

Eucharistic Liturgies

August 28 – September 4 , 2005

Sunday

- 5:00 pm (Saturday) † Joe and Marian McGowan
- 8:00 am † Rita Perll
- 9:30 am † John Kirland
- 11:30 am † Mary Anna Wolf
- 5:00 pm † Rose Schuba

Monday

- 6:30 am † Marie Paul
- 8:15 am † Gretchen Hustad

Tuesday

- 6:30 am Parishioners of St. Athanasius
- 8:15 am † Alfred Reynen

Wednesday

- 6:30 am Parishioners of St. Athanasius
- 8:15 am † Maria Linan LeBaron

Thursday

- 6:30 am † Joshua Alioto
- 8:15 am † John Richardson

Friday

- 6:30 am Parishioners of St. Athanasius
- 8:15 am † Terry Hartigan

Saturday

- 8:15 am † Ed and Rosemary Brown
- 5:00 pm † Joe and Marian McGowan

Sunday

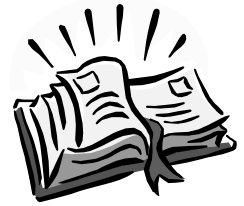
- 8:00 am † Rose Schuba
- 9:30 am † John Harvey
- 11:30 am † Opal Gagliardotto
- 5:00 pm † Marie Paul

St. Athanasius Golf Outing



Save the date! The annual St. A's Golf Outing will be held on Friday, September 30 at Peter Jans Golf Course. Watch this space for further details, mark your calendars and start practicing!

Fall Scripture Class



This Fall, we will marvel at, be amused by and be inspired by the stories of three extraordinary women: Ruth, Esther and Judith. Their stories are set in greatly different periods of Israel's history and stretch over 1000 years, from Ruth, placed during the time of the Judges (1200 - 1050 BCE) to Judith, set in the 2nd Century BCE.

Ruth, the non-Jew, is a model of "hesed", the living out of God's covenant love. Esther, an insignificant Hebrew woman, rises to power, becoming the Queen of Persia, and saves her people. Judith, who models a right relationship with God, uses her beauty and wits to defeat Nebuchadnezzar's powerful general. All three women are most unorthodox.

There will be eight sessions on successive Thursday mornings from 9:00 am to 11:00 am in the Hartke room, beginning September 22. The fee for the Fall session is \$20 or \$50 for the Winter and Spring sessions as well. To register or just to talk about the class, please call Blanche Childs at (847) 864-2506 or Carolyn Groves at (847) 328-5931.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION REPORT

Fiscal Year Goal (2004-5)	\$647,538
As of 6/30/05:	
Year To Date Goal	\$647,538
Year To Date Actual	\$550,369
Year To Date Deficit	(\$97,169)
Average Sunday Collection Needed	\$12,697
Average Sunday Collection To Date	\$10,792

Collections for August 7

Offertory	\$9,244
Summer Mission	\$1000
St. Agnes	\$1066
New Hope Apartment	\$1778

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

This Week: None

Next Week: None

Please consider putting a donation into the poor box for St. Vincent DePaul.



Some Steps Forward in Africa

Fr. Charles Muhigirwa was a classmate at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary with Fr. Jim Heyd. After ordination, Fr. Charles returned to serve the church in his home, Uganda. A few years ago, at the urging of Fr. Jim, some St. A's parishioners established the Friends of St. Francis committee to assist Fr. Charles in expanding the Cardinal Nsubuga Memorial Senior Secondary School which was connected to St. Francis Parish, Nyenga, Uganda.

The St. A's Friends of St. Francis sees as its mission as not only financially supporting Cardinal Nsubuga School, but also raising our awareness about a part of the world that usually gets forgotten. During the past year one of our college-bound members, Anna Teske, has effectively worked with the committee to further some of its goals. She has coordinated an essay contest on Africa in our school and helped publicize our recent LifeTeen African Mass. Reprinted below is her report on what the St. A's Friends of St. Francis have accomplished recently. Thank you Anna for your dedication and for helping to expand our horizons. And thanks for the vision and generosity of the St. A's Friends of St. Francis.

In the Lord's Blessings,



Dear Parish,

The St. Athanasius Friends of St. Francis Parish would like to thank all those who have contributed recently to our organization or to the parish school directly and to ask for your continued support in that regard. As a result of your generosity, the Cardinal Nsubuga Senior Secondary School of Nyenga, Uganda has been able to make the following improvements:

- 1) Electricity throughout the school;
- 2) Purchasing of desks and other important furniture;
- 3) Fencing off the school's property; and
- 4) Playground equipment such as balls and a volleyball net.

In addition, a portion of the funds sent to Nyenga were used to allow one student, Zahara Namugwano, to attend school at Cardinal Nsubuga. Zahara, an orphan who lost her parents to AIDS, was living with an abusive aunt and uncle who could not afford her schooling. As a result of our scholarship, Zahara now attends Cardinal Nsubuga and is living in the boarding section of the school. We have been informed that she is doing well in school and is very happy with her new life.

Thank you, once again, for all your help with this project. Our hope is that you will continue to support the St. Francis Parish and the students of the Cardinal Nsubuga Senior Secondary School through contributions and involvement in our organization. Future donations will be used for need-based scholarships for students in situations similar to Zahara as well as other needs of the school, parish and surrounding community. If you would like to make a contribution, please make checks payable to:

Saint Athanasius Friends of Saint Francis
c/o Anna Teske, 2223 Noyes Street, Evanston, IL, 60201

God bless.

Sincerely,
Anna Teske and the St. Athanasius Friends of St. Francis Board of Directors

Parish News

The New and Improved St. A's website:
www.stathanasius-evanston.org

Soup Kitchen

September offers three opportunities to participate in our monthly soup kitchen outreach. On Monday, September 12, the soup kitchen will be at the 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 September 22 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). The Sunday soup kitchen will be September 25 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1004 Greenwood Street, 1:30-4:30 pm (meal served at 2:45). Contact Michael Masini (847-869-4321).

Religious Education Phone Numbers

The Office Hours for the Religious Education Office and Bridget Hotchkiss will be 9 am until 2 pm in the Parish House during this summer's construction. The phone number will be 328-1430, extension 116. Callers seeking Carolyn Groves, Director of Religious Education, may contact her at her home telephone number: 773-262-6257, during this summer construction period.

Parish School News:

Students who ordered their supplies from School Pak should pick them up from the lunchroom (enter from Ashland Street) on Friday, September 2, from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon. In the past, the school supplies were delivered directly to each homeroom and in place on the first day of school, but we have modified our procedure to give us an opportunity to resolve any questions about your order before the first day of school. Please call Gail Wilson (675-7975) or Paula McKendry (869-5794) if you have any questions.

NU Football Parking 2005

Use the St. Athanasius Parish parking lot for \$16 per reserved space per game (\$96 season). No cooking or alcohol is allowed, but a bathroom is available. The lot opens 2 hours prior to each game. Make a check out to: Boy Scout Troop 0931 and send it to: BSA Troop 0931; c/o Pat Schmidt, 3324 Lyons Street; Evanston, IL; 60203. You'll receive colored parking slips by return mail and your name will be placed on our check-in list. For more information, call 847-673-2621.

Please Remember In Your Prayers. . .

The newly baptized, especially Erin Joy Livatino, daughter of Christopher and Megan Livatino and Mary Rose Berger, daughter of Randall and Mary Berger;

The newly engaged, especially Raj Midhja and Michelle Jacobs (III) and Charles Morand and Amber Manuel (I);

The sick and their caregivers, especially Virginia Lindley, Elizabeth Adamson, Anne Potter, Marion Benedict, Michael Maloney, Genevieve Baniak, Carmelo Sabatino, Amy Royer, Joe Williams, Rose Connor, niece of Nancy and Bob Doyle, Stephen Rooney, brother of Jim Rooney, Patty Girardi, daughter of Betty Ward, Beatrice Oliver, mother of Jennie Duncan, Beverly Lorey, mother of Julie Bode, Mary Regina Ganey, mother of Rita Weinberg; Michael Keefe, brother of Maggie Duffy, and Mary Duffy, mother of Bill Duffy, former parishioner Grace Mertz and former parishioner Kathy Greenwood;

Those in the military, especially 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.

Parish Calendar

Sunday, August 28

Men's Basketball, 7-9 pm, Gym

Monday, August 29

Volleyball, 9 am-8 pm, Gym

Tuesday, August 30

Volleyball, 9 am-8 pm, Gym

Wednesday, August 31

Volleyball, 9 am-8 pm, Gym

RCIA, 7-9 pm, Hartke

H²O, 7-8:30 pm, Rosemeyer

Men's Basketball, 8:45-9:30 pm, Gym

Thursday, September 1

Volleyball, 9 am-8 pm, Gym

Friday, September 2

Volleyball, 9 am-8 pm, Gym

Saturday, September 3

Volleyball, 9 am-1 pm

Sunday, September 4

Men's Basketball, 7-9 pm, Gym

Weekday Servers August 29 – September 3

8:15 am Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday
Elizabeth Ireland, Hannah Gorman
Thursday/Friday/Saturday
Connor Enochs, Matt Daw

Liturgical Ministers

Next Weekend September 3/4

5:00 pm Saturday

Presider Fr. Sztorc

Lector Chris Talbot

Greeters Anne Chalecki

Servers Shannon Harvey, Emmie Cagney,
Matt McCareins

Eucharistic Ministers

Jan Zeller, Barb Zapszalka, Nancy
Murray, Ellen Beyer, Helen Stake

8:00 am

Presider Fr. Stoeger, S.J.

Lector Michael Bansley

Greeters Marilyn Jaselskis, Joey Walsh

Servers Connor Cole, Joseph Couri, Jamie
Davis

Eucharistic Ministers

Robert Coats, Nancy Taylor, Sally
Hageman, Tom Meany, Joseph Walsh

9:30 am

Presider Fr. Stoeger, S.J.

Lector Maurice Ann Sullivan

Greeters Laurin Devine

Servers Nora Charron, Alena Dowdle, Lukas
Cox

Eucharistic Ministers

Rita Bambrick, Michael Sultan,
Bridget Hotchkiss, Kevin Leonard,
Ken Taylor

11:30 am

Presider Fr. Libera

Lector Barbara O'Connor

Greeters Marlo and John Vandemore

Servers Christine Brown, Willy Caan,
Christopher Caan

Eucharistic Ministers

John and Troy Dentzer, Joan Johnson,
Jim Rooney, John Syvertson

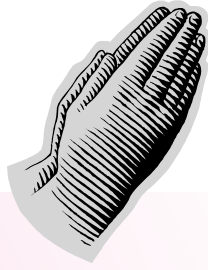
5:00 pm Sunday

Presider Fr. Sztorc

It Is Still Not Too Late To Join The Saint A's Book Club

We welcome one and all to join us for the next meeting of our book club on Thursday evening, September 8 at 7:30 pm in the Hartke Room. We will be discussing a wonderful novel *THE BOOK OF SALT*. Please feel free to join us as a regular member or on a book-to-book basis. We can already promise you a stimulating and vigorous conversation. The book club is open to both men and women so men don't be shy --- if you like to read and discuss, this is the place for you. For more information, contact Carolyn at 847-328-5931.





Working with the Scriptures August 28, 2005

(Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt. 16:21-27)

”Do not conform yourselves to this age.” “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself...”. Surely these words are not meant for us! Every day or two my mailbox is stuffed with catalogs from stores and manufacturers who very much want me to conform myself to this age. Their message goes totally counter to any idea of denying self. Rather, one is to *indulge* oneself! It’s what the entire fashion industry is based on, and it’s a message we start teaching our children almost as soon as they’re able to talk. Check out the back-to-school ads and you’ll see what I mean.

And it doesn’t end there. As adults we become even more adept at rationalizing why we need what we [think we] need. So what if the cost of gasoline is going through the roof? It’s not a matter of ‘denying’ myself. With no money down and easy payments I can’t afford *not* to buy it. True, there may be some environmental and/or justice issues involved, but I really *need* this car. Besides, I’m a good person – I *deserve* to have some of the good things in life, don’t I? (“What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world [or perhaps just a shiny new car] and forfeit his life [or the lives of generations to come]?”)

“You duped me, O Lord...”. I thought that “following Jesus” just meant going to Mass on Sunday and generally trying to be a nice person. Taking up the cross of moral responsibility can be downright uncomfortable, not to mention unpopular. Besides, I don’t have time to check out the corporate ethics of every company I buy from or own stock in. As long as their prices are low and their return on investment is high, that’s all I care about (“...thinking not as God does, but as human beings do...”). Jesus’ words might have made sense two thousand years ago, but this is 2005. We’re good Christians; we live good lives. Surely, God’s not asking *us* to *sacrifice* and be *transformed*, is He? Surely these words are not meant for *us*...

Vinal Van Benthem

Readings for the Week of August 28, 2005

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/ Rom 12:1-2/ Mt 16:21-27
Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/ Mk 6:17-29
Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/ Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/ Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: Col 1:9-14/ Lk 5:1-11
Friday: Col 1:15-20/ Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: Col 1:21-23/ Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

Community Picnic TODAY!

from Noon to 5 pm in Ingraham Park, behind the Evanston Civic Center at 2100 Ridge Avenue. The picnic is free for everyone, and will include food, games, activities, giveaways, and entertainment, including the Jesse White Tumblers at 2 pm and Kevin Purcell and the Nightburners at 3 pm.

Mennonite Quilt Exhibit

Passing on the Comfort, a traveling exhibit from Mennonite Central Committee, features 18 quilts and comforters made by North American women and sent to the Netherlands by MCC following World War II.. Come view the quilts and read their stories which testify both to the horrors of war and to the power of compassions. The exhibit will take place from August 23rd through September 4th at the Reba Place Church, at 620 Madison Street in Evanston. For more information, call 847-869-0660.

Mentors and Tutors Needed

You can make a difference for a child this school year! Answer the call to service and make a difference for a child in your community. Volunteer as a mentor or tutor at Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, serving Chicago’s at-risk children since 1887. We are particularly in need of tutors for the new school year at our Boys campus in the West Loop and our Girls Campus in the Beverly neighborhood. Please call 312-738-7552 or visit www.mercyhome.org for more information.