

The Chimes

of Saint Athanasius Parish

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Eucharistic Worship

Monday - Friday 6:30 and 8:15 am

Saturday 8:15 am, 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:00, 9:30 and 11:30 am
LifeTeen 5:00 pm

Our Mission

*"Do this in memory of Me."
We, the members of the
Catholic Community of
St. Athanasius Parish,
are each called by baptism
to continue the work of
Jesus Christ embracing all.
We aspire to worship, love,
thank and serve God.
We are open to what
God calls us to become.*

Be It Resolved ...

New Year's Day is not the best time to make resolutions. Making commitments after the hectic days of Christmas can be challenging. Lent is a better time for life-changing resolutions.



Prayer

Resolve this Lent to pray more. Avoid telling yourself that there is not time for prayer. Be inventive. As you get ready for the day, in the shower, on your way to work, during lunch, on your way home, while preparing dinner - there are always a few moments for prayer.

"Carnival" has ended. Our Lenten time of attentiveness to spiritual matters has begun.

Flesh and spirit are essential elements in Christian discipleship, as are justice and mercy and intimacy and awe. Knowing how to weave these elements in our daily lives is the role of wisdom.

We use Lent as a time to give our full attention to prayer, spiritual readings, and devotional practices. Ultimately your body and soul will be stronger and wiser for it.

Eucharistic Liturgies

March 1 - 8, 2009

Sunday

5:00 pm (Saturday) † Dorothy Murray
8:00 am † Rose Schuba
9:30 am † Margaret Dusing
11:30 am † Edward Jakush, Sr.
5:00 pm † Robert & Beverly Lorey

Monday

6:30 am † Rose Carney
8:15 am † Marilyn Tyler

Tuesday

6:30 am † Athur Duffy
8:15 am Active & Deceased Members of the
St. Athanasius Women's Club

Wednesday

6:30 am † John McGarry
8:15 am Angel Marshall

Thursday

6:30 am † Alice Pool
8:15 am † Michael Dean

Friday

6:30 am † James Wilson
8:15 am Special Intentions for Penelope Sieh de Hueck

Saturday

8:15 am † Beatrice Fox Friedrich
5:00 pm † Koziorowski Family

Sunday

8:00 am † Patricia Scarry
9:30 am † Rose Schuba
11:30 am † Julian Stevens
5:00 pm † Kathryn Gansz

Lent 2009

We Pray Together

Eucharist

Monday - Friday 6:30 & 8:15 am
Saturday 8:15 am & 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00, 9:30 & 11:30 am
LifeTeen 5:00 pm

Reconciliation

Saturdays after the 8:15 am Mass until 9:30 am
Saturday, April 4, 2:30 - 4:30 pm
Monday, April 6, 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Saturday, April 11, 11:00 am - 12 Noon

Parish Lenten Reconciliation Services

St. Athanasius: Tuesday, March 31, 7:30 pm
Neighboring Parishes:
Sheil Center, Tuesday, March 10, 7:30 pm
St. Mary, Friday, March 27, 7:00 pm
St. Nicholas, Monday, March 30, 7:00 pm

Stations of the Cross

Fridays, 7:00 pm - Watch *The Chimes* for details.

Rosary

Church - weekday mornings
following the 8:15 am Mass
Fitzgerald Chapel - Wednesday mornings
at 8:30 am - *Parents in Prayer Group*

Holy Hour

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
& Benediction
Saturday following the 8:15 am Mass

OFFERTORY COLLECTION REPORT

Offertory February 21/22 \$9,370
Children's Envelopes..... \$3.00
Annual Catholic Appeal \$1,292
Confirmation \$1,027
ParishPay for February \$13,836

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS



This Week: St. Vincent dePaul

Next Week: St. Agnes,
Our Sharing Parish

"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

- Mk 1:14-15

Lenten Charities 2009

March 8	St. Agnes
March 15	Center for Interchange and Solidarity in El Salvador
March 22	Connections for the Homeless and New Foundation of Hope
March 29	Sunlight African Community Center
April 5	Kristin Lietz Missionary Work in Mexico
Holy Thursday	Bonaventure House (HIV/AIDS)
Good Friday	Holy Land Shrines



March 8 - St. Agnes of Bohemia

As most of you know, St. Agnes of Bohemia is our sharing parish. We have a collection for them once a month. St. Agnes is located at 2651 South Central Park Avenue in the Pilsen neighborhood of Chicago. Many of their parishioners are Hispanic and they have some Masses in Spanish. They have over 600 students in their school and many of the parents work two jobs to be able to give their children a Catholic education. Our donations provide them with assistance in operating the church and school, and also help provide scholarships for students in need.

Lent 2009

Opportunities for Spiritual Growth

This weekend, we have available a copy of ***The Little Black Book*** for each household in the parish. If you have children in the Family Program or the School, they will be bringing a copy home with them. For other families, they will be available in church. A selection of other booklets for Lenten prayer and reflection will be found in the vestibule, as well as books for the discussion & reflection groups listed below.

Living Your Strengths Journey - Four-session discussion groups

Facilitated by Father Libera: Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 25 & April 1, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Facilitated by Gretchen Hartke: Sundays, March 8, 15, 29 & April 5, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Many parishioners have read this book and taken the Clifton Strengths Finder Personality Assessment to learn more about their God-given talents and how they can use them to enrich our faith community and the Church.

Finding God in our Busy Lives - Sunday Morning Reflection Group

Facilitated by Cynthia Splatt: March 15, 22 & 29, 11:00 am to Noon - Fitzgerald Chapel

Tuesday Morning Reflection Group

Facilitated by Father Libera: 6:30 am - Parish House Rosemeyer Room

The Rosary in Time & Space - Tuesday Morning Reflection Group

Facilitated by Cynthia Splatt: 8:45 to 9:30 am - Fitzgerald Chapel

To join any of these groups or for more information, please call Cynthia Splatt at 847-328-1430, ext. 124 or email csplatt@stathanasius-evanston.org.

Mom & Tot Playgroup on March 3

Come join us for Mom & Tot Playgroup the first Tuesday of every month, from 10:30 am to noon, in the Rosemeyer Room of the Parish House. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 3. Children from babies to pre-school are welcome, as are care-givers and dads. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Maggie Swider at 847-425-1331 or email mtrebbien@hotmail.com.

Service & Whitewater Rafting Trip

June 13 - 21

Service Trip Presentation after the 5:00 pm Mass TODAY Sunday March 1. Come hear all about the trip and have your questions answered.

Service work Monday, June 15 through Thursday, June 18 on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation in Montana Rafting Friday, June 19 Cost: \$700 per person. Sign up packets are available in the church and in the Parish Office.



Vision Keepers

Congratulations to our 2009 Interfaith Action Vision Keepers who have animated the Thursday night Soup Kitchen at First United Methodist Church for a combined total of 32 years. They have gathered family and volunteers, including many young people, in the Gospel work of service.

(l to r) Kris Koenig-Morel, Christine Carlson and Karen Ryan



Get ready to rummage!

**Saturday, April 4
8a.m. to 3p.m.**

Parish-only Pre-Sale Friday evening
April 3rd

Plan now to clean out your closets, basement, garage and attic!

St. Athanasius Rummage Sale

Please Remember In Your Prayers...

The sick and their caregivers, especially **Loretta Wermes**, sister of Sr. Mary Crimmin, **Lloyd Maday**, **Bud Kelly**, **George Snurpus**, **Don Turando**, **Catherine Wright**, niece of Gerry and Mary Lietz, **Angelo DeLeon**, **Irene Walsh**, **Charmayne Swanson**, **Elizabeth Adamson**, and **Paul Mooney**, nephew of Bob and Nancy Doyle;

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 Emmet Ingram, and **Matthew Chrobak**, nephew of Eric Harkna and Tonise Paul;

Those who have died, especially **Gretchen Focke** and **Larry Sommers**.

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.



STATE YOUR SUPPORT ON COMMITMENT WEEKEND!

WHEN: Next weekend – March 7th and 8th.

WHERE: During each Mass at St. Athanasius Parish.

WHY: To help our family of faith move forward with its plans for repairs to our beautiful Church, acquisition of Lindley Park and establishment of a maintenance fund.

HOW: Complete both sides of the *Generations Campaign* pledge card mailed to your home and then join us on either March 7th or 8th for our Commitment Weekend event. A special collection will be taken during each of the Masses when the good stewards of St. A's will have the opportunity to offer their pledges and gifts in support of this vital initiative. If you are unable to attend, simply mail your commitment in the envelope provided, and help us move ever closer to our goal!

St. A's St. Patrick's Day Party 2009: A Fine Bit O' Fun at Tommy Libera's Pub!



Saturday, March 14
5-9 pm



Bring your mates and wee ones for Live Irish Music, Dancing,
Split-The-Pot Raffle, Kerry O'Kee Singalong, Corned Beef &
Pints in Tommy Libera's Pub!

Travel the Irish Counties for the Cake Walk, Crafts, Games,
Battle O' the Bands and more.

Tickets available at the door, after Mass, or online at
<http://stathanasius.eventbrite.com/>

Adults \$20 Children & Seniors \$12 4 & under Free
Admission includes food, soft drinks, crafts & games
Beer/Wine \$5 Cake Walk \$1

Buy a Souvenir Pint Glass for \$10 & your first beer is Free!

Luck O' the Irish Split-the-Pot Raffle

Tickets \$25 or 5 for \$100

Prizes for every kid who sells \$300 in Raffle tix!
2008 raffle winner took home \$9000!

Get your Band together for the

Battle O' the Bands Guitar Hero Contest

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Questions? Check out the website or call your leprechauns:

Jen O'Shaughnessy 847.570.9239

Juli Carlin 847.864.8631

Mary Dooley 847.733.7910



To volunteer, call Julie Ward at 847.424.9925.



Haitian Refugee Couple Needs Assistance

We are seeking your help for a Haitian refugee couple with a three-month-old child. They are awaiting asylum status and have no current means of support. Agencies that have traditionally provided this assistance are experiencing funding cutbacks and are unable to help. A generous benefactor has provided their rent for now, but they still need funds for food, utilities, transportation, and baby care items.

We appeal to you to consider making a gift, no matter how small, toward the \$600 a month required to sustain the family. John and Rachel Heuman, who teach in the St. Nicholas ESL (English as a Second Language) program, are coordinating this effort for the Evanston Catholic Parish Peace and Justice Ministries. Our group at St. A's is contributing from our limited car-parking budget.

To help, you can send a check made out to John or Rachel Heuman, 421 Kedzie, Evanston, 60202. Or you can provide a Dominick's or Jewel gift card. For more information, call the Heumans at 847-491-6640.

Thank you.

St. A's Peace & Justice Ministry

CHOICE Chicago

Alex Amato, a sophomore from Evanston at Loyola Academy is a co-founder of CHOICE Chicago, a program that uses computers to help underprivileged youths. The acronym Computers Helping Optimize Inner City Education, was established in 2008 to help inner city youths who's educational opportunities are limited. The program helps these youth by donating computers. If you would like to donate monitors, used hard drives, keyboards or other accessories they will gladly take anything you are willing to give. To Contact Alex, parishioners can email choicechicago@aol.com and provide contact information and items you wish to donate.

OLPH Phoenix Group

Each first Friday they get together to plan movie nights and day trips in the Chicago area that supplement their monthly bridge group, restaurant group, and book group. If you would like to meet new people and make new friends, why not join them at **7:30 pm on March 6**. 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.

Retirement Fund for Religious Thank You

Dear Pastor, Parish Staff and Parishioners,
We extend our deepest gratitude to all of you who supported the Retirement Fund for Religious Appeal in your parish in December. As of January 31, the fund has received \$634,430,000 from 149 parishes. This is a marvelous tribute of sharing and caring for those women and men religious who have served in your parish or impacted your lives in some way over the years.

I join the many retired religious who benefit from your generosity as they remember you in daily prayer. The promotion and support you give to this cause deserves a rousing **"Thank You"!**

In these challenging and uncertain times, may the simple signs of God's presence bless each of you with a sense of peace and promise in your daily lives.

Gratefully,

Sister Margaret Coleman, OSF
Retirement Fund Coordinator

P.S. The contribution from St. Athanasius was \$5,138.41.

Introducing the Cardinal's Network

Exciting and dramatic changes to digital and electronic communications are happening almost daily in the Archdiocese of Chicago. The most recent initiative, the *Cardinal's Network*, has been introduced on the Archdiocesan web site. Beginning in April, Cardinal George will occasionally share his thoughts, reflections and prayers electronically with all who subscribe by providing an email address. To join Cardinal George's new communications initiative, visit www.archchicago.org and click on **Cardinal's Network** in the box on the Home Page.

Sibling Shadow Day

Regina Dominican High School announces two Shadow dates. Sibling Shadow Day will be held on Thursday, March 5 from 8:00 am until 3:00 pm. If you have a sister, or cousin at Regina, this Shadow Day is for you. As an added treat, you will preview Regina's Variety Show at the end of the day. Sports Shadow Day for 7th Grade will be on Friday, March 27 from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm. Lunch will be provided for both days and they request no blue jeans.

Parish Calendar

Sunday, March 1

Monday, March 2

Leadership Night, 7-8:30 pm, Hartke
Pastoral Council, 8:30-10 pm, Hartke

Tuesday, March 3

Women's Club, 9-11 am, Fitzgerald Chapel
Mom and Tot Playgroup, 10:30 am, Rosemeyer

Wednesday, March 4

Chess Club, 7-8 pm, Lunchroom
RCIA, 7-9 pm, Fitzgerald Chapel
Choir, 7:30 pm, Church

Thursday, March 5

Cub Scout Blue & Gold Dinner, Gym

Friday, March 6

8th Grade Dance, Hartke

Saturday, March 7

Sunday, March 8

Family Program, 9 am-Noon, School
First Communion Retreat, 2 pm, Gym/Church

Women's Spirituality Conference

Experience two of the thirteen 90 minute workshops offering various ways of connecting with spirit on Saturday, March 21, 8:30 am - 3:15 pm, at the North Shore Senior Center in Northfield. Details and a registration form may be found at www.spiritualtransformations.org or call 847-784-6030. The cost of the conference is \$75.

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107 Judy Berg	129 Bridget Hotchkiss
111 Fr. Libera	142 Barbara Bonier
114 José Moreno	143 Karen Sellers
115 Susan Castagna	

Weekday Servers March 2 - 7

8:15 am Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday
Kieran Howard, Christopher Kried
Thursday/Friday/Saturday
Mary Lee, Bill Nondorf

Liturgical Ministers

Next Weekend March 7/8

5:00 pm Saturday

Presider TBA

Lector Barbara Zapszalka

Servers Jack & Cross Daffada,
Jessica Ebert

Eucharistic Ministers

Jan Zeller, Henrietta Berning,
Jackie & Mike Brennan, Helen Stake

8:00 am

Presider TBA

Lector Eileen Parkinson

Servers Martin Fenn, Cassie Dooley,
Maddie Giella

Eucharistic Ministers

Mary Sullivan, Judy Berg, Sally Hageman,
Deborah Haracz, Kausar Allahrakha

9:30 am

Presider TBA

Lector David Staub

Servers Karina & Peter de Hueck, Kate Elisha

Eucharistic Ministers

Rita Bambrick, Jill Blabolil,
Donna Consolo, Bridget Hotchkiss,
Barbara O'Connor

11:30 am

Presider TBA

Lector Dan Delaney

Servers Fiona & Connor Harrigan, Jeff Enochs

Eucharistic Ministers

John & Troy Dentzer, Marge Foley,
Bill & Sue Harmon

5:00 pm Sunday

Presider TBA

Readings for the Week of March 1, 2009

Sunday:	Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
Monday:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/ Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11/ Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday:	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

Working with the Scriptures

March 1, 2009 (*Mk 1:12-15*)

Jay is among the best and the brightest. He graduated at the top of his class and, in a lagging economy, still managed to find work in his chosen field. He feels like he's on top of the world. In reality, however, with no on-the-job experience he is, for all intents and purposes, low man on the totem pole.

The good news is that Jay's boss knows what that feels like. He knows because that's where he started fifteen years ago. And because he knows what that feels like, he can afford to be patient with Jay. He knows what it feels like to have three phones ringing at once and a stack of letters and e-mails waiting to be answered. He knows what it feels like to have a project due and no one to prepare the report because your assistant called in sick. He knows what it feels like to have a potential client argue that a competitor is cheaper and he knows how tempting it can be to quote a lower price in order to make the sale, knowing that by the time the client finds out that the final cost is more than they can afford it'll be too late for them to back out.

The good news is that Jay's boss has "been there" and "done that" and because of his experience Jay's own period of adjustment will be made easier. "The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert..." – a lonely and dangerous place – "...and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted..." – to lie, to cheat, to steal – "...by Satan." Jesus, too, has "been there" and "done that". Jesus knows what it feels like to be hungry, and He knows what it feels like to be tempted to do whatever it takes to make the sale. Jesus understands because he's been to the desert. He's gone from being at the top to being at the bottom and He knows what it feels like.

Someday Jay will realize just how lucky he is. We've just entered Lent. When Easter arrives, will we be able to say the same?

Vinal Van Benthem

Adult Confirmation Classes

College Students and Young Adults Only

Classes will take place at Sheil Catholic Center, 2110 Sheridan Road in Evanston on Tuesday evenings March 3, 10, 17, 31, and April 14, 7:00 – 8:30 pm. Confirmation will take place on Sunday, April 19 at Loyola University. Contact Beth Knobbe at (847) 328-4648 or b-knobbe@northwestern.edu.

Bill Taylor to Speak at St. Nick's

Bill Taylor, emeritus professor of political science at Oakton Community College, will speak on "Israel and Palestine: The Only Road to Peace" on Sunday, March 8, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. in Oldershaw Hall at St. Nicholas Parish, 806 Ridge Avenue in Evanston. He will explain why past Israeli-Palestinian peace efforts have failed and describe what he believes is the only road to a true and lasting peace. Parking is adjacent to the hall, which can be reached via the alley south of the parish rectory.

"The Catholic Faith and Non-Christian Religions"

What do we have in common with people of other faiths? How do we differ? How can we best communicate distinctive Catholic teaching on the Creation, Salvation, God as Trinity, and Jesus Christ. This lecture/discussion will be presented by Fr. Andrew Luczak, Pastor of St. Isaac Jogues on Sunday, March 8, noon-1:30 pm at St. Catherine Laboure, 3535 Thornwood in Glenview. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. Fr. Luczak has worked with the Archdiocesan Office of Ecumenical Affairs, is co-chair of the Chicago Buddhist-Catholic Dialogue, has done work with the Monastic Interreligious Dialogue, the American Jewish Committee and the Archdiocesan Ethnic Ministry Office.

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The deadline for submitting information to the parish office is Friday at Noon, 10 days prior to publication date.

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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.



Thank you Bishop Garcia-Siller for confirming our young people.