

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

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.



Religious Education At Saint Athanasius

The Family Program

What is the Family Program?

At Saint A's the Family Program is the Religious Education Program we offer to children, from pre-school to 8th grade, who do not attend Catholic school. In the past it was known as CCD.

How many people are in the Family Program and when does it meet?

This year we have 166 children enrolled in the program from approximately 95 families in the parish. The Program occurs on Sunday mornings at 10:45 am until noon from October through early May.

Does it cost money to be part of the Family Program?

Yes, there is a yearly tuition cost and special sacramental fees, however service scholarships are available for families unable to afford the tuition.

Does the Family Program do sacramental preparation?

Yes, we offer preparation for First Communion in the second grade, Reconciliation in the fourth grade, and Confirmation in the eighth grade. We expect children making their First Communion to be enrolled in the program by first grade and regular attendance in the Program to receive the other sacraments. During the sacramental years children in both our school and Family Program share in common formation activities.

What other programs are offered for children?

During the 9:30 am Sunday liturgy, we offer Children's Liturgy of the Word for children 3-7 years old. For younger children there is babysitting available during the 9:30 am liturgy in the Parish House.

For more information on the Family Program, call Carolyn or Bridget in the Religious Education Office at 847-328-1430, extension 129 or 130.



Correction

The beautiful gingerbread house that was raffled off at the Women's Club Bake Sale was designed and created by Megan Vande Hey. We apologize to Megan for the error and thank her for her hard work.

Readings for the Week of December 25, 2005

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
Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/ Mt 10:17-22
Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/ Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/ Mt 2:13-18
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/ Lk 2:22-35
Friday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 or Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/ Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/ Jn 1:1-18
Next Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/ Gal 4:4-7/ Lk 2:16-21

Parish News

January Food Drive Rescheduled to January 7 & 8

The monthly collection of food for the Hemenway Methodist Church Food Pantry will take place Saturday and Sunday, January 7/8, instead of December 31/January 1. Nonperishable food items such as tuna fish, canned soups, peanut butter, pasta, canned beans, coffee and tea are needed. The Peace and Justice Ministry thanks you for your continuing support of this important work to assist the less fortunate in our community.

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.

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!

Advertise in the Chimes - We Need Your Help

Please consider advertising in our bulletin since the revenue from the ads is what makes our bulletin possible. Advertisements may be purchased for a business, or a sponsor ad may be purchased supporting community service organizations. Please give these ideas some thought. If you are interested, or know someone who may be interested, or for more information, please call Tom Phillips of Liturgical Publications at 1-800-950-9952, ext. 2499 or 262-207-2499.

Eucharistic Liturgies

December 25, 2005 – January 1, 2006

Sunday

8:00 am † Helen Begley
9:30 am † Mary Rose Vernon
11:30 am † Rose Schuba
5:00 pm No Mass

Monday

6:30 am † Paul Gallagher
8:15 am † Mildred Olson

Tuesday

6:30 am Parishioners of St. Athanasius
8:15 am † Carol Anne Marcelle

Wednesday

6:30 am † Charlotte Curley
8:15 am † Elizabeth McCarthy Family

Thursday

6:30 am Parishioners of St. Athanasius
8:15 am † Marian McGowan

Friday

6:30 am † Mary Reinarts
8:15 am † Anne Dunbar

Saturday

8:15 am Parishioners of St. Athanasius
5:00 pm World Peace

Sunday

8:00 am Elizabeth McCarthy Family
9:30 am † Josephine Hauber
11:30 am † Ed & Rosemary Brown
5:00 pm No Mass

Please Remember In Your Prayers...

The newly engaged, especially **Spencer Parks** and **Jessica McCaughey (III)** and **Gregory Reuben's** and **Sheer Della Cruz (II)**;

The sick and their caregivers, especially **Joseph Farley**, **Suzanne Quigley**, **Leo Koran**, **Ayden Brennan**, **Leo E. Smith**, **Virginia Lindley**, **Marion Benedict**, **Michael Maloney**, **Genevieve Banyan**, **Carmel Abating**, **Amy Royer**, **Joe Williams**, **Phyllis Stub**, mother of David Stub, **Ken Berg**, uncle of Dave Berg, **Rose Connor**, niece of Nancy and Bob Doyle, **Patty Girard**, daughter of Betty Ward, **Mary Regina Gamey**, mother of Rita Weinberg, **Anna Misses**, daughter of Edward and Patricia Harker, **Bob Simon**, brother-in-law of Janis and Bob Andrus;

Those in the military, especially **Jacob Meyers**, **Chris Straub**, **Maura Sullivan**, **Cattie Stub**, **Capt. Chris Brennan**, **Jay Dust-off**, **Alex Manetas**, **Dylan Binder**, **Michael Prate**, **Andrew Best**, **Col. Glenn Workman**, **Sgt. Shannon Gillette**, **Matthew Gerick**, **Major Mark Gleaner**, **Matthew Jonick**, **Capt. Andrew Webster** and **Brian McCormick**;

Those who have died, especially **Josephine Hauber**, mother of Tim Hauber, and **Helen Begley**, aunt of Bill Quinlan.

An Invitation to Join Our Planned Offertory Program

St. Athanasius Parish is participating in a relatively new online program called **ParishPay**. We have signed up for the program through the Archdiocese of Chicago to process donations via automatic withdrawals from bank accounts or credit cards. There are two methods for signing up:

- 1) You may fill out the form below and return it to **Barbara Bonier** in the parish office, or
- 2) You may sign up online at www.paritypay.com.

Sign up once and the donations are taken care of for you once a month. What could be easier?
We are very grateful for all of your continuing support and hope that this program will provide another option for handling your contributions.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name _____
Street _____
City _____ Zip _____
Phone _____
Email _____



DONATION INFORMATION

I wish to give the following amount MONTHLY: \$ _____

I also wish to include a MONTHLY amount for **St. Agnes, Our Sharing Parish**: \$ _____

I also wish to include a MONTHLY amount for **Forward with Faith Campaign**: \$ _____

For **Easter** collection (in March or April), please additionally deduct: \$ _____

For **Christmas** collection in the month of December, please additionally deduct: \$ _____

(CREDIT CARD ACCOUNT INFORMATION)

Circle One: Visa MasterCard American Express Discover

Account #: _____

EXPIRATION: _____ / _____

Name on Card: _____

- OR -

(BANK ACCOUNT INFORMATION)

Routing #: _____

(9 digit bank identifier along bottom of check)

Account #: _____

Name of Bank: _____

St. Athanasius Ministries

Adult Enrichment Committee	Plan programs for adults in Christian formation
Altar Servers	Assist the priests during Masses
Baptism Preparation Team	Support families seeking baptism for their children
Bereavement	Offer support, consolation and assistance to persons experiencing the death of a loved one
Board of Education	Oversight and support for the school
Choir/Cantors	Create traditional music to support the liturgy
Contemporary Choir	Create contemporary music to support the liturgy
Evanston Ecumenical Action Council (EEAC)	Work with other Evanston churches and synagogues to feed the hungry and give shelter to the homeless in our community
Elizabeth Ministry	Support expectant and new mothers
Eucharistic Ministers	Facilitate the sharing of the bread and wine
Family Program Board	Advise Religious Education Program on policy and curriculum
Family Program Catechists	Teach children the Catechesis
Finance Committee	Assist the Pastor in ensuring that St. A's is fiscally sound
Greeters	Welcome everyone to Mass
Hospitality Committee	Assist new and old friends to feel at ease and welcome; celebrate events
Lectors	Read Scriptures, petitions and announcements during weekend Masses
LifeTeen Youth Ministry	A fun opportunity for teens to develop their faith
Liturgy Committee	Works closely with pastoral staff members to make worship meaningful
Ministers of Care	Visit and share the Eucharist with homebound and hospitalized persons
Ministry of Moms Sharing (MOMS)	Peer support and friendship to all moms
Ministry of Praise	Pray for others at their request
Mom's Morning Out	Provide respite for moms with small children
Offertory Counters	Meet Monday mornings to count the weekend offertory
Parish Pastoral Council	Assure mission awareness, model good governance and encourage focus
Peace and Justice	Assist in and lead actions to address issues of peace and justice with parish and community groups
Physical Plant Committee	Monitor the condition of the buildings
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)	Support adults participating in the RCIA process
Sacristans	Support the priests in preparing for Mass and help clean up afterwards
Scouting	Provide activities to assist youth to develop into responsible adults
St. Vincent dePaul Society	Help the poor and needy in our community
Soup Kitchen	Help address the hunger needs of the Evanston community
Stewardship Committee	Identify ways to share our gifts as good stewards of the Church
Ushers	Support persons attending Mass
Women's Club	Offer support and friendship for the women of St. A's and help provide for the needs of the parish

I am interested in getting more information on _____ ministry. Please contact me.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: day _____ evening _____

People Who Make My Christmas

*Parish
Volunteers
and
Ministers*



Parish Leadership Groups





...and all of you!



This Christmas, may you take extra delight in welcoming Christ into your home.

In God's Blessings,

Fr. Tom Fibra

Ministries at St. A's That Focus on Women

Women's Club

We offer friendship and support for the women of St. A's parish, age 18 and over. We have several fun and educational programs yearly, plus two opportunities a year to share a meal with each other. We encourage spiritual growth and maintenance through daily Mass and a Saturday morning retreat during Lent. We offer outreach opportunities by supporting a monthly soup kitchen. We also make financial contributions to St. Agnes parish. We purchase altar breads, provide for the repair and replacement of altar linens and fund altar flowers. We encourage volunteering to help in the parish office and at parish events. For more information, please contact Marilyn Jaselskis at 847-328-6681.

Elizabeth Ministry

Pregnant? Have a child under 2 years of age? We have monthly informal gatherings for conversation and networking on the first Sunday of the month after 9:30 am Mass (approximately 10:30 am – 11:30 am). Non-walking children may join us.

Please contact any of the Elizabeth Ministers:

Betty Moeykens	(847) 675-3527	Mary Rooney	(847) 492-9679
Pat Schmidt	(847) 673-2621	Rita Weinberg	(847) 866-9331

M.O.M.S. (Ministry of Mothers Sharing)

M.O.M.S. is a peer ministry for all mothers and expectant moms. Discussion sessions are based on a series of six to eight lessons, developed by Sr. Paula Hagan, which focus on a woman's personal and spiritual growth and help to put moms in touch with their inner wisdom and gifts. The wisdom of experienced moms is also welcome in discussion sessions. M.O.M.S. meets on the third Thursday of each month, 7:30 – 9:30 pm. Sunday, 8 – 10 am, may also be possible. Please sign up prior to our first session in January. Contacts: Pat Schmidt (847-673-2621 or mptschmidt@comcast.net), Mary Rooney (847-492-9679 or RooneyMB@sbcglobal.net), Rita Weinberg (847-866-9331 or 4weinbergs@comcast.net), Betty Moeykens (847-675-3527 or rmoeykens@comcast.net), Darlene Buenzow (847-869-8705 or Mdbenz@msn.com).

Ministries for Parents

Childcare Ministry

Sundays, 9:15-10:45 AM babysitting is provided to allow parents to more fully participate in the 9:30 AM Liturgy. Babysitting may also be available for special parish events. This service is provided in the lower level of the parish house (Rosemeyer Room). There is an adult present at all times, who is assisted by 7th and 8th grade students, from the Family Program and the School, as part of their community service hours for Confirmation. Additional volunteer help is always welcome. Contact Karen Sellers at (847) 328-1430, extension 143.

Mom's or Dad's Morning Out

Available soon (coordinator needed). We hope to offer the opportunity for cooperative babysitting one morning weekly in the near future. Please contact Carolyn Groves in the Religious Education Office (847) 328-1430, extension 130.

Hospitality Committee

This group coordinates events that encourage parishioners to be with each other to welcome new parish members as well as "old" friends. We help celebrate events in the life of our parish and participate in activities that reflect the Catholic vision of community. We also coordinate "indoor" hospitality after Mass and summer hospitality on the lawn. Please contact Judy Berg (847-866-6762), Karen Pywell (847-679-4099), or Pat Schmidt (847-673-2621).

Additional Ministries

Bereavement Ministry

Our Faith calls us to Christ for one another. It is our desire, as people of God, to offer support, consolation and assistance to persons experiencing the death of a loved one. A six session training program and ongoing support is provided for this ministry. Please walk with us; touch a heart; extend a hand. Please contact Razia Khokhar at 847-328-1430, extension 124.

Additional Volunteer Opportunities

Mailings, office work, setting up or providing refreshments for an event are a few of the opportunities available for those who have limited time to give. Please contact Gretchen Hartke by leaving a message at the parish office.

Upcoming St. Athanasius Dates

January - June, 2006

JANUARY 2006

- 17 Making Peace Celebration
- 22 Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby
- 22-28 Catholic Schools Week
- 29 Pancake Breakfast

FEBRUARY 2005

- 3 Confirmation Pot-Luck Dinner
- 4 Confirmation
- 11 Chess Tournament
- 16 Women's Club Program:
Options Unlimited - Mary Doherty, Misericordia
- 21 Cub Scouts Blue and Gold Dinner

MARCH 2006

- 4 Women's Club Morning of Reflection -
Speaker: Blanche Childs
- 14 First Reconciliation

APRIL 2006

- 2 Day in Jerusalem
- 8 Rummage Sale
- 26 Women's Club Spring Luncheon

MAY 2006

- 2 First Communion Rehearsal/Bread Celebration
- 6 First Communion
- 7 May Crowning
- 12-13 Eighth Grade Play
- 26 School May Crowning

JUNE 2006

- 3 School Graduation
- 29 LifeTeen Mission Trip to Wilmington, NC

*Dates subject to change – please consult the Chimes
or contact the Parish Office at 847-328-1430 to confirm*

OFFERTORY COLLECTION REPORT

Fiscal Year Goal (2005-6)	\$606,579
As of 11/30/05:	
Year To Date Goal	\$261,668
Year To Date Actual	\$215,468
Year To Date Deficit	(\$46,200)
Average Sunday Collection Needed	\$11,894
Average Sunday Collection To Date	\$9,794
Collections for December 11	
Offertory	\$9,780
Retirement Fund	\$4,684
Immaculate Conception	\$298
Christmas	\$760

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS



This Week: Christmas
Next Week: Solemnity of Mary

Working with the Scriptures

December 25, 2005

Over the years it has been my practice at Christmastime to share a greeting with my readers, and it is in this spirit that I invite you to join me in pondering the Christmas mystery....

And Mary Ponders...

*An angel's "Hail"; A virgin's "Yes".
God's seed is planted deep within her womb.
And Mary ponders...*

*A cousin hears; A baby leaps.
An infant recognizes One to come.
And Mary ponders...*

*A lost lamb bleats; A shepherd seeks.
Flocks wander on a high Judean plain.
And Mary ponders...*

*Three wise men watch; Three camels plod.
Bring gold and frankincense from Midian.
And Mary ponders...*

*Clean straw laid down; Cow warms the air.
The manger waits to bear its holy Guest.
And Mary ponders...*

*Star overhead; Angelic choir.
A Baby nurses at its mother's breast.
A Son is born --
"Emmanuel"
Let us adore --
and ponder...*

*Merry Christmas!
Vival Van Benthem*

New Year's Schedule

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

St. Athanasius Parish

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Pastors

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

Parish Office

847-328-1430 (fax) 847-328-1809
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

Karen Sonnicksen Sellers, *Parish Administrator*
Barbara Bonier, *Office Manager*
Marion Amling, *Business Manager*
Janice Moore-Rivas, *Administrative Assistant*

Parish School

2510 Ashland Avenue
Evanston, IL 60201-2319
School Office 847-864-2650
(fax) 847-475-7385

Parish School Staff

Mary Lietz, *School Administrator*
Suzanne Hanley, *Administrative Assistant*

Pastoral Staff

Buildings and Grounds
Jose Moreno, *Facilities Manager*

Catholic Chaplain

Evanston Hospital 570-2330
Sr. Ann Weiler, O.S.F.

Deacon

Richard S. Jay

Music Ministry

Pastoral Associate 328-5979

Razia Khokhar

Religious Education 328-5931

Carolyn Groves, *Director*
Bridget Hotchkiss, *Coordinator*

Youth Ministry 328-1430

Christina Thompson, *Director*

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.

