

The Chimes

of Saint Athanasius Parish

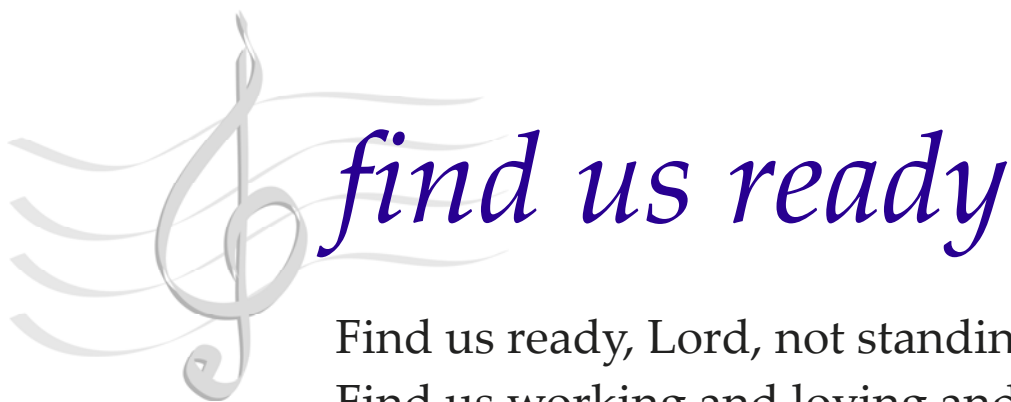
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Eucharistic Worship

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.*



Find us ready, Lord, not standing still.
Find us working and loving and doing your will.
Find us ready, Lord, faithful in love,
building kingdom that's here and above,
building the kingdom of mercy and love.

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We must wait for the Lord for we know not the time.
So here and today we gather and pray,
discovering love in our midst.

Eucharistic Liturgies

November 28 - December 5, 2010

Sunday

- 5:00 pm (Saturday) † Bea Biondi
- 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

Monday

- 6:30 am † Irma Peters
- 8:00 am † Thomas and Corrine Patton

Tuesday

- 6:30 am † George Schaefer
- 8:00 am † Beth Bansley McCarthy

Wednesday

- 6:30 am † Fr. Ralph Starus
- 8:00 am † Nello Nottoli

Thursday

- 6:30 am † Eleanor Wysocky
- 8:00 am † Betty Suttner

Friday

- 6:30 am † Margaret Jane O'Connor
- 8:00 am † Barry McRaith

Saturday

- 8:00 am † Mildred Bobowski
- 5:00 pm † Tom Kent

Sunday

- 8:00 am † Jim and Mary Ellen Seeger
- 9:30 am † Helen Wieland
- 11:30 am † Rudolph Redlich
- 5:00 pm † Mary Jane McCormick



Angel Ball Blessings

One week to go!

Won't you join us?!

As we celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday, we pause to give thanks for all our many blessings. Angel Ball 2010 has been created around that very theme – ***Blessings!*** Please join us in support of the St. Athanasius Parish and School Angel Ball 2010 on Saturday, December 4 at the Westin Chicago River North. We would still love to count you among our treasured guests. The evening will be a magnificent celebration of our blessings as we enjoy special time with our Parish and School family and friends, fun (draising) opportunities to support our important educational programs, a diamond bracelet raffle (you know you want to win that sparkler!), the gorgeous ***Blessings*** ornament, fine dining, dancing, and so much more! We promise you an evening to remember. If you've made your reservation, we cannot wait to see you. If you have not yet, please join us! And if your plans don't allow you to join us, please support us with whatever small or large contribution you can make.

To reserve your seat at Angel Ball 2010 or find out more about making a contribution, please contact one of the Angel Ball 2010 Co-Chairs – Stephanie Buettell (sbuettell@comcast.net), Julie Harrison (julieqharrison@gmail.com), or Kate Regnier (kate.regnier@gmail.com) – or contact the Parish Office.

Thank you for all your support. You are our ***Blessings!***

These beautiful Angel Ball Ornaments will be available at the event or in the Parish Office for just \$25!



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: Christmas Flowers

Next Week: St. Agnes,
Our Sharing Parish



Advent 2010: Find Us Ready

*Find us ready, Lord, not standing still,
Find us working and loving and doing your will,
Find us ready, Lord, faithful in love,
Building the kingdom that's here and above,
Building the kingdom of mercy and love.*

Find us ready, Lord. This is an apt goal and strategy for consciously letting Advent engage our lives, as we become captured (and captivated) by the competing layers of the Christmas season. Our planners have chosen the *Find Us Ready* hymn as a melody that may channel our preparation for a deeper reception of the Lord's Christmas Incarnation, not only at Mass, but also as a melody that sings its way into whatever we are doing these Advent days.

As Advent begins, we have a solid menu of aids to assist us to **stop, look, and listen** as we move through this evocative season of faith. This year, we again are offering *The Little Blue Book, Six-Minute Reflection on the Infancy Narrative of Matthew*. This favorite appeals to those who want a portable and quick resource for "Lectio Divina," for holy reading leading to reflection and mediation. The booklet also offers fascinating background information on saints, customs, and Catholic trivia that can appeal to other family members. The **Blue Book** has been distributed to Family Program and School families. **Please take the copies you can use.**

If you only have five minutes to spare, then the other booklet you will find in the pews, *Five Minutes with the Word*, may appeal to you. Check out the **pamphlet rack** in the church vestibule for additional material for the Advent season.


Calendars will be blessed and available today.

Other **Find Us Ready** Advent offerings:

- **Monday Evening Prayer** on November 29, December 6 and 13 at 7:30 pm
- **Tuesday 6:30-7:10 AM Prayer and Scripture Reflection** in the Rosemeyer Room in the Parish House basement (enter via the driveway side door)
- The **Catholics Come Home** invitation returns with TV ads beginning December 17.
- Sacrament of **Reconciliation (confession) every Saturday 8:30-9:30 AM**
- Parish **Communal Reconciliation Service December 20 at 7:30 PM**
- Distribution of *Rediscovering Catholicism* book at Christmas Masses

Liturgical seasons are one of the strengths in our Catholic tradition. As a community we switch gears and **stop, look, and listen** to those deeper notes in our lives that call us to be in better tune with the loving presence of Jesus Christ. May He **Find Us Ready!**

In the Lord's Blessing,



In the Footsteps of St. Paul Informational Meeting Sunday, 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.

Christmas Gifts for Sunlight Kids

Please consider purchasing a Christmas gift for one of the children at the Sunlight African Community Center, one of the recipients of our Lenten charities collections. Located at 4554 N. Broadway in Chicago, the center serves children of African immigrants who are struggling to make ends meet in this tough economy. Please choose a child from the sign up sheet in the Lincoln Street vestibule and bring your gifts to the Parish Office for distribution by **December 17**. Thank you.

Soup Kitchen

The month of December brings us three opportunities for soup kitchen outreach. The next **Monday** soup kitchen will be on **December 13** 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 **December 16** at First United Methodist Church, 1630 Hinman Avenue, 4:30-7:30 pm (meal served at 6:00). Contact Kris Koenig-Morel (475-2104) or Christine Carlson (869-4160). The next **Sunday** soup kitchen will be on **December 19** at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1004 Greenwood Street, 1:30-4:00 pm (meal served at 2:45). Contact Michael Masini (847-869-4321). Please consider giving them a helping hand.

Book Club Meets December 9

The St. A's Book Club will meet on the 2nd Thursday of December at 7:00 pm in the Fitzgerald Chapel. Please join us on December 9 when we will discuss *Housekeeping* by Marilynne Robinson. All are welcome.

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 8th 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 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 Razionale**, 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 Emmit Ingram, and **Matthew Chrobak**, nephew of Eric Harkna and Tonise Paul;

Those who have died.

Gospel for December 5, 2010

Second Sunday of Advent

Matthew 3:1-12

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: *A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.* John wore clothing made of camel’s hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins.

When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”



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: We are baptized with water, to cleanse us of sin, and then we are baptized with fire and the Spirit – what has become the sacrament of Confirmation. Our Baptism is an ongoing process: we are empowered to continue Jesus’ work. How do we fulfill this responsibility each day?

St. A’s A to Z ~ Book of the Gospels

The first part of Mass is the Liturgy of the Word. We hear the word of God in readings from the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) and join in singing a psalm, as Jesus and his fellow Jews did in the synagogue. We also hear readings from the Christian Scriptures (New Testament) – from the Acts of the Apostles and the letters of the apostles to the early Christian communities. Finally, the priest proclaims a passage from one of the four Gospels, the stories of Jesus’ life. The lector carries a specially bound volume into the church in our opening procession; the priest carries it to the ambo for the Gospel reading and then places it open for all to see. This Book contains the same words as any Bible, but our use of a special Gospel Book on Sundays reminds us visually that Jesus is present to us in the Word of God.



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.

Composer Eric Genuis Coming to Regina

All are invited to be a part of this FREE concert event on Sunday, December 5th, 7:30pm at the Regina Dominican High School Auditorium, 701 Locust Road, in Wilmette. Eric Genuis will be performing accompanied by a vocalist, cellist and a violinist. For more information contact: Kerrigan McNulty at kmcnulty@rdhs.org or 847-256-7660.

Eric Genuis is a husband, father, composer, virtuoso pianist and captivating performer. Since 1997, he has performed throughout the world in countries including the United States, Australia, Austria, Canada, France, Germany, and Poland. To his credit Eric has composed and recorded 4 CDs and written music for film, documentaries, television and Internet media. His musical education includes achieving First Class A.R.C.T. Honours in Piano Performance from the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto. In addition, Eric has completed course work in film scoring from the Berklee College of Music. His concerts are a definite must-see and have proven riveting for all, from contemporary music lovers to the most sophisticated classical musicians. For more information on Eric Genuis, please visit his website here: <http://www.ericgenuis.com>.

Christmas Wish Baskets

A St. A's Tradition

Once again, St. Athanasius Parishioners will be brightening the holiday season for men, women and children served by the Howard Area Community Center. Parishioners are invited to visit the school gym after all the Masses on Sundays, December 5 and 12 to sign up for one or more items from an individual's or family's Christmas wish list. If you have questions or would like to help with preparations or delivery, please call our Wish Basket coordinator, Anne Marie McMichael, at 847-424-1776. Baskets will need to be returned on Sunday, December 19 between 8:00 am and 11:00 am.

Parish Calendar

Sunday, November 28

Monday, November 29

Basketball Practice, 3:30-8 pm, Gym

Tuesday, November 30

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

Wednesday, December 1

Basketball Games 4-8:30 pm, Gym

Chess Club, 7 pm, Hartke

RCIA, 7 pm, Fitzgerald Chapel

Choir Practice, 7:30 pm, Church

Thursday, December 2

Friday, December 3

Basketball Practice, 3:30-5 pm, Gym

Saturday, December 4

Basketball Practice, 9 am-3 pm, Gym

Angel Ball, Westin Hotel

Sunday, December 5

Family Program, 10:45 am-Noon, School

Wish Basket Sign-up, 9 am-Noon, Gym

Basketball Practice, 1-8:30 pm, Gym



The Mulhern School of Irish Dance is now offering lessons at St. A's for beginners and advanced beginners, ages 4 and up. Classes will begin on Saturday, December 4 from 9:00-9:45 am and 9:45-10:30 am, depending on age and skill level. Boys and girls are both welcome! If you are interested in learning more, please contact: Tina Walsh Hostert at thostert@att.net or 847-903-2961.

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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 Goszczyński

Weekday Servers

November 29 - December 4

8:00 am Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday
Clare Affinito, Molly Braasch
Thursday/Friday/Saturday
Connor and Michael Carlin

Liturgical Ministers

Next Weekend December 4/5

5:00 pm Saturday

Presider TBD

Lector Michael Bansley

Servers Mia Polinski, Caitlin Sweeney,
Clark Winkler

Eucharistic Ministers

Mike and Jackie Brennan, Tom Meany,
Jake Noble, Helen Stake

8:00 am

Presider TBD

Lector Josie Vorda

Servers Ellie and Annabel Richard, Tyler Roback

Eucharistic Ministers

Kerry Hubata, Sally Hageman,
Deborah Haracz, Nancy Taylor,
Mary Sullivan

9:30 am

Presider TBD

Lector John Labbe

Servers Abby Samuelson, Burke Sorensen,
Caid Slattery

Eucharistic Ministers

Rita Bambrick, Jill Blabolil,
Donna Consolo, Bridget Hotchkiss,
Beth Rodriguez

11:30 am

Presider TBD

Lector Maurice Sullivan

Servers Marina and Marcus Schmitz,
Connor Speidel

Eucharistic Ministers

John and Troy Dentzer, Rosemary Welch,
Tom and Sue Laue

5:00 pm Sunday

Presider TBD

Working with the Scriptures

November 28, 2010 (Isa. 2:1-5; Mt. 24:37-44)

“They shall beat their swords into plowshares...one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again.” Small wonder Isaiah’s words are repeated to us at the beginning of this liturgical year. Isn’t this what we all want? Don’t we also cry out “O house of Jacob, come...?”

Frank Covey, in his book “7 Habits of Highly Effective People”, suggests one should begin with the end in mind. This weekend we celebrate the first Sunday of the new liturgical year, but the compilers of the Lectionary do not begin with the 1st chapter of Matthew’s Gospel. Rather, they begin at the end of Jesus’ life and just before the Passion. In other words, they begin with the end in mind.

“Two men will be out in the field.” Jesus reminds us that when the end comes it will find people working. However, when you see two men working in the field these days they’re probably not the owners of the farm but, more likely, employees of some highly mechanized factory-farm; and any resemblance between their farm equipment and Isaiah’s ‘plowshares’ would be strictly coincidental. In fact, our modern farm implements might look more like swords to Isaiah!

But look closer. True, like Isaiah we yearn for a world at peace while living in a world at war. But there’s more to this story. Today corn is grown not only as feed for cattle, but to be converted into fuel in the hope that if we can produce our own fuel there might be less reason to go to war. In this way, then, the work of our hands might indeed turn swords into plowshares.

People work for many reasons, many ends in mind. Each one of us is called to use God’s gifts of time and talent to provide a product or service for the benefit of family and community. Today we mark the beginning of a new year, but even as we begin, we look forward to the end. What will the Son of Man find when He comes? What ‘end’ do we have in mind as we begin?

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Readings for the Week of November 28

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

Monday: Is 4:2-6/Mt 8:5-11

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

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35---10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

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 pm. Call 847-982-4364.

OLPH Phoenix Group

This group of Catholic singles, age 55+, share a social life by attending events of common interest. Each first Friday, they get together to plan activities and work out the details. They plan movie nights and day trips in the Chicago area to supplement their monthly bridge group, restaurant group, and book group. If you would like to meet new people and make new friends, they would like to have you join them at **7:30 pm on December 3**. They meet in the Francis Room of the Lafayette Building of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Glenview. For more information, call Mary Jane at 847/398-3528.

“Sounds of Christmas” Concert

Come hear Rich Daniels and the City Lights Orchestra along with the Seminarian Christmas Choir at the University of Saint Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary on **Sunday, December 5 at 2:00 pm** in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception, 1000 E. Maple Avenue in Mundelein. Seating is on a first come, first serve basis, no tickets are needed. Doors open at 1:15 pm. Free will donations will be graciously accepted. For further information, call 847-970-4830.

Share the Gift of Learning

Many adults need help with basic English reading, writing or speaking skills. Share the gift of learning! Call Oakton Community College at 847-635-1426. A three-part training will take place on January 4, 6, and February 5, 2011.

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Wednesday - Friday 4:30-6:30 pm

Saturday 10 am-1 pm; Sunday 9 am-1 pm

Parish Office Staff

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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 8:00 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.



Angel Ball Chairs Kate Regnier, Julie Harrison and Stephanie Buettell