

The Chimes

of Saint Athanasius Parish

Eucharistic Worship

Weekends

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

Weekdays

Monday through Friday 6:30 and 8:15 am
Saturday 8:15 am

Bishop Francis Kane
blesses our *Forward
with Faith* school
construction project.

Thanks to all who
made this possible!



Eucharistic Liturgies

December 18 – December 25, 2005

Sunday

5:00 pm (Saturday) † Michael Bansley, Jr.
 8:00 am Beverly Lorey
 9:30 am † Gerald O'Connell
 11:30 am † Noel Shaw Family
 5:00 pm † Rose Schuba

Monday

6:30 am Parishioners of St. Athanasius
 8:15 am † Thomas Taylor
 9:10 am Advent Wreath Service

Tuesday

6:30 am Parishioners of St. Athanasius
 8:15 am † Margaret and Ralph Bates

Wednesday

6:30 am Parishioners of St. Athanasius
 8:15 am † David Van Der Bosch, U.S.M.C.
 9:10 am Christmas Liturgy

Thursday

6:30 am † John Kelly
 8:15 am † Thomas Taylor

Friday

6:30 am Parishioners of St. Athanasius
 8:15 am † Beverly Lorey

Saturday

8:15 am † Mary Joan Robinson
 4:00 pm † Patrick Hotchkiss
 5:30 pm † Patrick Hotchkiss
 9:45 pm Carol Service
 10:30 pm Evening Mass

Sunday

8:00 am Parishioners of St. Athanasius
 9:30 am † Mary Rose Vernon
 11:30 am † Rose Schuba
 5:00 pm † Rose Schuba

Advent Reflection for December 18th

For what purposes do we use our gifts?

How do our possessions hold us back from goodness? How do we use our gifts (material and non-material) to pursue truth and life, holiness and grace, justice, love, and peace?

Practical Suggestion:

We show what our values are by how we spend our time, our talents, and our possessions. How do we spend our time, our talents, and our possessions?



Christmas Schedule 2005

Individual Reconciliation

Monday, December 19
 6:00 - 8:00 PM
 Saturday, December 24
 8:45 - 10:30 AM

Christmas Eve Liturgies (Saturday)

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 (Sunday)

8:00 AM Mass
 9:30 AM Mass - Parish Choir
 11:30 AM Mass - Contemporary Choir
 No 5:00 PM LifeTeen Mass

New Year's Eve Liturgies (Saturday)

8:15 AM and 5:00 PM Masses

Solemnity of Mary

New Year's Day Liturgies (Sunday)

8:00, 9:30 and 11:30 AM Masses
 No 5:00 PM LifeTeen Mass

OFFERTORY COLLECTION REPORT

Fiscal Year Goal (2005-6)	\$606,579
As of 10/30/05:	
Year To Date Goal	\$214,092
Year To Date Actual	\$172,317
Year To Date Deficit	(\$41,775)
Average Sunday Collection Needed	\$11,894
Average Sunday Collection To Date	\$9,573

Collections for December 4

Offertory	\$12,080
Christmas Flowers	\$1,299
Christmas	\$345
Retirement Fund	\$260
St. Agnes	\$180
Campaign for Human Development	\$150

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

This Week: St. Agnes,
 Our Sharing Parish



Next Week: Christmas

Christmas Countdown

This is the time that we finalize our Christmas shopping and schedules. We have pregnant opportunities to invite others to accompany us to the unique services we call the Christmas season. We are not taking Christmas Day off! Extend that invitation. The Lord may be using you.

Christmas Eve Masses are: Saturday at 4:00 pm, 5:30 pm, and 10:30 pm with our choir presenting a musical program beginning at 9:45 pm. Christmas liturgies are: 8:00 am, 9:30 am, and 11:30 am. There is **no Life Teen Mass** December 25 or January 1st.

Opportunities for the individual reception of the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** in our church are this **Monday evening from 6:00 to 8:00** and on **Saturday, Christmas Eve from 8:45 until 10:00 AM**. St. Mary's Church will have a Communal Penance Service this Tuesday at 7:00 PM.

School Principal Search Committee

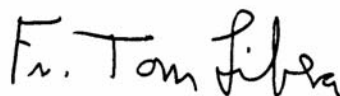
We have been blessed this year with the wonderfully competent and confident leadership in our school from Mrs. Mary Lietz. I am grateful each day when I see her in action, along with the master of multi-tasking, our school administrative assistant Mrs. Suzanne Hanley. Add to that mix our animated and dedicated faculty plus the army of volunteers that adds a depth to what our school can offer and we have a place of learning and faith formation we can admire.

But plans for next year are also in motion. Members of our School Board and the newly constituted Principal Search Committee met recently for an evening of instruction in selecting top leadership for the 2006-2007 school year. Both these groups have the task of recommending to me the best possible candidates. In addition, early next year the Search Committee will seek the input of parishioners and school families about the expectations and qualities you wish our school principal to possess. Our faculty will also be involved in the interview process.

In addition to me, the Principal Search Committee includes School Board members **Tom Cushing, Heather Anderson, and Gary Miller**. **Mike Hartnett** comes from the Parish Pastoral Council. **Rita Bambrick, Deborah Johnson, and Mary Quish** are from our faculty. In addition, **Kathy O'Malley, Eric Miller, and Sandra Miller** are members-at-large. Finally, **Bridget Hotchkiss** represents our parish staff. Let me thank them ahead of time for the many hours of meeting and interviewing they will do on our behalf.

The role of the Search Committee is to surface a short-list of principal candidates. The School Board then interviews these candidates and makes a recommendation to me for final selection. Please keep all of us in your prayers as we move through this important selection process.

In the Lord's Blessings,



Sing in the Adult Choir

Practices for 9:30 am and 11:30 am Masses will be held in the Church on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9:30 pm, except December 28. Newcomers are always welcome. If you have any questions, please call Nadine DiVito at 773-279-0864.

Area Communal Penance Services for Advent

St. Mary's Church—Tuesday, December 20, 7:00 pm

Chimes Deadlines

The deadline for submission of articles for the January 1st church bulletin is Wednesday, December 21. Email all submissions to chimes@stathanasius-evanston.org.

Volunteers Needed

The parish office is looking for volunteers to answer the phone and door. Here are the available times: Mondays 2-4:30 pm, Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday mornings 9:00 -11:30 am. Please call Janice or Barbara at 847-328-1430 to join our fun group!

St. Athanasius Women's Club

would like to thank all donors, workers, and patrons who participated in the annual Bake Sale, which proved a big success. The beautiful gingerbread house, made by Liz Pinter, was won by the Downie children, whose mother Colleen attended St. A's School. Please watch the *Chimes* for an announcement of the next club-sponsored program on February 16th.

Annual Christmas Wish Basket Program

Please bring the food and gifts you have signed up for to the school gym TODAY between the hours of 9:00 am and 11:30 am. Christmas Wish Baskets will be delivered to the Howard Area Community Center by volunteers today at noon.

Advertise in the Chimes

In a few weeks, Tom Phillips, our sales representative from Liturgical Publications will be working on selling new advertising for our bulletin for the upcoming year. Please consider advertising in our bulletin since the revenue from the ads is what makes our bulletin possible.

Advertisements can be purchased for a business, or a sponsor ad can be purchased supporting community service organizations. Please give these ideas some thought.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

If you are interested, or know someone who may be interested, or want more information, please call Tom directly at 1-800-950-9952, ext. 2499 or 262-207-2499.

Please Remember In Your Prayers. . .

The newly engaged, especially **Spencer Parks** and **Jessica McCaffery (II)** and **Gregory Reubens** and **Sheree Dela Cruz (I)**;

The sick and their caregivers, especially **Joseph Farley**, **Suzanne Quigley**, **Helen Schleck**, **Leo Kirwan**, **Aiden Brennan**, **Leo E. Smith**, **Virginia Lindley**, **Marion Benedict**, **Michael Maloney**, **Genevieve Baniak**, **Carmelo Sabatino**, **Amy Royer**, **Joe Williams**, **Phyllis Staub**, mother of David Staub, **Ken Berg**, uncle of Dave Berg, **Rose Connor**, niece of Nancy and Bob Doyle, **Patty Girardi**, daughter of Betty Ward, **Mary Regina Ganey**, mother of Rita Weinberg, and **Anna Miszewski**, daughter of Edward and Patricia Harker;

Those in the military, especially **Jacob Meyers**, **Chris Straub**, **Maura Sullivan**, **Catie Staub**, **Capt. Chris Brennan**, **Jay Dettloff**, **Alex Manettas**, **Dylan Binder**, **Michael Prato**, **Andrew Best**, **Col. Glenn Wortmann**, **Sgt. Shannon Gillette**, **Matthew Grelck**, **Major Mark Gleisner**, **Matthew Janicki**, **Capt. Andrew Webster** and **Brian McCormick**;

Those who have died, especially **John Kelly**.

M.O.M.S.

MINISTRY OF MOMS SHARING

A PEER MINISTRY FOR MOTHERS OF ALL AGES

- Do you ever feel that you have no time for yourself while you work through your day, and your week ... taking care of your partner, your children, your elderly parents, housework, homework, errands, medical concerns, financial concerns, a “paying job”, volunteer opportunities and other aspects of your life? Do you treat yourself with the same love, consideration and respect that you show to others?
- Do you feel that your job as mom is considered a part-time or “second” job and perhaps of less value than if you were doing similar tasks in the corporate world? Does anyone understand just how hard and sometimes lonely this mom job is?
- Do you miss a connection with God or a faith community?
- Do you know that taking time to nourish your soul, mind and body is very important to your physical, emotional and mental health? It affects your relationships with your spouse, family and friends.

WHEN

Seven Thursday evenings in the Teen Room, 7:30 – 9:30 pm (we may be able to help find a babysitter). You must commit to the series by the first session (January 19) to facilitate sharing. We use a workbook by Sr. Paula Hagan which is very helpful. Sunday morning sessions may be available (8 - 10 am) if there is sufficient interest.

SCHEDULE 2006

January 19	How we view ourselves and its impact on our ability to mother
January 26	Stress and anxiety ... how they impact our family interactions (This is the last week to join this series MOMS)
February 9	Finding spirituality (a connection with God) in everyday living
February 23	Feelings (expressed and not expressed) ... how they affect our interactions Suggested reading: <u>The Dance of Anger</u> by Harriet Lerner, PhD.
March 9:	Positive feelings, responding not reacting
March 30	Expressing values in friendships Suggested reading: <u>The Secret Lives of Bees</u> by Susan Monk Kidd
April 6	Pot luck dessert and wrap up ... plan for next series offering

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**Stewardship Reflection for the
Fourth Sunday of Advent**

At the end of time, we'll have only the things that we gave away. Everything we kept, we will no longer be able to keep. Life is meant to be a process of giving and sharing. At the end of time, we will be happy about everything that we ever gave away.

Of course, we can't give everything away. We need clothes and a house and a car. We like to have more than the bare essentials. But those are the things that we will lose. We will reap a hundredfold of everything we gave away—our precious time to others who needed to be heard; the money, gifts and possessions we gave away or shared with others; the love which we generously poured out even to people who did not love us.

Jesus said that the way to fulfill yourself is to unfill yourself. The message is clear. At the end of time, the person with the most toys probably doesn't win.

**Thank You from the Howard Area
Community Center**

November 14, 2005
Dear St. Athanasius:

We cannot thank you enough for your generous donation of winter coats! Our clothing pantry has been very low on winter clothing—until today. Our clients have been asking and needing coats and we previously had not been able to assist them. Please extend our thanks to Liz Pinter and all who collected and delivered and participated in your coat drive.

Our clients include people who are homeless, folks who spend most of their income on rent, people fleeing abusive husbands with few possessions, and new immigrants to Chicago unaccustomed to our winters. Not only will your donation keep someone warm, it enables us to establish a better rapport with someone. Our goal always is to assist low-income people and help get them stabilized.

Sincerely,
Stuart K. Iseminger
Director of Social Services
Howard Area Community Center



Parish Calendar

Sunday, December 18

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

Monday, December 19

Athletics, 3:30-8 pm, Gym
Music Coordinating Group, 7:30 pm,
Rosemeyer

Tuesday, December 20

Christmas Show, 7:30 pm, Gym

Wednesday, December 21

Soul Sisters, 9-11 am, Fitzgerald Chapel
H₂O, 7-8:30 PM, Teen Room
Choir Practice, 7:30 pm, Church
Men's Basketball, 9-11 pm, Gym

Thursday, December 22

Friday, December 23

Saturday, December 24

Sunday, December 25

Weekday Servers December 19-24

8:15 am Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday
Joe DeGrand, Alena Dowdle
Thursday/Friday/Saturday
Connor and Kyle Enochs

Liturgical Ministers

(all Servers and Eucharistic Ministers TBA)

December 24, 2005 –Christmas Eve

4:00 pm—Children's Choir

Presider Fr. Libera

5:30 pm

Presider Fr. Libera

Lector Jane Carney

9:45 pm—Christmas Carols Service

10:30 pm

Presiders Fr. Sztorc, Fr. Libera

Lector Robert Coats, Jean Peters

December 25, 2005—Christmas Day

8:00 am

Presider Fr. Libera

Lector Tom McRaith

9:30 am

Presider Fr. Sztorc

Lector Rick Blabolil

11:30 am

Presider Fr. Sztorc

Lector Josie Vorda

No 5:00 pm Mass



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**THE ANGELOF THE LORD
APPEARED IN A DREAM:
MT 1:20**



Working with the Scriptures December 18, 2005 (*Lk. 1:27-38*)

“Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you.” The speaker, a Scripture scholar-in-residence at the university, stopped. The class waited. The focus of the series was the Infancy Narrative in Luke and the students assumed this would mean studying the text in its historical context. Consequently, what the teacher said next was not exactly what they were expecting. “Today,” the theologian continued, “the angel is talking to you. You are full of grace, and God is with you every bit as surely as the Lord was with Mary.” At first the students disagreed. They had trouble picturing themselves as the recipients of the angel’s greeting, which they had always so closely identified with the Annunciation. But after some discussion of what it means to say that the Divine Spirit lives within every human being, most were generally able to accept that, indeed, the angel’s greeting might be directed to them as appropriately as it had been to the virgin. But the instructor wasn’t content to stop there.

“Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son...” Surely these words were only directed to Mary. After all, it was she who was to be the mother of God, not some 20th century college student! But the professor continued. “Imagine yourself at work. A customer, or a client, or a patient walks into your office seeking help. You have it within your power to decide how the matter will be handled. Will you agree to become pregnant with God? Will you birth Jesus in that situation? Or will you refuse God’s invitation and remain a virgin, untouched by the Divine? How will you respond to the angel’s greeting?”

The students became very quiet. It was one thing to study the Gospel of Luke but quite another to be challenged to live it. Mary’s ‘fiat’ had seemed so easy. But now, in the cold light of this Monday morning, it sounded very different. Like Mary before them, they needed to ponder the question. How would their lives be changed if they chose to say “Yes”? Perhaps, today, we need to ask ourselves the same question...

Vinal van Bentham

Readings for the Week of December 18, 2005

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/ Rom 16:25-27/ Lk 1:26-38
Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/ Lk 1:5-25
Tuesday: Is 7:10-14/ Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/ Lk 1:39-45
Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/ Lk 1:46-56
Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/ Lk 1:57-66
Saturday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/ Lk 1:67-79
Next Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/ Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/ Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Midnight: Is 9:1-6/ Ti 2:11-14/ Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/ Ti 3:4-7/ Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10/ Heb 1:1-6/ Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Loyola Academy Entrance Exams

All eight grade students who are interested in attending Loyola Academy must take Loyola’s Entrance Exam on Saturday, January 14 from 8:15 am to noon. No advanced registration is necessary. No calculators are allowed. Students need only to bring two #2 pencils and a \$25 testing fee. If you have questions, call the Admissions Office at 847-920-2481.

St. Clement 100-Year All-Class Reunion

St. Clement Parish will be holding a 100-Year All-Class Reunion on December 30th from 7-11 pm. If you attended St. Clement or know how to contact alumni, please contact the alumni committee at 773-348-8212, extension 550 or online at alumni@stclementschoo.org.

St. Gregory the Great Festival Tonight

St. Gregory the Great Parish would like to invite neighbors and friends to the fifth annual Festival of Lessons, Lights, and Carols, taking place tonight at 6:30 pm. The program will feature traditional and contemporary Advent and Christmas carols, and selections from Handel’s Messiah performed by members of St. Gregory’s music program. A freewill offering will be taken. St. Gregory the Great is located at 5545 North Paulina Street in Chicago. For more information, call 773-561-3546.

St. Athanasius Parish

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Rev. Thomas Libera, *Pastor*
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Rev. James Stoeger, S.J., *Weekend Assistant*

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Secretary'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

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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.

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 a staff member.

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 House to make arrangements.

Confirmation

preparation begins in the middle of the 7th grade year; the sacrament is celebrated during the winter of the 8th grade year. 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 Razia Khokhar. First Eucharist preparation for children begins in 1st grade and the sacrament is celebrated in the spring of 2nd grade.

Matrimony

arrangements are made by contacting one of the priests at the Parish House. 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 House.

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.



Angels in Paradise Dinner Dance party animals Pam Swenson, Donna Consolo, and Debbie Iantorno.