



# ST. ATHANASIUS PARISH

## Leadership Night Report

*Moving our Parish from Good to Great*

July 11, 2010

### Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Report—June 7, 2010

#### ADMINISTRATION

##### Coordinating Group

Responsible for coordinating the temporal goods of the Parish—how money is acquired and spent, how the buildings and grounds are maintained, and how the parishioners are kept informed about what is happening in the Parish.

#### COMMUNITY

##### Coordinating Group

Building a deeper sense of Christian community for all ages and interest groups in the Parish, by creating a welcoming environment before and after Masses, planning parish gatherings, and facilitating a Volunteer Committee to recruit and affirm those who volunteer their time and talents.

#### FAITH DEVELOPMENT

##### Coordinating Group

Finding new ways to engage young adults, families and all parishioners in the life-affirming spiritual discovery and deepening of our Catholic faith.

#### OUTREACH

##### Coordinating Group

Coordinating and fostering the work of our ministries of pastoral care, social services, Peace and Justice, and evangelization, both within our parish membership and the larger community.

#### WORSHIP

##### Coordinating Group

Providing direction for the worship and spiritual life of the Parish community, reflecting on what is currently happening, what is working well, what is missing, and what more can be done.

**S**t. A's Parish Pastoral Council met on Monday, June 7, and reviewed the recent Parish Weekend of Renewal held on May 14-16. Father Tom Sweetser and Wendy Rappé came to St. A's to revitalize our parish Leadership Nights with their insight and expertise. The PPC was especially excited at the new parishioners' interest in serving in leadership roles for our Parish. The Parish Council spent the remainder of the evening discussing how to follow up with parishioner interest.

**T**he Council is also eagerly awaiting the insights and direction from the newly-formed Communications Committee under the auspices of the Administration Group.

**A**ll dreamers, thinkers and outside-of-the-box creators, who have an interest in moving our parish from good to great, are invited to join us on the first Monday of each month. Please contact Karen Sellers, Parish Administrator ([ksellers@stathanasius-evanston.org](mailto:ksellers@stathanasius-evanston.org)) or Andrea Sorensen, Parish Pastoral Council Chair ([anjs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:anjs@sbcglobal.net)) if you have questions or would like more information.

**PLEASE JOIN US ON MONDAY, JULY 12, AT 7:00PM, IN THE FITZGERALD CHAPEL\* (ENTER FROM ASHLAND, DOOR CLOSEST TO THE ALLEY AT THE NORTH EAST CORNER OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING) FOR OUR NEXT LEADERSHIP NIGHT, AND TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE LEADERSHIP OF OUR PARISH.**

*\*The Fitzgerald Chapel is accessible.*

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Fr. Rich Sztorc  
Josie Vorda

## **Leadership Night—June 7, 2010 Minutes from the Coordinating Groups**

### **WORSHIP**

We will schedule a meeting with the coordinators of the liturgical ministers, to develop procedures for efficient coordination of liturgical ministries and improved support for the Mass.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

Joined by parishioners Jamie Anderson, Maria Slowinski and Kristen Watson, the Administration Coordinating Group has formed a Communications Committee, to be led by Jamie Anderson, to optimize communication vehicles within the Parish.

Information is being compiled and analyzed as we begin to create a Parish Strategic Plan.

### **COMMUNITY AND OUTREACH**

Parishioner Kendall Rak presented a plan for implementing and managing a Volunteer Committee, outlining the steps to be taken and stating that volunteers can be recruited by combining a personal invitation plus accessible information (and, as suggested by the group, a compelling need.)

We will invite Parish Groups to sign up for after-Mass Hospitality one weekend this Summer.

### **FAITH DEVELOPMENT**

We discussed adult formation events and brainstormed on which qualities would entice and nourish our parishioners. We are especially interested in the smaller events that change our lives in big ways. "We are on an evolutionary journey and our goal is to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity."

All who are interested in defining, shaping and implementing the Faith Development goals are invited to the next Parish Leadership Night on July 12 at 7:00pm.

*Cardinal Mundelein  
at the dedication  
of our new  
Church building,  
November 7, 1937*

