \$25.00 C & B gift card, hors d'oeuvres and wine, plus a goody bag. The Center will receive a percentage of all sales transacted during the event. For more information, call Betty McCabe at (847) 251-4538.

Taizé Ecumenical Prayer Service

Taizé is a meditative prayer service that incorporates simple, repetitive song and chant, scripture readings, and periods of group silence in a setting of peace and soft light that fosters communion with God. Through Taizé, participants can worship in a community setting, yet remain open to the voice of God and discover the prayer within themselves. The Advent service sponsored by the Young Adult Ministry will be held on Friday, December 7 at 7:30 pm at St. Nick's, 806 Ridge Avenue.

Tea at Techny

Presents *Setting the Stage for the Season of Miracles: Advent* by Dr. Patricia Moran. Wednesday, November 28 from 4:30 to 6:00 pm at the Divine Word Mission Center, 1835 Waukegan Road, Techny. For reservations call, Marcia Fischer at (847) 272-7600.

Attention Saint Andrew Alumni

Saint Andrew Parish, on the corner of Addison and Paulina in Chicago, is looking for lost alumni. Any graduate of the school or former member of the parish or CCD programs is invited to the Friends, Alumni, and Neighbors (FAN) Club Alumni Bash on December 1. Please contact Janet Cobb, Development Associate, or Ali Donnelly, Office Manager at (773) 525-3016 or visit the website at www.saintandrewchicago.com.

St. Nick's Craft Fair

Handmade crafts of the finest quality will be for sale at the St. Nicholas Parish Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, December 1 and Sunday, December 2. Shoppers will be able to select from a wide variety of items such as Christmas ornaments and decorations, tablecloths and runners, fleece hats and mittens. The fair will take place in the cafeteria of Pope John XXIII School, 1120 Washington Street, Evanston, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturday and from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm on Sunday. Christmas trees, wreaths, poinsettias, books and baked goods will also be on sale. For more information, please contact Sister Christina Fuller at (847) 864-1185.

World AIDS Day - December 1

Global Statistics

- To date, 65 million people have been infected with HIV, and AIDS has killed more than 25 million since it was first recognized in 1981.
- In 2006, there were approximately 39.5 million people living with HIV; 17.7 million of those were women.
- Sub-Saharan Africa has 24.7 million people living with HIV, making it the world's worst-affected region.
- About 2.3 million children under 15 are now living with HIV; 530,000 were infected in 2006 alone.
- The number of people receiving antiretroviral therapy in low- and middle-income countries has tripled since the end of 2001. However, just under 30% of the people in need of treatment are currently receiving it.

A Reflection

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, O good and gracious God, You are the God of health and wholeness in the plan of your creation, You call us to struggle in our sickness and to cling always to the cross of your Son. O God, we are your servants.

Many of us are now suffering with HIV or AIDS. We come before you and ask you, if it is your holy will, to take this suffering away from us, restore us to health and lead us to know you and your powerful healing love of body and spirit. We ask you also, to be with those of us who nurse your sick ones. We are the mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, children and friends of your suffering people.

It is so hard for us to see those whom we love suffer. You know what it is to suffer. Help us to minister in loving care, support, and patience for your people who suffer with HIV and AIDS. Lead us to do whatever it will take to eradicate this illness from the lives of those who are touched by it, both directly and indirectly.

Trusting in you and the strength of your Spirit, we pray these things in the name of Jesus. *Amen*

When we proclaim Christ as King are we just giving “lip service” to the idea, or do we really intend for Christ to reign in our lives? Every day we pray, “thy kingdom come, thy will be done.” God’s will cannot BE DONE in our lives unless we are committed to DO the will of God. Will we back up our words with actions so that Christ is truly King for us? Let us not be lulled into complacency by exuberant lip service! Let Christ be King in-deed.

Next Sunday, we begin the joyful season of Advent, preparing for Christmas.

Giving is at the heart of the season. Yet our giving must not be only to those in our close circle of friends and family. If that’s the extent of our Christmas giving, we have not kept Christmas at all. We have merely participated in the yearly commercially-driven competition where “make this your best Christmas ever!” means more expensive presents than last year.



**This year we have a wonderful opportunity to celebrate Advent & Christmas
in a way that truly honors the Christ Child with
*Solidarity Bridge Giving Cards.***

Throughout the season of Advent, Giving Cards will be available at the end of each pew. These cards are a way to give a very meaningful present to someone on your Christmas list while helping those who truly need your generosity. This kind of giving can help bring balance and sanity into this busy season. You will be keeping Advent and Christmas in solidarity with the poor. To make your solidarity real and not just lip service, we are inviting every parishioner to

***set aside 10% of your Christmas present budget
to help those who live in dire poverty.***

Parish Calendar

Sunday, November 25

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

Monday, November 26

Athletics, 3:30-10 pm, Gym
St. Vincent DePaul, 7:30 pm, Gym

Tuesday, November 27

Mom & Tots Playgroup, 10 am, Rosemeyer
Athletics, 3:30-10 pm, Gym
Brownies #2466, 3:30-5 pm, Hartke
Academic Eligibility Forum, 7 pm, Hartke

Wednesday, November 28

Spiritual Growth, 9-10:30 am, Fitzgerald Chapel
Athletics, 3:30-9 pm, Gym
FDC, 7:30 pm, Hartke
RCIA, 7-9 pm, Fitzgerald Chapel
Spiritual Growth, 7:30-10 pm, Prayer Room
Choir, 7:30 pm, Church
Men's Basketball, 9-11 pm, Gym

Thursday, November 29

M.O.M.S., 9:15-11:30 am, Rosemeyer Room

Friday, November 30

Athletics, 3:30-10 pm, Gym
Angel Ball, 6:30 pm, InterContinental Hotel

Saturday, December 1

Athletics, 8 am-1 pm, Gym

Sunday, December 2

Family Program, 9 am-Noon, School
Wish Basket Sign-Up, After all Masses, Gym
Athletics, 1-5 pm, Gym
Men's Basketball, 7-9 pm, Gym

Staff Extension List

847-328-1430

100 Parish Office	123 Mary Lietz
100 Janice Moore-Rivas	124 Lori Goszczyński
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103 Fr. Sztorc	129 Bridget Hotchkiss
105 Marion Amling	130 Carolyn Groves
111 Fr. Libera	142 Barbara Bonier
114 José Moreno	143 Karen Sellers
115 Susan Castagna	

Weekday Servers

November 26 - December 1

8:15 am Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday
Therese & Paul Cushing
Thursday/Friday/Saturday
Karina & Peter deHueck

Liturgical Ministers

Next Weekend December 1/2

5:00 pm Saturday

Presider TBA

Lector Dan Delaney

Servers Jake & John Miller, Alana Natke

Eucharistic Ministers

Jackie & Mike Brennan,
Anne Swoboda, Helen Stake,
Bob Costello

8:00 am

Presider TBA

Lector Amy Fischl

Servers Will Nawrocki, Carlin O'Brien,
Michael Carlin

Eucharistic Ministers

Nancy Taylor, Sally Hageman,
Mary Sullivan, Robert Coats,
Kerry Hubata

9:30 am

Presider TBA

Lector David Staub

Servers Seamus & Fiona McMahon,
Daniel O'Malley

Eucharistic Ministers

Barbara O'Connor, Rita Bambrick,
Donna Consolo, Jill Blabolil,
Dennis O'Malley

11:30 am

Presider TBA

Lector Jean Peters

Servers Katy Rose O'Brien, Abby Samuelson,
Sam Knepper

Eucharistic Ministers

John & Troy Dentzer,
Rosemary Welch,
Eunie & Jim Nondorf

5:00 pm Sunday

Presider TBA

Readings for the Week of November 25, 2007

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

Working with the Scriptures

November 25, 2007 (*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 and every one of us unconditionally. And if God could love the sinner, then so must she.

Our diocese is blessed with a group of people committed to Prison Ministry. They visit local prisons and they do good work there. But there are many kinds of 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. 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?

Vival Van Benthem

Common Ground Evanston

“*Environmentalism Now: A Personal Moral Imperative*” will be presented by Rabbi Herbert Bronstein at Common Ground Evanston on Tuesday, November 27 at 7:30 pm. Whether we consider ourselves “religious” or “agnostic,” each of us has to work out a morally based environmental plan at a time when the survival of our planet is endangered. Rabbi Bronstein will consider Jewish, Christian, secular-humanist and other responses to the environmental crisis. Common Ground Evanston is located at Westminster Place, 2300 Grant Street at Ridgeway Avenue. Lectures take place in the James Room on the second floor of the Kimball Fitness Center. The fee for this event is \$10.

St. Ignatius Sing-A-Long Messiah

St. Ignatius Church presents its 15th annual performance of Handel’s magnificent work, *Messiah*, on Sunday, December 2 at 7:30 pm. St. Ignatius Church is located at 6559 N. Greenwood Avenue, two blocks west of the CTA Red Line Loyola Avenue Station. General admission \$15; students and senior citizens \$10; Pastor’s Reception \$50, includes buffet dinner and performance. Tickets are available in advance by calling (773) 764-5936.

Spiritual Spa Day

The Women’s Spirituality Committee of St. Scholastica Academy announces a Spiritual Spa Day, a morning of presentation, reflection, and discussion on Saturday, December 1 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. The topic is Women’s Stories. Four women will be considered with an emphasis on their mystic and prophetic qualities, and there will be an invitation to pray and respond to their inspiration. For more information, call (773) 764-5715, extension 363, or email jfernandes@scholastica.us.

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Admin. Assistant's Hours: Monday 8:30 am-1:30 pm

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

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

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.



Never forgetting them