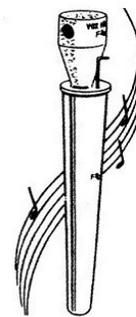
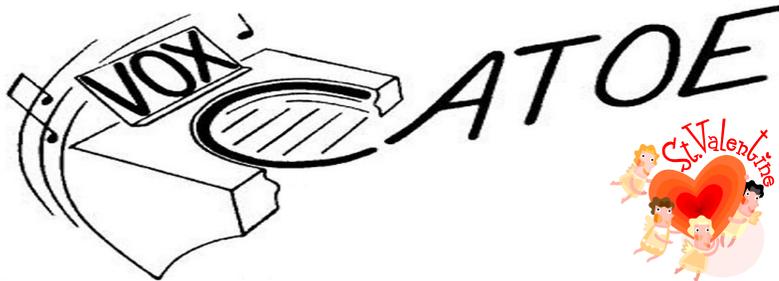


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The Newsletter Voice
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Highlights:

- * CATOE Social at St. John Cantius **February 16th**. Dinner at 1:45 Concert at 2:30
- * Carl DeSanti at the 2/7 Wurlitzer
- * Special Guest Kenned Maclver
- * Fun Afternoon for all!

February Social

On Sunday, **February 16th**, we will once again be at St. John Cantius Church in Chicago to hear their 2/7 Mighty Wurlitzer. The church is planning to have a luncheon prior to the social which will cost **\$5.00**. The luncheon is scheduled to begin at 1:45.

After the delicious meal, we will adjourn to the fellowship hall to hear our featured organist, **Carl DeSanti** and special guest **Kenned Maclver**.

The music program will begin at 2:30 and it is free for CATOE members.

Money collected for the luncheon and for those who attend the organ concert but are not CATOE members go to help support the fantastic music program at the church. Be sure to pick up one of their brochures when you are at the social.

Please plan to bring a treat to share after concert.

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Directions to the St. John Cantius

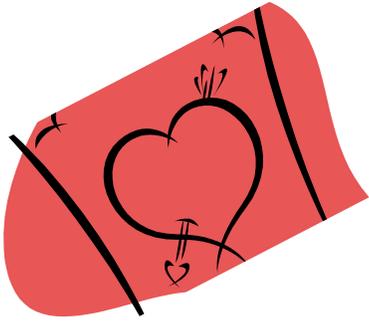
The parish is located at 825 N. Carpenter Street in Chicago Illinois, a block north of Chicago Avenue. **From the West** take 88/290 (Eisenhower) East to Exit 28A (Damen). Take left on Ogden and drive for about 2 miles. Take a right on Chicago Avenue and left on Carpenter. **From the North**, take I90 and exit 49A (Division Street). Left on Division; Right on Elston for about 1/2 mile. Turn left on Milwaukee, Left on Chicago and left on Carpenter. **From the South** take 55 north to 90/94 (exit 292A) Take Exit 51B

(Randolph) and turn left on Randolph. Turn right on Halsted. Continue north about a mile to Chicago Avenue—turn left and then take a right on Carpenter.

It is also a few blocks from the Blue Line!

Check the Parish Web Site for more details (www.cantius.org) and click on About Us for directions.

Our February Artist



**Social at St.
John Cantius
on Sunday
February
16th**



Carl DeSanti has been a music and theatrical professional for thirty-five plus years, playing the organ since he was seven years old. Carl has performed as organist for various special events at Orchestra Hall, The Chicago Theater, Medina Temple and the Coronado Theater in Rockford. Carl is locally known in the Western Suburbs of Chicago for his live organ playing at roller skating rinks. Carl's organ music has also been heard on Midwest Ballroom on WDCB radio. Carl is currently organist and music director for Santa Lucia parish in the Bridgeport neighborhood of Chicago, Illinois and part-time organist at St. Gabriel's parish in Chicago's Canaryville neighborhood. Prior liturgical work included organist at St. Mary's Parish in Riverside and music director at Unity Church of Oak Park.



Carl was also a professional actor for many years in Chicago. Carl performed at the Goodman Theatre, Chicago, Illinois in the Joseph Jefferson Award winning production of Red Noses. He was an accompanist for Forbidden Broadway, a hilarious spoof of the current Broadway productions in New York City. Although the theatre is now a Wal-Mart, Carl was a regular in productions at The Drury Lane Theatre in Evergreen Park. Locally, Carl was seen for many years in 'Johnsonville Brats' TV commercials.



Kenned Maclver appeared professionally at most of the major theatres in the Chicago area and was nominated for a Joseph Jefferson Award for her Ensemble Performance in

The Importance of Being Earnest at Wisdom Bridge Theatre with Tony and Academy Award winner Frank Galati. Other Chicago performances included Hay Fever, Kiss Me, Kate!, Fiddler on the Roof, and Harvey at the Marriott Lincolnshire Theatre; Ladies in Waiting, Strider, and Spoke Song at the Woodstock Opera House; Antigone at the Court Theatre; and Getting My Act Together and Taking It On the Road at the Drury Lane Water Tower Theater.

Musicians Kenned Maclver and Carl DeSanti have performed in a variety of venues in the Chicagoland area including Chicago's Grant Park as featured performers in AIDS Walk '92 sponsored by WNUA Radio, The Park West, Fitzgerald's, the old Philander's in Oak Park, Hev'n on Walton, the Roxy on Fullerton, and for various corporate and private events.

Carl and Kenned have a new CD available. "To God be the Glory" featuring an inspiring collection of classical sacred with pipe organ and vocals. Purchase one after the concert and get a personalized autographed sure to be collectors item!

Visit kennedandcarlmusic.com for more information on their collaborative performances and to purchase CD recordings.

From the editor

DON'T FORGET to renew your membership with CATOE. This will be your last newsletter!

Check out the **NEW CATOE WEB PAGE. WWW.CATOE61.ORG.**

Our existing page www.catoe.org will remain for now and keep our "history" like old newsletters, history of theatres and organs, gone but not forgotten, etc.

Special thank you to all our members that have renewed their memberships as supporting or higher. The dues collected are used on all 6

organs that CATOE maintains. In addition, they cover costs for the newsletter and social supplies. All money over the base membership of



\$30.00 is tax deductible.

Thanks to **David Rhodes** and **Mark Demmin II** for posting the pictures you see below of the Jim Shaffer Memorial

show at the Arcada. Yes, I "borrowed" them from Facebook!

Interested in helping setup at a social? How about being on a Work Crew? Contact David Rhodes or Taylor Trimby!

Jim Shaffer Day Review

A nice crowd was in attendance for the Jim Shaffer memorial held at the Arcada Theatre on Sunday January 19th. Organists **Glenn Tallar**, **Taylor Trimby** and **David Rhodes** each provided musical entertainment for the audience. Our host, **Ron Onesti** introduced Glen and after his opening song, "Hooray for Hollywood" he launched into accompanying the Laurel and Hardy classic, "Two Tars." Glen closed with a train medley that Jim would request when he visited Glen at the pizza parlor. Taylor Trimby was up next and played a medley of Radio Themes, songs from the 70's and then engaged the audience in an old fashioned community sing. David Rhodes brought the afternoon to a close with several numbers that the audience certainly enjoyed—especially his closing song of "Honky Tonk Train."

There were two vignettes of Jim Shaffer shown—a wonderful tribute to a wonderful man. It was a great afternoon and we once again thank Ron and the entire Arcada family for their hospitality. CATOE raised over \$1,500.00 that will be used to maintain the Marr Colton/ Geneva organ at the Arcada. You can still contribute to this cause if you wish—send a tax deductible donation to CATOE .



Glenn Tallar



David Rhodes



Audience at the Arcada



Tallar, Rhodes, Onesti, Trimby



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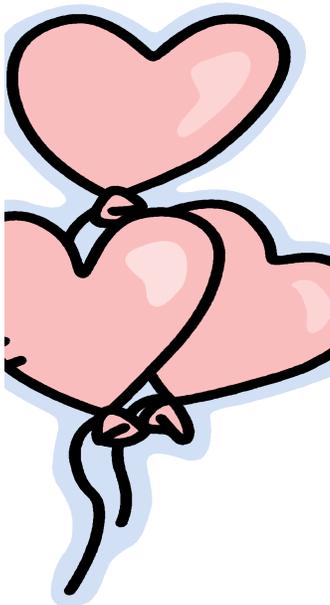
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Organ Society**



What's Up in the Area?



David Rhodes and **Tim Charlton** share bench duties at the Tivoli Theatre on CATOE's 3/10 Wurlitzer each Friday and Saturday nights playing before the movies. Stop in and enjoy their performance on our Mighty Wurlitzer and one of the movies being shown.

Our sister chapter, JATOE will be presenting **Cletus Goens** at the 4/27 Golden Voiced Barton Grand on Sunday February 23rd. Doors at 1:30 and the program begins at 2:00 pm. Enter through the stage door on Scott Street and bring some treats to share with your other fellow enthusiasts.

On February 8th the Kimball Theatre organ once owned by **Gary Rickert** will be featured in its debut concert at the Lakeside High School in Ashtabula, Ohio. The concert begins at 2:30 pm and will feature Walt Strony at the console. Tickets are free. A second community program is planned for April 12 with theater organist Jelani Eddington performing. There will be a link to the article on the CATOE web site www.catoe61.org for more information.

