

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

**Lent 2008 - Revisiting My Gift of
Being Catholic: Knowing, Showing,
and Living My Easter Faith**

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.*



The Prophet Moses

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 17, 2008

Eucharistic Liturgies

February 17 - 24, 2008

Sunday

- 5:00 pm (Saturday) † Vincent Stanislawski
- 8:00 am † Barry McRaith
- 9:30 am † Rose Schuba
- 11:30 am † Carl Sotir
- 5:00 pm † Fr. Ralph Starus

Monday

- 6:30 am † Gail Wallace
- 8:15 am † The Orłowski Family

Tuesday

- 6:30 am † Catherine Lorenz
- 8:15 am Gladys McIlrath

Wednesday

- 6:30 am † Agnes Daley
- 8:15 am † Barry McRaith

Thursday

- 6:30 am † John Alvino
- 8:15 am † Brian Hughes

Friday

- 6:30 am † Mary Franke
- 8:15 am † Virginia Peter

Saturday

- 8:15 am † Norman F. Lawrence
- 5:00 pm † Joe & Marian McGowan

Sunday

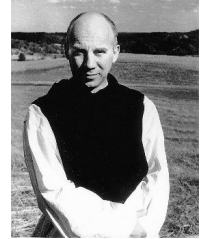
- 8:00 am † David Kaiser
- 9:30 am † Dorothy Maloney
- 11:30 am † Rose Schuba
- 5:00 pm † Richard Kane

Communal Penance Service
Monday, February 25
7:30 pm

The Legacy of Thomas Merton TODAY, February 17

3:00 - 5:00 pm

In keeping with our Lenten theme of *Rediscovering Catholicism*, we will be presenting this **film and discussion** on Thomas Merton, known as one of the greatest Catholic writers of the 20th century. Thomas Merton made famous the Trappist monastery of Gethsemane in Kentucky (also known for its fruitcake and cheese) where he lived as a monk and wrote numerous books and articles until his death in the late sixties. Merton has withstood the test of time. He is seen as a major influence in many areas of contemporary religious thought from social justice to beginning the interfaith dialogue. Join us in the **Fitzgerald Chapel** for this opportunity to get to know more about Merton. **Liz Stout, who is an interfaith minister here in Evanston, will present the film and lead our conversation.**



The disciples will not understand what just happened until they experience the risen Christ in their midst.



OFFERTORY COLLECTION REPORT

Offertory for February 9/10 \$11,186
St. Agnes \$2,064

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

This Week: Lenten Charity
St. Vincent dePaul



Next Week: Lenten Charity
Center for Interchange
and Solidarity

Pastor's Notes

Cover Story II

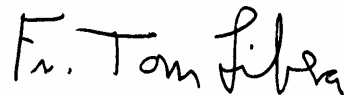
In today's gospel from Matthew, Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up a high mountain. Jesus' appearance dramatically changes, revealing his otherwise invisible spiritual relationship to God, as his Father. Everything about Jesus shines as the God of unapproachable light becomes approachable in Jesus. This **transfiguration** gives us a preview of Christ's glorious coming at the end of time. And we hope to be there, as close to the Lord as Peter, James, and John were on the mountain. Moses and Elijah join them, two mountain men, who climbed the heights to find both illumination and inspiration.

The Chimes cover depicts Moses. You will find him up in our choir loft in the south window nestled between the two organ chambers. He is the middle figure in the left of the two narrow windows. Below him is another prophet, Isaiah, holding a pair of tongs. (Check out Isaiah, chapter 6, verses 1 to 8 for the vivid story of how the angel purified his unclean lips with an ember, carried with tongs from the Lord's altar.) In the other narrow window to the right of Moses is David with his harp to sing the psalms. Below David is the exiled Ezekiel holding a scale model of the Temple of Jerusalem prophesizing its eventual restoration. The remainder of the choir loft window tells the story of Mary, except the bottom center panel which shows the coat of arms of Cardinal Mundelein who was Archbishop of Chicago when our church building was dedicated.

Back to Moses. He is **holding the tablets** of the law which he received in his close encounters with God on the mountain. Then there are those **mysterious horns** that sprout from his head. Explanations of why abound. St. Jerome, in his translation of the scripture into Latin, used an alternate meaning for the Hebrew word "qaran" of "horns" in describing the appearance of Moses' face when he came down from the mountain after speaking with God (Exodus 34:35). The word could also mean "to shine" or "to send out rays." Paul in his second letter to the Corinthians (3:13) uses this meaning when Moses has to "put a veil over his face" because the people could not directly look at the glory of his face. However, Michelangelo's sculpture uses small horns, or rays of light, from Moses' head, perhaps to guilt the fickle people for worshipping a ram's head when Moses was on the mountain. And that image seems to predominate.

Let our windows inspire and intrigue you. Continue to check *the Chimes* for Lenten events, including the **Friday Stations of the Cross at 7:30 pm.**

In the Lord's Blessings,



Father Tom Presents

Rediscovering Catholicism

Fr. Tom will be doing presentations on our Lenten book, *Rediscovering Catholicism* by Matthew Kelly, on the following dates:

Sunday February 17 at 10:45 am in the Hartke Room

Tuesday, February 26 at 10:00 am in the Fitzgerald Chapel

Wednesday, March 12 at 7:30 pm in the Parish House Dining Room

The purpose of these meetings is to offer us opportunities to gather as a Catholic community to learn more about our faith, to update our understanding, to ask questions, and to experience our pastor as the faith leader of Saint Athanasius in a more informal setting. Please remember copies of the book are available in the front vestibule of the church on Sunday and in the parish house during the week. Pick one up and treat yourself.

St. A's Book Group

Join us on **Thursday, February 21**, at 7:30 pm in the Fitzgerald Chapel to discuss this month's selection, *Water for Elephants*, a novel by Sara Gruen.

Stained Glass Windows

Booklet Available

In 1996, a group was formed to prepare a booklet to commemorate St. Athanasius' 75th anniversary. The booklet was never completed. In 2002, a committee of the St. A's Women's Club members took up the project. The result was a beautiful and informative booklet explaining the meaning and symbolism of our wonderful church windows. With *The Chimes* using our windows as a theme for its Lenten covers, this booklet affords an opportunity for a deeper study and appreciation of these stained glass jewels. As Father Tom has suggested, let this booklet become one of your Lenten companions. They will be presented for sale for \$2 each in the coming weekends after all of the Masses and are also available in the parish office. "May these windows help you to share in the Spirit's gifts of joy and faith revealed through Jesus Christ."

Soup Kitchen

Our next monthly soup kitchen outreach opportunity will be **Monday, March 10**, at Second Baptist Church, 1717 Benson, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm (meal served at noon). Contact Katie Maday (475-1538).

Save the Date!
St. A's Saint Patrick's Party
Saturday, March 8,
5:00 - 9:00 pm in the School Gym

North Shore Ulster Project

Every year 300 teenagers from Northern Ireland come to the United States to see the way Americans have learned to live together in our "melting pot" society. We are lucky enough to have 12 kids come to Evanston and stay with host families each July. Teens spend four weeks exploring Chicago and learning about each other and themselves. The American host teens participate with the Ulster teens in daily activities. Each week, one service project is also included, such as helping with an activity at Misericordia. All activities are led by four counselors and there is no cost to the host family. This year they are in need of host families with children currently in 8th grade. If you would be willing to be a host family, please contact Beth Miles at (847) 425-1963 for more details.

Ministers of Care

If you, a family member, or friend are not able to get to Mass because of illness or home confinement, please call Lori Goszczyński, at (847) 328-1430, ext. 124, or leave a message at the Parish office and we can have someone come to you for holy communion.

Please Remember In Your Prayers...

The sick and their caregivers, especially **Blanche Childs**, **Barbara Polston**, mother of Debbie Magnusen, **Mary Penak**, mother of Kathy Penak, **Elizabeth Adamson**, **Marilyn Patterson**, **Mary Rhee**, **George Gordon**, **Eleanor McCarthy**, mother of Ruth McMahan, John McCarthy and Peggy McCarthy, **Isabelle Black**, mother of Mary Rooney, **William Bartolph**, **Bill O'Connor**, father of Nadine DiVito, **James Wilson**, father of Tim Wilson, **Pat Taylor**, brother of Rita Bambrick, **Lisa Croke**, sister-in-law of Colleen Tosti, and former parishioner **Diane Bergquist**;

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

Those who have died, especially **Rose Marie Kane**, mother of Suzanne Amberg.

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.

Lenten Charities 2008

February 17	St. Vincent de Paul
February 24	Center for Interchange and Solidarity
March 2	Sunlight African Community Center
March 9	New Foundation of Hope
March 16	Kristin Lietz – Missionary Work in Mexico
Holy Thursday	AIDS Pastoral Care Network
Good Friday	Holy Land Shrines



February 24 - Center for Interchange and Solidarity (CIS)

This organization in San Salvador, El Salvador, works for human rights, fair elections, education and relief of poverty. CIS was founded in 1993 after the signing of the peace accords that ended that country's civil war. The group seeks to achieve structural changes to confront the economic and social injustices that were the root causes of the war. CIS provides international observer missions to monitor El Salvadoran elections, promotes cultural exchanges to strengthen understanding of Salvadoran history and culture, and encourages development and sale of Salvadoran crafts made by women, youths and ex-combatants in cooperatives. El Salvador, remembered for its tragic history, is the country where a government soldier killed Archbishop Romero while he was saying Mass at the hospital chapel because of his support of the poor. Your contribution can extend the resources of CIS and thus expand its ability to carry out its mission.

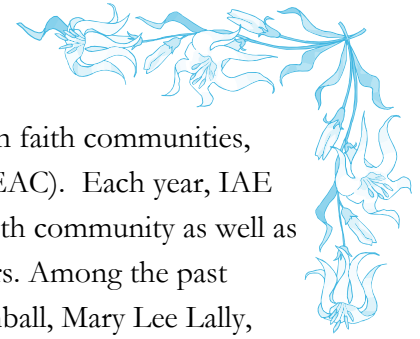
Flapjacks and Fine Arts

Saturday, February 23

8:00 – 11:00 am

Join us for Flapjacks & Fine Arts. The annual pancake breakfast is a great chance to catch up with friends as you enjoy our famous fluffy hotcakes and marvelous musical performances.

Tickets are available at the door
\$10 Adults & \$5 for children and seniors



Interfaith Action of Evanston (IAE) is an organization of various Evanston faith communities, which is the successor to the Evanston Ecumenical Action Committee (EEAC). Each year, IAE honors a member of each faith community who positively impacts their faith community as well as the community at large. These individuals are referred to as Vision Keepers. Among the past recipients from St. Athanasius are Blanche Childs, Bob Doyle, Harold Kimball, Mary Lee Lally, Katie Maday, Michael Masini, Barbara McKearnan, Bunny Mudd, Jim Rooney, Pat Schmidt and Mary Sotir. This year's **Vision Keeper Dinner** is being held at **5:30 PM on Sunday, February 24** at the Orrington Hotel. The keynote speaker is Muhammad Saiduzzaman of the recently established Evanston Mosque and Community Center. Anyone interested in attending should contact Fr. Tom at extension 111.

Vision Keeper - St Athanasius Parish

When I was hungry, you fed me.

Matthew 25:35

The St. Athanasius Parish Women’s Club has been feeding the hungry one Monday every month for over 12 years. The Club provides food, beverages, and welcome to about 90 people at the lunchtime soup kitchen at Second Baptist Church in Evanston. This is one of three IAE soup kitchens the parish serves.

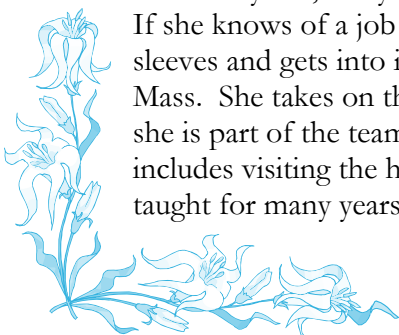
The parish is honoring the Women’s Club for its dedication to this mission as its 2008 Vision Keeper. Their visible, organized outreach provides an opportunity for many parishioners to serve. The parish salutes two of the group’s most faithful Soup Kitchen volunteers, Anne Gamber and Mary Anne King, who, every month help to ensure that the Club keeps the vision alive.

Anne Gamber

Anne has been a soup kitchen volunteer for the past six years. As the mother of eight, she has had the experience of providing meals for large numbers. She now also has 20 grandchildren. Anne taught school before starting her family and returned to teaching after they were grown. Anne is supportive of many parish activities. As she operates at the soup kitchen, she does within the parish. Her gentle, empathic, and affirming manner helps a lot of parishioners feel that their ministry involvement is worthwhile. Anne and her husband, Peter, have lived in Evanston for 42 years.

Mary Anne King

In addition to being a faithful volunteer at the soup kitchen run by the St. A’s Women’s Club for over five years, Mary Anne serves St. Athanasius Parish and the community at large in many ways. If she knows of a job that needs doing, her response is “Give it to me.” She then rolls up her sleeves and gets into it. Her energy is contagious. At St. A’s, she is one of the sacristans for the Mass. She takes on the ad hoc task of assisting parish office staff at a moment’s notice. In addition, she is part of the team that counts the Sunday collection. Mary Anne’s outreach participation also includes visiting the home-bound and keeping them connected with the community. Mary Anne taught for many years in the Chicago public school system within the inner city.



Parish Calendar

Sunday, February 17

Rediscovering Catholicism, 10:45 am, Hartke Athletics, 1-5 pm, Gym
Thomas Merton Film, 3:00 pm, Fitzgerald Chapel
Men's Basketball, 7-9 pm, Gym

Monday, February 18

Tuesday, February 19

Mom & Tots, 10 am, Rosemeyer Athletics, 3:30-6:30 pm, Gym
Brownies #2466, 3:30-5 pm, Hartke
Cub Scouts, 7 pm, Gym
School Board, 7 pm, Hartke

Wednesday, February 20

Athletics, 3:30-9 pm, Gym
Chess, 6-8 pm, Lunchroom
FDC, 7-9 pm, Hartke
RCIA, 7-9 pm, Fitzgerald Chapel
Choir, 7:30 pm, Church
Men's Basketball, 9-11 pm, Gym

Thursday, February 21

Scripture Class, 9-11 am, Fitzgerald Chapel
Athletics, 3:30-10 pm, Gym
Daisy Scouts #1550, 3:30-4:45 pm, Lunchroom
French Trip Meeting, 7 pm, Hartke

Friday, February 22

Athletics, 3:30-10 pm, Gym

Saturday, February 23

Athletics, 8 am-1 pm, Gym

Sunday, February 24

Family Program, 9 am-Noon, School
Athletics, 1-5 pm, Gym
Men's Basketball, 7-9 pm, Gym

Staff Extension List 847-328-1430

100 Parish Office	120 Jim Potthast
100 Janice Moore-Rivas	123 Mary Lietz
101 School Office	124 Lori Goszczyński
103 Fr. Sztorc	125 Steve Carson
105 Marion Amling	129 Bridget Hotchkiss
111 Fr. Libera	130 Carolyn Groves
114 José Moreno	142 Barbara Bonier
115 Susan Castagna	143 Karen Sellers

Weekday Servers February 18 - 23

8:15 am Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday
Christian & Evan Swenson
Thursday/Friday/Saturday
Eleanor Sweeney, Patrick Walsh

Liturgical Ministers

Next Weekend February 23/24

5:00 pm Saturday

Presider Fr. Sztorc
Lector Mike Bansley
Servers Fiona Harrigan, Maddie Giella,
Claire Glavin

Eucharistic Ministers

Jackie & Mike Brennan, Jan Zeller,
Lori & Stan Goszczyński

8:00 am

Presider Fr. Sztorc
Lector Jean Peters
Servers Christopher & Emily Kreid,
Ben Maloney

Eucharistic Ministers

Kerry Hubata, Walter Farrell,
Bruno Jaselskis, Chris Talbot,
Jean Lauri

9:30 am

Presider Fr. Libera
Lector Larry Wojcik
Servers Roman Krasnitsky, Gabriel Knight,
Molly Gentile

Eucharistic Ministers

Bridget Hotchkiss, Donna Consolo,
Bob Curley, David Staub,
Michael Sultan

11:30 am

Presider Fr. Sztorc
Lector Rick Blabolil
Servers Seamus & Fiona McMahon,
Jeffrey Enochs

Eucharistic Ministers

Bill & Sue Harmon, Mary Ann Harvey,
John Syvertsen, Rosemary Welch

5:00 pm Sunday

Presider Fr. Watts

Readings for the Week of February 17, 2008

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or
4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Working with the Scriptures

February 17, 2008 (Mt. 17:1-9)

As I write these words the presidential primaries are in full swing. Caucus states and primary states, straw polls and exit polls – newspapers, radio and television stations, and computer news services cover debates between presidential hopefuls while pundits predict who will drop out next.

As the campaigns opened, we saw the potential nominees in coffee shops and concert halls, filled with confidence, an air of hope and expectancy surrounding them. We saw each state's party representatives, proud to be speaking on behalf of their contingencies back home. Barriers of ethnicity and gender seemed to dissolve like fireworks in the night sky. But, if you looked more closely, you might have noticed one important, if subtle, difference. While first-time voters come with a kind of wide-eyed innocence, trying to take in everything at once, those of us who have participated in previous elections come with a different way of seeing. We know how it feels to back a winning candidate. Some of us may have even run for political office ourselves. We have been to the mountaintop. But unlike those first-time voters we have also known loss. We have come down from the mountaintop and we know the responsibility it has placed upon us.

Peter, James and John were like those first-time voters. They had not been to the mountaintop before and they wanted to stay there. But Jesus had other plans. Not only were they to return to Jerusalem, but they were not to tell anyone what they had seen because until the journey was complete, they could not understand what they had just experienced.

Each Lent we again journey to the mountaintop of Easter. For most of us it is not a new journey. We are well versed in prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We have participated in this race before. We have celebrated with the winners. But we have also come down from the mountaintop – felt the pain of Good Friday. Are we willing to accept the responsibility placed on us by what we have seen? Are we changed by what we have experienced? Will this Easter find us any different for having made the journey?

Vinal Van Benthem

World Day of Prayer

Sponsored by the Church Women United in Evanston, will share thoughts and prayers focused on the theme, *"God's Wisdom Provides New Understanding."* WDP's motto, "Informed prayer leads to prayerful action," affirms that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence. This year's celebration will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, at the corner of Greenwood and Maple Streets, on Friday, March 7. Registration will begin at 9:30 am. Please make reservations by Friday, February 29 by calling (847) 869-8015. The cost of the event is \$5.00.

Taizé Prayer Service

On Sunday, February 24 at 6:00 pm, St. Nicholas Church, 806 Ridge Avenue, will hold a Taizé Prayer Service. A light reception will follow hosted by the Young Adult Ministry. Taizé prayer is a quiet simple way of prayer designed for people of all Christian traditions. This meditative service includes simple chants sung repeatedly, rich silence, and prayers of praise and intercession. For more information, contact Brian Mitcalski at (773) 334-5695.

The Willows Academy

The Willows Academy, 1012 Thacker Street in Des Plaines is hosting an Open House on Sunday, March 2 from 12:00 to 2:30 pm. Student guided tours will begin at 12:00 pm prior to a brief presentation at 1:30 pm. A luncheon will be provided for attendees throughout the event. The Willows Academy offers a college prep curriculum and advanced placement coursework to young women in grades six through twelve. For more information, call the Admissions Office at (847) 824-6927 or visit www.willows.org.

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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

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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 Goszczyński. 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.



Cardinal George Encouraging Family Program 2009 Confirmation Class