

The Chimes

of Saint Athanasius Parish

www.stathanasius-evanston.org

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.*

St. Athanasius Parish Mission "Celebrating God's Gifts" December 7 - 10, at 7:00 pm

Our Parish Mission, led by Fr. James Friedel, OSF, will provide participants an opportunity to consider the many gifts God has given them and then explore how God may be calling them to use these gifts. This down-to-earth approach to spirituality is presented in a storytelling format.

Sunday Night: "The Gift of God's Love for Us"
Monday Night: "The Gift of God's Forgiveness"
Tuesday Night: "The Gift of Our Parish"
Wednesday Night: "The Gift of Eucharist"

Fr. Friedel is an Augustinian priest, ordained in 1965, with a Doctorate in Ministry. He has worked in the Archdiocesan Office for Marriage and Family Life, and was the director of Marriage Encounter for several years. He has served as an associate pastor and as a pastor for 13 years on the southwest side of Chicago.

Please join us!



Eucharistic Liturgies

December 7 - 14, 2008

Sunday

- 5:00 pm (Saturday) † Mary & John Walsh
- 8:00 am † Joseph & Mary Sobczak
- 9:30 am † Caesar Tabet
- 11:30 am † Rose Schuba
- 5:00 pm † Marciana Perez

Monday

- 6:30 am † Dominick Botti
- 8:15 am † Grace & Larry Maher

Tuesday

- 6:30 am † Frances Steinhauser
- 8:15 am † Ralph Maday

Wednesday

- 6:30 am † John R. McCarthy, MD
- 8:15 am † Jack Berning

Thursday

- 6:30 am † Gail Wallace
- 8:15 am † Dominick Botti

Friday

- 6:30 am † Carl Lemasters
- 8:15 am † Mary Ann Conley

Saturday

- 8:15 am † Terrence Holloway
- 5:00 pm † Dr. Ralph Otto

Sunday

- 8:00 am † Chester Kostrzab
- 9:30 am † Rose Schuba
- 11:30 am † Barbara & Bill Polston
- 5:00 pm † Willa Wallace

2008 Annual Catholic Appeal

"...your reward shall be great in heaven." - Luke 6:23

The 2008 Annual Catholic Appeal is coming to a close raising nearly \$14,000,000 from over 90,000 donors! Pledge payments are asked to be completed as soon as possible.

On behalf of Cardinal George, Fr. Tom Libera, and our parish staff, thank you for supporting your neighbors in Cook and Lake Counties, as well as around the world. Every gift is important and appreciated.

2nd Sunday of Advent

Admit it-you are already making yourselves crazy, what with decorations and gifts and special meals and travel plans, not to mention sending out the cards and annual letters. Some of you may even be thinking, "I'll be glad when all of this is over!" though I certainly hope not! Think back to those days over 2,000 years ago; under the quiet cover of night's darkness, a young couple set out on a journey. There was nothing of what we've added to this season, only quiet anticipation and prayer as they slowly made their way to an as yet unknown destination.

The Gospel of Mark is the shortest of the four, but is often described as the most striking and descriptive. Today's reading, from the beginning of the book, introduces us to John the Baptist. He is described as a voice of one, crying out in the desert, announcing to everyone who will hear him that the Messiah is coming. Imagine the excitement of those who listened to John; after centuries of waiting, the Christ was coming to baptize with the promised Holy Spirit.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church describes St. John the Baptist as "the Lord's immediate precursor or forerunner, sent to prepare his way" (CCC 523). Indeed, he was the last of the prophets to proclaim the coming of Jesus Christ. Appearing with the characteristics of an Old Testament prophet, this holiest of men had waited all of his life for the moment when he could announce the coming of the Savior. He was patient; he was faithful. During this Advent season, as we remember the promise of a Savior who would save us from our sins, let us pray for patience and faith through the Holy Spirit. Now is the time for peace in our lives and in our hearts.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION REPORT

Offertory November 29/30	\$9,439
Christmas Flowers	\$1,178
Thanksgiving.....	\$1,920
Children's Envelopes	\$31.05
ParishPay for November	\$12,908

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS



This Week: St. Agnes,
Our Sharing Parish

Next Week: Retirement Fund
for Religious

Pastor's Notes

Our Parish Mission – Opening Our Gifts Early

This week's *Chimes* spotlights one of the peaks of St. Athanasius' parish life, the **Angel Ball**. For months, a dedicated group of volunteers headed by **Stephanie Buettell, Ellen McRaith, Karen O'Brien, and Lori Hartigan** used their God-given gifts and enthusiasms to present us with a memorable evening of fun, food, dance, and friendship. **Thanks to all** who were a part of this event which helps build up our parish and benefits the educational efforts of St. A's.

Many, along with me, sensed a special Angel Ball presence of **Rachel Harrigan**. There was no surprise when Rachel volunteered to be one of the Angel Ball 2008 Co-Chairs. Her umbrella volunteer presence in our school and her Real Estate activities were just two arenas which displayed her willingness to share her gifts by connecting people and building up the circle of communities that reward our lives. She inspires us in abundance. May the Giver of Life continue to embrace Rachel.

We approach the best version of ourselves when, out of gratitude, we are led to share the gifts the Lord has granted us. **"Celebrating God's Gifts, "Our Parish Mission**, begins **tonight at 7:00 p.m.** The four evenings of the Mission will unpack and affirm the gifts that we are and that surround us. Rachel is one powerful example for letting such "gift living" happen.

Early **Advent is the perfect time for our Parish Mission**. I invite you to open up this time in your schedule. I look forward to experiencing the wonderful ways in which the Lord waits to bless us when we **take some time away**.

During these next days of Mission I **seek your prayers** for Fr. Jim Friedel, the parishioners who will witness to us, for that person or family who is on the edge in deciding, "Shall I come or not?" and let's pray for all of us at St. A's. **I hope to see you tonight**.

More Than One Economy

Foreclosures, lay-offs, bail outs... breathing in our daily diet of fear mongering words which try to trap us into accepting a singular version of what is called "the economy." The **consequences of this economy are very real**. St. A's people are not insulated from the fallout of a now official recession.

But a **believer in the Good News traffics in another economy as well**. Diana Butler Bass, writing in *Sojourners* magazine, shares her reaction to a homily by her Episcopalian priest about **"Holy Insecurity"** in these difficult days:

It was a profoundly political sermon. Not in the sense (of telling us) whom we should vote for. But he reminded us that we are God's polis, a holy-city not governed by the stock market or housing prices, but by grace, generosity, and goodness. This alternative city, the community of grace, is ultimately strengthened by worldly hardship because it reminds us that our spiritual investment is in a realm not seen. Our community is one marked by holy insecurity – the sure knowledge that our wisdom is not an economic strategy, our power is not financial, and our trust is not in princes.

May this Parish Mission and this Advent teach us about our Holy Insecurity.

In the Lord's Blessings,

Fr. Tom Libera

Angel Ball 2008

As we bring Angel Ball 2008 "One Shining Moment" to a close, we offer our gratitude to the donors, businesses and volunteers who helped to make the Angel Ball such a success. We offer our thanks to each and every individual or business who contributed to the Angel Ball, our wonderful guests, and of course, our auction winners ~ we are one community because of you!

Angel Donors

Guardian Angel

Anonymous (3)

Cherubim \$1,000 and Up

Anonymous	Michael & Barbara Cashion	Tim & Lorri Gerdeman	In Memory of Chuckie Rollings
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Archangel \$500 and Up

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Angel Up to \$500

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Sheila Tully Academy of Irish Dance
 SOS - Sue's Organizing Solutions
 Spice House
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 Starbucks (Central & Crawford)
 Steppenwolf Theatre
 Suds Car Wash
 Sutton Studios
 Taste Food & Wine
 TBWindSpeed
 The 900 Shops
 The Actors Gymnasium
 The Capital Grille
 The Celtic Knot Public House
 The Chopping Block
 The Clean Plate Club
 The Crystal Cave
 The Daily Dog
 The Dog Wash
 The Next Theatre Company
 The Noodle Café/Depot Nuevo
 The Palmer House Hilton
 The Pony Shop
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Volunteers

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Heather Andersen	Chris Dowdle	Mary Beth & Toni Loverdi	Kate & John Regnier
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Ellen Daffada	Laura & Kit Kreid	Jennifer O'Shaughnessy	
Valerie DeHueck	Annette & Bill LeCompte	Lauryn & Mike Peterson	
Beth Devine	Margaret Lee	Christina Powell	

Raffle & Live Auction Winners

Rock 'n Martini Raffle: Laura Boylan

Experience the City that Never Sleeps
 Fifth Grade - Look at Me
 Oprah - Live in the Studio for You and Your BFF
 An Egg-cellent Grilling Package
 Mountain Time in Breckenridge
 Who Can Resist those Puppy Dog Eyes?
 Dancing with the Stars . . . and You!
 Dinner Gets Progressively Better
 Oktoberfest Extravaganza in Munich
 Eighth Grade - the Beauty that Lies Beneath
 Dad Circus Band at Your Event!

Dan & Susan Maslauski
 Ben & Stephanie Buettell
 Lauren & Bill Runzel
 Jackie & Louis English
 Lisa & Jim Hebson
 Rob Richard
 Jennifer & John Enright
 Beth & Gabe Rodriguez
 Holly & Ed Brady
 Mary & Terry Dillon
 Julie & Randy Mayne

***It was truly "one shining moment" for
 St. Athanasius Parish and School!
 Thank you!***

2008 Angel Ball Co-Chairs: Stephanie Buettell,
 Lori Hartigan, Ellen McRaith, and Karen O'Brien

In memory and with love to our Honorary Co-Chair,
 Rachel Harrigan



Food Drive This Weekend, December 6/7

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

The month of December brings us three opportunities for soup kitchen outreach. The next **Monday** soup kitchen will be on **December 8** at Second Baptist Church, 1717 Benson, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm (meal served at noon). Contact Helen Madden (866-8875). The next **Thursday** soup kitchen will be on **December 11** 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). The next **Sunday** soup kitchen will be on **December 14** at Hemenway United Methodist Church, 1:30-4:30 pm (meal served at 2:45). Contact Michael Masini (847-869-4321). Please consider giving them a helping hand.

St. A's Book Club

The next meeting will be Thursday, December 18 at 7:30 pm in the Fitzgerald Chapel. Join them for a lively discussion of "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin.

Please Remember In Your Prayers...

The newly baptized, especially **Jackson Liam Oldenburg**, son of Jacob and Candice Oldenburg;

The sick and their caregivers, especially **Jack Pinter**, former parishioner **John Lally**, **Elizabeth Adamson**, **Diann Lanus**, **Paul Mooney**, nephew of Bob & Nancy Doyle, **Isabella Makalska**, **Helene Joelo**, **Ursula Peghini**, **Mary Ficek**, and **Norman Seligman**;

Those in the military, especially **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 **John Jans**, Class of 1939, brother of Rita Kent, **Barbara Lannan**, wife of John Lannan, **Rev. John Mackin** and **Margaret Hopkins**, sister of Rev. Peter Bowman.

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.

Parish Advent
Communal Reconciliation Service
Monday, December 8
7:00 pm

This service will be held in conjunction with our
Parish Mission.

Please join us!

Christmas Wish Baskets Signup Today

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 today to sign up for one or more items from an individual or family Christmas wish list. Wish baskets are a nice way to get your family involved in the spirit of giving during the holiday season. Food baskets and presents will be delivered to the Howard Area Community Center on Sunday, December 21 at noon. If you are able to volunteer for delivery day or have any questions, please contact Beth Osterlund at osterlundben@aol.com or Anne Marie McMichael at am.mcmichael@comcast.com.



I've Been Waiting for a Call!

This sentiment has been reported around St. Athanasius these last few weeks. We are delighted to know that there are many members of our faith community eager to become part of the exciting progress of *The Generations Campaign*.

While our hope has always been to personally meet with every household in our Parish, our current volunteer numbers are not sufficient to make that happen.

But do not despair! If you are planning your end of the tax year contributions and would like to make a commitment to our campaign effort, just complete the form below and arrangements will be made for you to visit with one of our wonderful volunteers. Please consider making St. Athanasius a top priority for your 2008 charitable giving. And if you pledge by December 15th, your gift will be matched – dollar for dollar – by our wonderful *Season of Gratitude* Challenge Gift.

Ask Me Now!



**YES! I WANT TO DO MY PART TO MAKE THE ST. ATHANASIUS
GENERATIONS CAMPAIGN A SUCCESS!!**

Please have a Campaign Volunteer Call Me
to Arrange a Personal Visit.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Phone _____

Return via mail, offertory basket
or hand deliver to the campaign office,
or call Jean at 847-332-1615.

Thank you!

St. Athanasius Parish
ALTERNATIVE
HOLIDAY BAZAAR



TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES
THIRD WORLD CRAFTS

WOMEN'S CLUB BAKE SALE

POINSETTIA SALE to benefit the
8th grade play

DECEMBER 13 AND 14

SATURDAY: 4:45 to 6:30 pm

SUNDAY: 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

School Gym: Enter from Ashland Avenue or parking lot

FAIR TRADE goods from 30 developing countries.

Proceeds sustain unemployed and under-employed
artisans' families. There are no goods from China.

SELECTION: Holiday ornaments, crèches, jewelry, scarves,
mittens, caps, baskets, linens, toys, books, fair-trade coffee and
chocolate, soap, wood carvings and boxes, note cards, purses, olive
oil, and MORE.

Buy Gifts as a Family. Help Sustain a Family.

Around the Community

Congratulations to all of you!

The Wilmette Rotary Noon Club "Big Book Drive" is a colossal success this year with over 15,000 books donated from all the Wilmette and Avoca school district elementary schools, along with St. Joseph's, St. Francis Xavier and St. Athanasius (Evanston) Catholic schools, and the Lake Bluff and Wilmette public libraries. Your participation in this worthwhile effort will be greatly appreciated by the recipient inner-city schools where students will experience higher achievement in their reading skills and develop a love for reading that will endure forever. Please look for an article and accompanying photo in the Chicago Tribune this coming week that will describe the Big Book Drive. "Read all about it." Again, thank you for all you have done.

Maurice Ann Sullivan
Wilmette Noon Club Rotary

Share the Gift of Learning

Many adults need help with basic English reading, writing, or speaking skills. Oakton Community College will hold a three part training class for volunteers on January 8, 13 and 31. For more information, please call (847) 635-1426.

Volunteers Needed

2 Li'l Fishes is a lunch program for homeless men and women at the Peoples Church in the Uptown neighborhood of Chicago. 2 Li'l Fishes serves a noon meal on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday to over 150 people. Volunteers are needed between 12:00 noon and 2:00 pm to help serve the meal and offer hospitality to guests. If you would like to volunteer or learn more about 2 Li'l Fishes, please call Rev. Jean Darling at (773) 784-6633.

Relevant Radio

Relevant Radio, at 950 AM on your dial, is a Catholic talk radio station that provides discussions of catechesis, family ministry, pro-life issues, matters of social justice and other faith-related topics. For informative, engaging and thought-provoking shows about your Catholic faith, listen in every weekday. Visit www.relevantradio.com for programming schedules.

Theology on Tap "Winter Style"

All college-age, 20s and 30s are invited to save the date for Tuesday, December 30 7:30 pm at St. Nicholas Church, Oldershaw Hall, 806 Ridge Ave, Evanston, for "The Christmas Story Continues...What Part Will You Play" presented by Fr. Britto Berchmans. Refreshments will be provided. If you know of a young adult who might be interested in attending, please share this information. Theology-on-Tap (TOT) is a speaker and conversation series for people college-age, 20s and 30s to learn more about the Catholic faith, make connections between faith and everyday life, and enter into conversation with their peers. For more information or to RSVP (optional) contact Brian Michalski at (773)334-5695 or blpm72@aol.com.



Interfaith Housing Center of the Northern Suburbs

Come to hear a brief presentation by The Voorhees Center of the University of Illinois at Chicago and learn what you can do to get involved in your community regarding immigrants in Evanston. They will discuss the housing needs of immigrants in Evanston, how immigrants contribute to the Evanston economy, and how to get involved in improving housing in our community. The meeting will be held on December 17 at 6:00 pm at the School District 65 Administration Building, 1500 McDaniel in Evanston. For more information, contact Alicia De La Cruz at 847-501-5760, or alicia@interfaithhousingcenter.org.

Evanston Catholic Women's Club

The December meeting will be on December 10 at 12 noon at St. Nicholas Church's Oldershaw Hall. They will be having a High Tea with a Christmas Concert following the meeting. Everyone is welcome. They will be collecting children's mittens, hats and scarves.



Parish Calendar

Sunday, December 7

Family Program, 9 am-Noon, School
Wishbasket Sign-up, 9 am-Noon, Gym
Parish Mission, 7-8:30 pm, Church

Monday, December 8

Parish Mission, 7-8:30 pm, Church
Parish Advent Reconciliation, 7 pm, Church

Tuesday, December 9

Prayer and Reflection, 6:30 am, Rosemeyer Room
Brownie Troop #91, 3:30-5 pm, Lunchroom
Brownie Troop #2466, 3:30-5 pm, Hartke
Parish Mission, 7-8:30 pm, Church

Wednesday, December 10

Rosary Group, 8:45-10 am, Fitzgerald Chapel
Brownie Troop #1550, 3:30-4:45 pm, Lunchroom
Parish Mission 7 pm, Church

Thursday, December 11

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

Friday, December 12

Saturday, December 13

Women's Club Bake Sale, 4:45-6:30 pm, Lunchroom
Poinsettia Sales, 4:45 - 6:30 pm, Lunchroom

Sunday, December 14

Family Program, 9 am-Noon, School
Wishbasket Sign-up 9 am-Noon, Gym
Women's Club Bake Sale, 8 am-1 pm, Lunchroom
Poinsettia Sale, 8 am-1 pm, Lunchroom
Ten Thousand Villages Fair Trade Bazaar,
8 am-1 pm, Gym

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100 Parish Office	116 Jean Lauri
100 Janice Moore-Rivas	120 Jim Potthast
101 School Office	123 Mary Lietz
103 Fr. Sztorc	124 Lori Goszczynski
105 Marion Amling	125 Steve Carson
107 Judy Berg	129 Bridget Hotchkiss
111 Fr. Libera	142 Barbara Bonier
114 José Moreno	143 Karen Sellers
115 Susan Castagna	

Weekday Servers December 8 - 13

8:15 am Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday
Marina Schmitz, Rebecca Suennen
Thursday/Friday/Saturday
Robert Staub, Patrick Walsh

Liturgical Ministers

Next Weekend December 13/14

5:00 pm Saturday

Presider Fr. Sztorc
Lector Steve Carlson
Servers Fiona & Connor Harrigan,
John Charron
Eucharistic Ministers
Mary Anne King, Bill Quinlan,
Lori & Stan Goszczynski,
Bob Costello

8:00 am

Presider Fr. Libera
Lector Michael Bansley
Servers Sam & Charlie Knepper,
Abby Samuelson
Eucharistic Ministers
Jerry Garner, Bill Kauffman,
Henrietta Berning, Jean Lauri,
Josie Vorda

9:30 am

Presider Fr. Sztorc
Lector Rick Blabolil
Servers Aidan Crowe, Isabelle Rodriguez,
Burke Sorensen
Eucharistic Ministers
Gabe Rodriguez, Tim Burke,
Bob Curley, Lisa Weber,
Michael Sultan

11:30 am

Presider Fr. Libera
Lector Jude Quinn
Servers Christopher Kreid, Henry Hebson,
Johnny Miller
Eucharistic Ministers
Carol Ekman, Joan Harvey,
Marge Foley, Claire Labbe,
Mary Sotir

5:00 pm Sunday

Presider Fr. Sztorc

Readings for the Week of December 7, 2008

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8
Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Working with the Scriptures

December 7, 2008 (Mk. 1:1-8)

Who's your hero? Who do you try to imitate? For some of us it may be a sports figure, perhaps a football player or an Olympic skater. When they're playing we're either at the game or glued to the television set. We buy shirts with their names on them and wear their team colors. We copy their taste in everything from the shoes they wear to the cars they drive. Kids even dress up like them at Halloween. Next to movie stars, sports figures are probably the most imitated people on the planet.

Why is that? What have they done to deserve such adulation? How long will it last? Chances are, the reason is that we see them as "winners". We admire them because of the number of touchdowns they've completed, the home runs they've hit, or the number of gold medals they've won. Whatever their claim to fame, however, their popularity usually lasts just about as long as their winning streak or until another star comes along to take their place.

But, every so often someone comes along who's not like the others. These folks don't seem to care whether or not they make the sports highlights. It could be the football player who goes out of his way to entertain the kids at the children's hospital and hangs around long after the TV cameramen have gone home, or the speed skater who teaches physically challenged teens to skate even though there're no reporters covering the story. When people call them heroes, they point to the boy who smiles through his chemo or the girl who struggles to skate with an artificial leg. "I'm not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of [their] sandals..." they might say.

"People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to [John the Baptist]". John must have been almost as popular as those sports stars. But, like them, John didn't seem to care. He only pointed to Jesus. John knew who the real Hero was. Who are *our* heroes? Who do *we* try to imitate? And why?

Vinal Van Benthem

Christmas Trees

Enjoy the experience of cutting down your own special Christmas tree at Marmion Abbey, Aurora, IL. You will have a fresh cut tree that will hold its needles longer. And you will be helping to ease the financial burdens of Marmion. The trees are going for only \$35 for most trees; a few for \$25. For more information and directions, call (630) 897-3011.

Celebration of Giving

The Celebration of Giving collects gifts for many of the children and families served by Catholic Charities. You may donate toys, sponsor a family, provide financial support or volunteer. Call the Celebration of Giving Hotline at (312) 226-0650 for a drop-off location near you or to volunteer.

Catholic Campaign for Immigration Reform

Join CCIR, the Priests for Justice for Immigrants and Sisters and Brothers of Immigrants for *La Posada*, a Mexican tradition that invites people to discover the blessings that flow from the faith experience of walking with Joseph and Mary and of being in solidarity with migrants, refugees, or strangers in our company. The one mile walk will begin at 7:00 am at St. Eulalia, 1851 S. 9th Avenue, in Maywood and proceed to the Broadview Detention Center for final Posada prayers on **Friday, December 19**. Every Friday morning undocumented immigrants are taken to the Broadview Detention Center to then be deported to their home countries. For more information about this event or the Catholic Campaign for Immigration Reform, contact Joyana Jacoby at (312) 751-7991 or jjacoby@archchicago.org.

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Wednesday - Friday 4:30-6:30 pm

Saturday 10 am-4 pm; Sunday 9 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.

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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 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.



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