

# 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 - Friday 6:30 and 8:15 am  
Saturday 8:15 am

## New Beginnings

### Sign Of The Cross

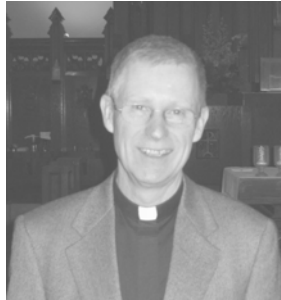
At the beginning and end of this Mass;  
At the beginning and end of our lives;  
At the beginning and end of all we do  
Stands the sign of the cross, saying:  
This place, this space of time, this life,  
This child, these people, this corpse,  
Belongs to the Lord and  
will not be snatched from Him  
Who bears indelibly in his body  
The marks of that same cross.

*Mark Searle*

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AN EVENT YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS  
COMING SOON TO ST. A'S

## Theology on Draught



featuring our own  
Father Jim Stoeger

### *What is an American Catholic?*

We will follow the Theology on Tap  
format with small group discussions  
after the presentation and refreshments

**When: March 10, 7-9pm**

**Where: School Cafeteria**

Babysitting provided in the Hartke Room

## Lent – Retrieving a Forgotten Language

For the observant Catholic, Lent time slices right through the routines and attitudes to challenge our ordinary way of doing business. Like a favorite iPod tune set on repeat, the inviting songs to fasting, praying, and doing charity follow us after the ashes fade.

Opening ourselves for a new awareness of how God is with us is one aspect of Lenten practice. The vivid flavors of a first bite into food after a fast, or the sense of release when I decide to depart with some of my treasure for a Lenten charity, puts mind and heart in new places.

One place to take this year's Lenten theme of **New Beginnings** is to the Mass we celebrate together. During Mass the gestures that engage our bodies, the objects that surround us, and the words that we share are like a powerful language that speaks through us. But like a second language we have learned, it fades if neglected. We can forget the power of the words, gestures, and objects that surround us in liturgy.

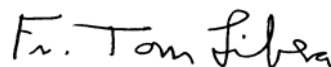
The message from Vatican II is that our participation in the liturgy should be **“full, conscious, and active.”** I propose, as part of the New Beginnings of this Lent, that we **reacquaint ourselves with the language of the symbols and rituals that make up our Mass.** The short reflection on The Sign of the Cross on the cover of the *Chimes* is a first installment. Over the years I have found these reflections both simple yet powerful. Thanks go to the Notre Dame Center for Liturgy and their publication *Assembly* for making these reflections available. In coming week's, reflections on other gestures, words, and objects that surround us will be offered so that we can see what we have blotted out and hear what we have forgotten.

## A Thanks Be To God Sacrificial Offering Report

Again, I thank the **198 St. Athanasius parishioner households that have returned their Thanks Be To God intention cards** indicating their hoped for offering to our parish in 2006. The financial need is real and St. A's people have generously responded. The approximately 1/5 of registered parishioners who have responded have **increased their sacrificial offering by 48%** for an accumulated total of \$120,031.83! Thank you for responding in this way to God's generosity in your life.

I would like to hear from all St. A's people. **Additional sacrificial offertory cards are in the pews.** Thanks for all the ways you make St. A's a place of faith and hope.

In the Lord's Blessings,



## Readings for the Week of March 5, 2006

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/ Rom 8:31b-34/ Mk 9:2-10  
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: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/ Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/ Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/ 1 Cor 1:22-25/ Jn 2:13-25; Scrutinies (Cycle A):  
Ex 17:3-7/ Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/ Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

## A Soup Kitchen Thank You

Many thanks go to Noodles & Co. in Evanston and General Manager Bobby Wenger for the generous donation to the Thursday Night Soup Kitchen on February 16th! They provided 12 large pans of macaroni and cheese - all hot and ready to serve. This was a big help and a special treat for our guests. Our next serving will be on Thursday, March 16th and we look forward to having some of the 6th grade girls as volunteers. Any questions? Please call one of the Thursday Night Soup Kitchen Coordinators: Christine Carlson (869-4160), Kris Koenig-Morel (475-2104) or Karen Ryan (332-1850). Thank you.

## Soup Kitchen

March gives us three opportunities for our monthly soup kitchen outreach. The **Sunday** soup kitchen will be on **March 12** at Hemenway United Methodist Church, 933 Chicago Ave., 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm (meal served at 2:45). Contact Michael Masini (869-4321). The **Monday** soup kitchen will be on **March 13** 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). The **Thursday** soup kitchen will be on **March 16** at First United Methodist Church, 1630 Hinman Avenue, 4:30-7:30 pm (meal served at 6:00). Contact Karen Ryan (329-9426), Kris Koenig-Morel (475-2104) or Christine Carlson (869-4160).

## Blood Drive

The St. A's Blood Drive is quickly approaching. It will be held Sunday, March 19, from 8 am to 1 pm, in the school gym. This Lenten Season, along with "giving something up," consider giving to yourself; please give a unit of your blood. Hope to see you there. To schedule an appointment, call Joan Harvey at 847-473-6709.

## No Easter Flower Collection

There will not be a collection this year for Easter Flowers. Thanks to your generosity, the Women's Club collected more than they needed at Christmas time and will use the extra cash to buy the Easter flowers.

## Evanston Catholic Woman's Club

The Evanston Catholic Woman's Club will hold its March meeting on Wednesday, March 8 at 11 am at the Clubhouse, 1560 Oak Avenue. Everyone is invited to attend their annual St. Joseph's table luncheon which begins at noon. Cash donations will be taken for the luncheon with the proceeds to be given to the Hemenway Soup Kitchen. All are welcome. For further information, call Winnie at 847-475-7164.

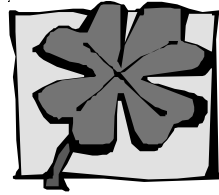
## *Please Remember In Your Prayers. . .*

The sick and their caregivers, especially **Ann Ignoffo, Maria Mendoza, John Madden, Leland Smith, Dorothy Seligman, Gwenda Doyle, Estelle Schmitt, Judy Kopp, Tony Burusu, Joan Watt, Cecilia Willis, Paul Donovan, Frank O'Shaughnessy, Joshua Piene, Lisa Sikorski, Frank Adornetto, Joseph Farley, Suzanne Quigley, Aiden Brennan, Marion Benedict, Carmelo Sabatino, Amy Royer, Phyllis Staub, mother of David Staub, and Mary Regina Ganey, mother of Rita Weinberg;**

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 **Mary Suarez, and Charles Centlivre, brother of Julie Kundert.**

# *ShamRock Your World!!*



The St. A's

## **Saint Patrick's Day Party**

**Saturday, March 11**

**5 p.m. - 10 p.m.**

**Tickets for sale after Mass  
or in the church vestibule.**

**Games, Food, Drink, Prizes,  
Music, Dancers and...**

**\$ P L I T   T H E   P O T**

### **February 6 Leadership Night Minutes**

Our meeting was devoted to plans for the parish's first annual **Gathering of Ministries**, to be held on April 6, 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm, in which participants will discuss the past year, plan for the year ahead, and discern new representatives to serve on the parish's coordinating groups. This will be the principal item for the agenda at the next Common Leadership Night on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Tim Burke, on behalf of the Finance Committee, reported to the Coordinating Groups on the state of the parish finances, and in particular the continuing shortfall of the Sunday offertory collections, as the Finance Committee begins to draft a budget for the 2006/2007 fiscal year. Each group then devoted time to discuss ways to enhance revenue and reduce expenses, and presented their ideas at the end of the meeting.

In addition, the Outreach Coordinating Group reviewed its proposed brochure. The Administration Coordinating Group discussed its plans to produce a Parish Directory (at no cost to the parish). The Faith Development Coordinating Group continued to identify activities and initiatives that will promote parish unity through the spiritual and social aspects of our lives.

## Lenten Book Groups

This year we have decided to adopt a different format for our traditional faith sharing groups. I have asked for people to suggest books they think would be good Lenten reading and to lead a book discussion group on the book during Lent. Thus far the following book groups are in place:

**Sunday mornings 10:45 am in the Fitzgerald Chapel:** book group to read Rick Warren's bestseller *The Purpose Driven Life*. No other book has sold as many copies as this one in America except the Bible. For those interested in reading what religious book is influencing American people today, this is the group for you. It will be lead by Carolyn Groves & members of the St. Athanasius Book Club who previewed this book and suggested this book group. **Begins March 12.**

**Friday mornings at 8 am in the Fitzgerald Chapel:** book group will read Ron Rolheiser's Lenten Reflections *Daybreaks* and selections from his newest book *Hidden Among the Lilies*. Ron Rolheiser is one of the leading Catholic spiritual writers today and is especially meaningful for those people who have lived in the church both before and after Vatican 2. This group will be led by Carolyn Groves. **Begins March 3.**

**Thursdays at 1:30 pm in the Fitzgerald Chapel:** Diane Maloney will lead a book group reading *Practicing our Faith: A Way of Life for a Searching People* by Dorothy Bass. The first sentence of the first chapter "I never thought I'd be living this way. Somehow I imagined that life would be simpler," gives an indication of its relevance for our busy lives. **Begins March 2.**

**Tuesday evenings at 7:30 pm:** Jim Rooney will be leading a book group in his home. He has chosen Henri Nouwen's *Here and Now Living in the Spirit*. Nouwen is a well-known contemporary spiritual writer, popular for his insights and accessibility to all readers. **Begins March 7. Jim's phone number is 847-492-9679.**

**Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm:** Pat Schmidt will be leading a book group in her home. She has chosen *The Chronicles of Narnia* by C. S. Lewis which is a retelling of the Christian story through fantasy. The current film, *The Narnia Tales*, gives us a taste of what Lewis is doing. **Begins March 8. Pat's phone number is 847-673-2621.**

**Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm:** Mary Rooney will be leading a book group in her home. She has chosen *The Gospel of Thomas: A Spiritual Guide* by Ron Miller. The Gospel of Thomas was used as a source for the *Da Vinci Code*. Ron Miller has spoken here at St. A's and is part of COMMON GROUND. **Begins March 9. Mary's phone number is 847-492-9679.**

**Thursday mornings 9-11 am in the Fitzgerald Chapel:** Blanche Childs begins the spring session of her Scripture series which will focus on the *Gospel of John*. **Session begins March 2.**

## LENTEN CHARITIES 2006

Week One	St. Vincent de Paul
Week Two	Center for Interchange and Solidarity and
Week Three	Kristin Lietz – Missionary Work in Mexico
Week Four	Evanston Ecumenical Action Council
Week Five	Infant Inc. and Little Sisters of the Poor
Week Six	Sunlight African Community Center
Holy Thursday	AIDS Pastoral Care Network
Good Friday	Holy Land Shrines



### WEEK ONE - ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY

Working in pairs, members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society personally visit the homes of all whom they seek to help. By their personal presence, they bring the presence of the Lord and the caring concern of the Church into troubled lives. Their goal is to help people become self-sufficient. After home visits and conferences with landlords, utilities or other creditors, the society, to the extent its resources allow, will make payments for its applicants, supply food certificates or give out vouchers to shop in a St. Vincent de Paul store. Your contribution can extend their resources and thus expand their ability to reach out to those who seek help in their time of need.

## Parish Calendar

### **Sunday, March 5**

Elizabeth Ministry, 10:30 am-Noon, Teen Room  
Athletics, 1-7 pm, Gym  
LifeTeen, 7-10 pm, Teen Room  
Men's Basketball, 7-9 pm, Gym

### **Monday, March 6**

Leadership Night, 7-9:30 pm, Gym  
Pastoral Council, 8:30-9:30 pm, Hartke

### **Tuesday, March 7**

Women's Club, 9-11 am, Rosemeyer  
Cub Scouts, 7 pm, Gym/Lunchroom  
Fundraising Meeting, 7:30 pm, Hartke

### **Wednesday, March 8**

RCIA, 7-9 pm, Fitzgerald Chapel  
Chess, 7-8:30 pm, Lunchroom  
H<sub>2</sub>O, 7-8:30 pm, Teen Room  
PSO, 7:30 pm, Hartke  
Choir Practice, 7:30 pm, Church  
Men's Basketball, 9-11 pm, Gym

### **Thursday, March 9**

Scriptures, 9-11 am, Fitzgerald Chapel  
Lenten Book Group, 1:30 pm, Fitzgerald Chapel  
St. A's Book Club, 7:30 pm, Hartke  
M.O.M.S., 7:30-9:30 pm, Teen Room

### **Friday, March 10**

Lenten Book Group, 8-9 am, Fitzgerald Chapel  
Circle of Stars Spirituality Group,  
9:15-11 am, Fitzgerald Chapel  
St. A's on Draft, 7 pm, Gym

### **Saturday, March 11**

St. Patrick's Day Party, 5 pm, Gym

### **Sunday, March 12**

Family Program, 9am-Noon, School  
Lenten Book Group, 10:45-11:30 am,  
Fitzgerald Chapel  
Athletics, 1-7 pm, Gym  
LifeTeen, 7-10 pm, Teen Room  
Men's Basketball, 7-9 pm, Gym

## St A's Book Club

The St. A's Book Club will be meeting on Thursday evening, March 9 at 7:30 pm in the Fitzgerald Chapel. We will be discussing *Reading Lolita In Tehran*. Anyone who has read this book is welcome to attend.

## Weekday Servers March 6 - 12

**8:15 am** Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday  
Lauren Teske, Nora Thompson  
Thursday/Friday/Saturday  
J.T. Vilus, Patrick Walsh

## Liturgical Ministers

Next Weekend March 11/12

5:00 pm Saturday

**Presider** Fr. Libera  
**Lector** Sheila Fenn  
**Servers** Jack Folzy, Maggie & Moira Dillon  
**Eucharistic Ministers**  
Virginia Davidson, Lori & Stan  
Goszczyński, Jan Zeller, Barb  
Zapszalka

8:00 am

**Presider** Fr. Sztorc  
**Lector** Amy Fischl  
**Servers** Patrick Harmon, Anthony & Daniel  
Guana  
**Eucharistic Ministers**  
Jerry Garner, Bill Kauffman, Mary  
Sullivan, Morley Robbins, Kerry  
Hubata

9:30 am

**Presider** Fr. Stoeger S.J.  
**Lector** Robert Coats  
**Servers** Jamie Davis, Joe DeGrand, Alena  
Dowdle  
**Eucharistic Ministers**  
Tim Burke, Donna Consolo, Sue &  
Tom Laue, Ken Taylor

11:30 am

**Presider** Fr. Stoeger S.J.  
**Lector** Bill Harmon  
**Servers** Dominique Ford, Connor & Kyle  
Enochs  
**Eucharistic Ministers**  
Mary Ann Harvery, Joan Harvey,  
Karen Sellers, Mary Sotir, Marge Foley

5:00 pm Sunday

**Presider** Fr. Libera  
**Servers** Charles Leonard, Jake Miller

# Eucharistic Liturgies

March 5 – March 12, 2006



## Sunday

- 5:00 pm (Saturday) † Joe & Marion McGowan
- 8:00 am † Maria Josefa Moreno Erviti
- 9:30 am † Jennifer & Graham Morrison Family
- 11:30 am † Ed & Rosemary Brown
- 5:00 pm † Anna Miszewski

## Monday

- 6:30 am † Maria Josefa Moreno Erviti
- 8:15 am J. Paul Perret

## Tuesday

- 6:30 am † Maria Josefa Moreno Erviti
- 8:15 am Active & Deceased Members of the St. A's Women's Club

## Wednesday

- 6:30 am † Stanislaw Bijatowski
- 8:15 am † Maria Josefa Moreno Erviti

## Thursday

- 6:30 am † Stanislaw Bijatowski
- 8:15 am † Elizabeth McCarthy Family

## Friday

- 6:30 am † Dr. James Ford
- 8:15 am † Frank Kaiser

## Saturday

- 8:15 am † Jose Vazquez
- 5:00 pm † Maynard Gamber

## Sunday

- 8:00 am † Julian Stevens
- 9:30 am † Virginia Seelhamemr
- 11:30 am † The Noel Shaw Family
- 5:00 pm † Anne Potter

## Working with the Scriptures

March 5, 2006 (Gn. 9:8-15)

“What does ‘covenant love’ mean?” The questioner was a young man named Jeff. He and his fiancée, Gina, had come to begin their marriage preparations and one of the questions was, “*The most consistent and obvious way I have seen covenant love lived in my family is...?*”

‘Covenant’. Not a word you hear much today, so it’s probably no surprise that Jeff didn’t know what it meant. I suggested that we look at this Sunday’s passage from Genesis. Of course, Jeff and Gina knew the story of Noah and the ark and how God set the rainbow in the sky as a sign of God’s covenant, that the earth would never again be destroyed “...by the waters of a flood...” What they couldn’t figure out was what any of that had to do with them.

“Marriage is a contract, right? So what’s all this talk about ‘covenant?’” That’s how it started. “When we enter into a contract, we say ‘if you do this I’ll do that’, ‘a fair day’s pay for a fair day’s work’, ‘product for payment’”, I said. This was language that they understood. But what about that story in the Bible where the workers who came late in the day received the same wage as those who had started in the morning? What about handing someone your cloak if they want to go to law with you over your tunic? What about going above and beyond what can be reasonably expected?

And that’s when things started coming together. Jeff and Gina began telling ‘covenant’ stories. Stories of how, when his grandfather was dying, Jeff’s grandmother had stayed with him day and night; stories of the love and sunshine that Gina’s brother, born with Down’s syndrome, had brought into their family. They told stories of people coming together to help when Jeff’s boss lost his wife and stories of casseroles and consolation when Gina’s secretary lost her baby.

Jeff and Gina were beginning to understand what real ‘covenant love’ looks like, and that rainbows are everywhere if we only have eyes to see. If someone asked you where *you* have seen ‘covenant love’, what stories would you tell?

*Vinal Van Benthem*

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION REPORT

Fiscal Year Goal (2005-6)	\$606,579
As of 1/31/06:	
Year To Date Goal	\$368,714
Year To Date Actual	\$313,633
Year To Date Deficit	(\$55,081)
Average Sunday Collection Needed	\$11,894
Average Sunday Collection To Date	\$10,117

Collections for February 19  
 Offertory \$9,075

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

This Week: Aid to Eastern Europe  
Lenten Charity: St. Vincent dePaul



Next Week: St. Agnes  
Lenten Charity: CIS and EEAC

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## Pastors

Rev. Thomas Libera, *Pastor* (tlibera‡)  
Rev. Richard Sztorc, *Associate Pastor* (rsztorc‡)  
Rev. James Stoeger, S.J., *Weekend Assistant*

## Parish Office

847-328-1430 (fax) 847-328-1809  
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‡)  
Barbara Bonier, *Office Manager* (bbonier‡)  
Marion Amling, *Business Manager* (mamling‡)  
Janice Moore-Rivas, *Administrative Assistant* (jmoore‡)

## 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* (mlietz@saintas.net)  
Suzanne Hanley, *Admin. Assistant* (shanley@saintas.net)

## Pastoral Staff

### Buildings and Grounds

Jose Moreno, *Facilities Manager* (jmoreno‡)

## Catholic Chaplain

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

## Deacon

Richard S. Jay

## Music Ministry

## Pastoral Associate

Razia Khokhar (rkhokhar‡)

## Religious Education

Carolyn Groves, *Director* (cgroves‡)  
Bridget Hotchkiss, *Coordinator* (bhotchkiss‡)

## Youth Ministry

Christina Thompson, *Director* (cthompson‡)

## 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](mailto:chimes@stathanasius-evanston.org).

‡ - [@stathanasius-evanston.org](mailto:@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 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 Razia Khokhar. 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.



Rev. Hardist Lane presents Harold Kimball with EEAC Vision Keeper Award