

second sunday of
ADVENT

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



The
Chimes
of Saint Athanasius Parish

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 9, 2007

Eucharistic Liturgies

December 9 - December 16, 2007

Sunday

5:00 pm (Saturday) † Betty Kelly
8:00 am † Ralph Maday
9:30 am † Joseph & Mary Sobczak
11:30 am † Noel Shaw Family
5:00 pm † Marian McGowan

Monday

6:30 am † Josephine Hauber
8:15 am † Jack Berning

Tuesday

6:30 am † Dorothea McGill
8:15 am † Dominick Botti

Wednesday

6:30 am † Gail Katrina Wallace
8:15 am † Carol Lemasters

Thursday

6:30 am † Bernard Gotta
8:15 am † Julia Heard

Friday

6:30 am † Marshall Mansfield
8:15 am † Mardy Lepo

Saturday

8:15 am † Loretta Carroll
5:00 pm † H. William Berning

Sunday

8:00 am † Rose Schuba
9:30 am † Patrick Hotchkiss
11:30 am † Mary Walsh
5:00 pm † John Dillon

Congratulations to our
2007 Parish Service Award
Winners
Lori and Stan Goszczyński

Holiday Liturgy Schedule

Communal Reconciliation Service

Monday, December 10
7:30 PM

Individual Reconciliation

Monday, December 17
6:00 - 8:00 PM

Saturday, December 22

8:45 – 11:00 AM and 3:00 – 4:30 PM

Christmas Eve Liturgies (Monday)

8:15 AM Mass

4:00 PM Mass - Children's Choir

5:30 PM Mass

9:45 PM Christmas Carol Service

10:30 PM Evening Mass - Parish Choir

Christmas Day Liturgies (Tuesday)

8:00, 9:30 and 11:30 AM Masses

New Year's Eve Liturgies (Monday)

8:15 AM and 5:00 PM Masses

Solemnity of Mary

New Year's Day Liturgies (Tuesday)

9:30 and 11:30 AM Masses

There will be NO 5:00 pm Mass on
Sundays December 23 and 30.

Retirement Fund for Religious

The second collection TODAY 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.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS



This Week:
Retirement Fund

Next Week: St. Agnes,
Our Sharing Parish

Pastor's Notes

Thank You for Your Love and Support

We have celebrated another Year of Grace with our God guiding us along ways that were not always clear to us. It has been a time when we put ourselves in the Lord's care and in the care of each other. Little did I know how literally I was going to put my heart in the hands of a cardiac surgeon in June! The Lord gifted me with family and friends who interceded in prayer for me. As I now find myself nearing the end of my cardiac rehab sessions and in much better health, I have many reasons to express thanks.

As we begin a new Liturgical Year, one filled with the potential of many graced opportunities, it is with thankful heart that I express my gratitude to you for all the prayers, expressions of concern and support that you have showered upon me since my heart surgery at the end of June. There have been a multitude of get well cards and assurances of prayers. There have been promises of working to keep me healthy, even providing heart healthy food. You have been and continue to be a source of love and support to me. Thank you for your constant concern and encouragement to be in good health.

With heartfelt gratitude,



Solidarity Bridge Collection December 22/23

What is "Solidarity"?

Solidarity recognizes that by nature all human beings are deeply connected with one another. In solidarity, we give of ourselves and our resources, knowing that we are all one in Christ, who came to earth to share our burdens and joys.

70% of Bolivians live in poverty

46% of Bolivian children are malnourished

YOU CAN HELP!

A donation to Solidarity Bridge can help provide surgery, medical care and fair trade employment to Bolivians who are in urgent need of your generosity.

Pick up a Giving Card packet
in your pew today.

Give the beautiful card to your loved one, telling of the
donation you've made in their honor.



Celebrate Advent and Christmas in a way that truly honors the Christ Child!

Wondering how to keep commercialism from overwhelming the true spirit of Christmas?
Make it your goal to give 10% of your Christmas present budget to help those who live in dire poverty.

Learn more by visiting the website at **www.SolidarityBridge.org**.

Solidarity Bridge, 1577 Florence Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201

847-328-7748 solidbridge@gmail.com

4th Wednesdays for Spiritual Growth Moves for December

Because of the holidays, our Spiritual Growth meetings will be on the third Wednesday, December 19, both at 9 am and 7:30 pm. The topic for this month's reflection is "Giving Birth to God in Our Lives".

Chimes Holiday Deadlines

Please note these special deadlines for submitting articles to the church bulletin during the holiday season: Wednesday, December 12 for the December 23 bulletin
Wednesday, December 29 for the December 30 bulletin
Wednesday, December 26 for the January 6 bulletin

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).



Archdiocesan Appeal

Now Assists St. A's

The St. Athanasius community generously supported the 2007 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal this past February, and your pledges of \$53,882 far exceeded our parish goal of \$42,846. On behalf of Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I. and the many beneficiaries of the Annual Appeal, thank you for completing your pledge payments. Every gift is important and appreciated. **ALL OFFERINGS RECEIVED EXCEEDING OUR GOAL COME BACK TO OUR PARISH.** This means that if all our pledges are met, our parish could have an extra \$11,036 come back to us. If you wish to make a pledge payment, you can make your check payable to Catholic Bishop of Chicago and mail it to Annual Catholic Appeal, P.O. Box 1979, Chicago, IL 60690-1979. If you have any questions about your pledge or your payments, please call 312-655-7944.

Christmas Book Club Meeting

Thursday December 20

The St. A's Book Club will be discussing Louise Erdrich's *The Last Report on the Miracles at Little No Horse* at 7:30 pm in the Fitzgerald Chapel. New members are welcome to join at any time or may come for a single book discussion. Please join us.

Please Remember In Your Prayers...

The newly baptized, especially **Charles Klemmer Murphy**, son of Robert and Katherine Murphy; and **James Matthew Klemmer**, son of Michael and Amy Klemmer;

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

Those in the military, especially **Lt. Chip Bridgman**, nephew of Barbara O'Connor, and **Matthew Chrobak**, nephew of Eric Harkna and Tonise Paul;

Those who have died, especially **Anthony Mancini**, father of Tony Mancini.

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.

ST. A'S HOLIDAY FAIR

THIS WEEKEND

Alternative Giving

All parishioners, their families and friends are invited to the Alternative Giving Trade Christmas Bazaar. Ten Thousand Villages and other solidarity movements offer fairly traded items from over 30 developing nations. Every \$1,200 of sales sustains a family for a year. This means your purchases will enable parents to send their children to school, perhaps put a roof on their home, or have more than one meal a day. Choose from Christmas ornaments, jewelry, hats and scarves, crèche sets, baskets, books, toys and other items. It's a great place for your children to shop for Christmas while conscious of the struggles of families in other countries. St. A's Peace and Justice Ministry appreciates your support. If you cannot make it to our Alternative Giving Trade Christmas Bazaar, please Christmas shop at the store at 719 Main Street, across from Vogue Fabrics and Good's Art Supplies.

Annual Poinsettia Sale

These lovely hand-selected plants are being sold at or below market price. All proceeds help fund St. A's 8th Grade Play.



Women's Club

Annual Bake Sale

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!

Christmas Wish Baskets

Once again, St. Athanasius Parishioners will brighten the holiday season for families served by the Howard Area Community Center (HACC). Parishioners are invited to sign up for one or more items on an individual's or families' Christmas wish list. This is a great opportunity to get your family involved in the spirit of giving during the holiday season. Food baskets and presents will be delivered to the Center on Sunday, December 16th at noon. If you are able to volunteer to help on delivery day or if you have any questions, please contact Beth Osterlund at osterlundben@aol.com or Anne Marie McMichael at am.mcmichael@comcast.net.

TIMES

Alternative Giving - After 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday and after all Masses on Sunday.

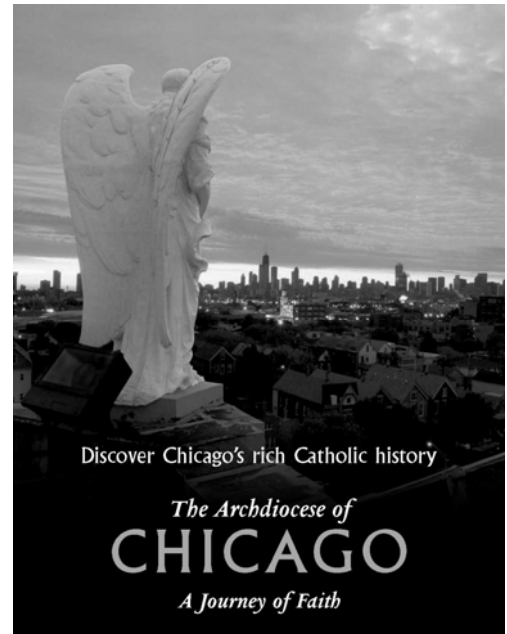
Bake Sale - Saturday before and after the 5:00 pm Mass, and on Sunday 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Wish Basket - After all Masses.

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

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

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



Aid Our Neighbors Through St. Vincent DePaul

Our St. Vincent DePaul Society needs our continued assistance. Their average weekly collection at the poor box is less than \$70. They make informed gifts to people in need in the St. A's community by providing such basic assistance as rent, security deposits, food, or utility bills, as well as counseling their recipients. We all receive many requests for money, but this one touches the neediest in our own neighborhood. As you exit the church today, please consider putting a donation into one of the metal poor boxes by the doors.

First Night Evanston

First Night Evanston's 15th annual New Year's Eve alcohol-free, multi-cultural, family friendly evening of live entertainment. From 4:00 pm to midnight, fourteen indoor venues in downtown Evanston will become stages for everything from opera, folk, cabaret, R & B and jazz to Bingo, theater, puppeteers and dancing. Admission buttons are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children 2-12, and are available for purchase beginning December 7 at Whole Foods, Dominick's, Jewel, Turin Bicycle, and Hilton Garden Inn, and online on the First Night Evanston website at www.firstnightevanston.org.

Catholic Charities Unwraps the Spirit of Giving

Sixty years ago this holiday season, Fran Cashman, a young social worker at Catholic Charities, began to worry about the children in her caseload. Their parents were poor and struggling to meet their daily needs. There was no way they would be able to buy gifts for their children to put under a Christmas tree. Fran wanted to change that. Calling on her friends and relatives for help, Fran had a "toy shower" in her home for "her kids" and as many other children as they could reach who were cared for by Catholic Charities.

The Celebration of Giving brings the spirit of the holidays to struggling Catholic Charities clients in Cook County by creating a memorable holiday season for them through the *Toy Shower* and *Sponsor A Family* programs. To help children and their families unwrap the spirit this year, please contact Melissa Michaels at (312) 948-6797 or visit www.catholiccharities.net/celebration.



Parish Calendar

Sunday, December 9

Family Program, 9 am-Noon, School
Wish Basket Sign-Up, After all Masses, Gym
Women's Club Bake Sale, 8 am-1 pm, Gym
Poinsettia Sale, 8 am-1 pm, Gym
Holiday Fair, 8 am-1 pm, Gym
Athletics, 1-5 pm, Gym
Men's Basketball, 7-9 pm, Gym

Monday, December 10

Athletics, 3:30-10 pm, Gym
P.C.L.D., 9:30 am, Fitzgerald Chapel
St. Vincent DePaul, 7:30 pm, Rosemeyer

Tuesday, December 11

Mom & Tots Playgroup, 10 am, Rosemeyer
Athletics, 3:30-10 pm, Gym
Cub Scout Pack #31, 7 pm, Gym
PSO, 7:30 pm, Hartke

Wednesday, December 12

Athletics, 3:30-9 pm, Gym
Chess Club, 6-8 pm, Lunchroom
RCIA, 7-9 pm, Fitzgerald Chapel
Peace & Justice, 7:30 pm, Rosemeyer
Choir, 7:30 pm, Church
Men's Basketball, 9-11 pm, Gym

Thursday, December 13

Athletics, 3:30-10 pm, Gym
Daisy Scouts, 3:30-4:45 pm, Lunchroom

Friday, December 14

Athletics, 3:30-6:30 pm, Gym

Saturday, December 15

Athletics, 8 am-1 pm, Gym

Sunday, December 16

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

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105 Marion Amling	130 Carolyn Groves
111 Fr. Libera	142 Barbara Bonier
114 José Moreno	143 Karen Sellers
115 Susan Castagna	

Weekday Servers December 10-15

8:15 am Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday
Emily & Christopher Kreid
Thursday/Friday/Saturday
Peter & Tommy Leinenweber

Liturgical Ministers

Next Weekend December 15/16

5:00 pm Saturday

Presider Fr. Sztorc
Lector Steve Carlson
Servers Bradley & Rebecca Suennen,
Wendy Kuanyin

Eucharistic Ministers

Tom & Rita Kent, Tom Meany,
Henrietta Berning, Richard Byrne

8:00 am

Presider Fr. Libera
Lector Michael Bansley
Servers Patrick Walsh, Angel Toledo,
Maddie Giealla

Eucharistic Ministers

Jerry Garner, Josie Vorda,
Jean Lauri, Deborah Haracz,
Joseph Walsh

9:30 am

Presider Fr. Sztorc
Lector Peggy McCarthy
Servers Patrick Walsh, Moira Dillon,
Matteo Brucato

Eucharistic Ministers

Joan Conroy, Rita Bambrick,
Bridget Hotchkiss, Dennis O'Malley,
David Ozar

11:30 am

Presider Fr. Libera
Lector Bill Harmon
Servers Evan & Christian Swenson,
Nolan Winkler

Eucharistic Ministers

Nancy Murray, Marge Foley,
John Syvertsen, Rosemary Welch,
Joan Johnson

5:00 pm Sunday

Presider Fr. Sztorc

Readings for the Week of December 9, 2007

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
Monday: Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Working with the Scriptures

December 9, 2007 (Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mat 3:1-12)

Bev and Trudy are friends. They work for the same company, often spending lunchtimes together shopping or running errands. They live near one another and take the same bus, usually arriving at the office laughing and out of breath. Both are active in community outreach – Bev with a group of people in the planning stages of building a shelter for homeless men; Trudy on the Board of an organization that collects and distributes winter coats to school children in the area.

The fruits of their labor – both 9-5 and volunteer – are many. The shelter that Bev’s group is building will house 25 men and offer 12-step and other resources to many more; and just last month Trudy’s organization distributed 52 coats to children who would otherwise have gone without. Each is committed to “...judge[ing] the poor with justice...” and to “...judge[ing] aright for the land’s afflicted”, and their work will continue to serve the needs of the oppressed and marginalized for many winters to come. In fact, Trudy and Bev are such good friends and work so well together that many people are surprised to learn that one is Catholic and the other Jewish.

“May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another...” While as Christian and Jew, Bev and Trudy practice their religions differently, they continue to worship God in harmony with one another with wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, and fear of the Lord – and God is present. “A wolf and a lamb, a leopard and a kid, a calf and a young lion and a cow and a bear – if all these can live together in peace,” they’re quick to point out, “then surely two secretaries, one Jewish and one Catholic, should have no problem at all!”

Hanukkah began on December 4; Christmas is only 2½ weeks away. As I write these words, world and church leaders are meeting to discuss ways to bring about peace in Israel and Palestine. With them we pray: “May the God of endurance and encouragement grant [us] to think in harmony with one another.”

Amen

Vinal Van Bentem

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 \$25 & \$30. For more information and directions, call (630) 897-3011.

Evanston Catholic Women’s Club

The December meeting for the Evanston Catholic Women’s Club will be held at St. Nicholas’ Oldershaw Hall, 806 Ridge Avenue, on Wednesday, December 12. The business meeting will begin at 11:00 am, lunch will be at noon, and their Christmas program will begin at 1:00 pm. We are asking everyone to bring a monetary donation for the Howard Street Pantry. They would also like everyone to bring a knitted scarf and gloves or waterproof gloves for the school children. Everyone is welcome. Reservations are required by December 10 and can be made by calling Margaret Mierkiewicz at (847) 328-3725.

Christmas Concert

The Regina Dominican orchestra, Chamber Choir and Regina Chorale will all perform in the Christmas Concert, **Friday, December 14 at 7:00 pm**. Music alumnae are encouraged to join us for our annual “*Fruitcake?*”.



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Pastors

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Rev. Richard Sztorc, *Associate Pastor* (rsztorc‡)

Parish Office

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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

Parish Office Staff

Karen Sonnicksen Sellers, *Parish Administrator* (ksellers‡)

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Richard S. Jay

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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.



Heather Andersen holds the Angel Ball Auction puppy