

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Progress Notes August 23, 2009

Our chapel has a name! It will be called ‘**St. John Vianney Perpetual Adoration Chapel!**’

The Year for Priests, June 19, 2009 – June 19, 2010, was announced by our beloved Pope Benedict XVI to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the death of the saintly Curé of Ars, St. John Vianney. In announcing the Year for Priests, Our Holy Father said this year was intended “to encourage priests in this striving for spiritual perfection on which, above all, the effectiveness of their ministry depends”.

Fr. Paul wanted St. John Vianney, the patron saint of Priests, to be Holy Redeemer’s special patron as we pray for our priests in a special way.

St. John Vianney (1786-1859) was a humble French priest whose holiness remains well known. He had a remarkable gift as a confessor - penitents would stand in line for up to 3 days in advance for him to hear their confession. He seemed to have the ability to see into the deepest part of the soul. He was said to be “harsh on himself but gentle on sinners.” He spent up to 16 hours a day in the confessional and had great devotion to the Eucharistic Lord. He often fasted on a few potatoes a day and frequently prayed through the night before the Blessed Sacrament for the conversion of his parish.

Blessed John XXIII, in his 1959 encyclical *Nostris Sacerdotii Primitias* at the 100th anniversary of John Vianney’s death, called him a “model of priestly life and pastoral zeal which helped accomplish such dramatic results rarely seen in history.”

A poor village boy, who couldn’t pass his exams in the seminary, became a universal symbol and ideal for the Church’s priests. St. John Vianney reminds us that the true love of Christ can become obvious in a powerful way through simple prayer and service.

Now he has become our special patron. Thank you, Father Paul.

A website search or a visit to a bookstore will serve to introduce you to St. John Vianney, the Curé of Ars. Here is a start – a link to an informative website of a St. John Vianney Parish in California:

<http://www.sjvhh.org/patronsaint.html>

THANK YOU to all those who have shared their Time, Talent, & Treasure!!!!

- ✦ For numerous monetary donations.
- ✦ For several monetary pledges.
- ✦ For many gifts of time and labor.
- ✦ For memorial and honorary gifts.
- ✦ For donation of items from several individuals
- ✦ For donation of furnishings from Our Lady of Hope parish in Washington, IN.
- ✦ For votive candle holders from the Carmelite Sisters in Owensboro, KY.

Recruitment Note:

- ✦ We have created an area in the narthex for ‘Advanced Sign-up’ where you can submit your time preferences. **You will be asked to resubmit your registration on ‘Sign-up Weekend’ but we are requesting early sign-ups in order to help with planning.** If you have specific hours you may request them, if you are flexible and/or wish to substitute, you can indicate that too. Everyone is welcome. Invite your friends.

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Special Needs:

- ✦ We will announce a work day (or days) soon to empty out the storage area, remove baseboards, carpeting, etc. Watch the bulletin!
- ✦ Cleaning work day will be scheduled later.
- ✦ We need someone experienced in carpet installation.
- ✦ To make a monetary donation, please make your check payable to: **Adoration Fund of HR.**

**To volunteer in any way, please contact any Committee member listed below.
Other needs will be published as they are determined – please watch the bulletin.**

General Update:

- ✦ Plans continue for being ready to open the Chapel on November 1, 2009 – the Feast of All Saints! Please continue to pray to see how our Lord is asking you to participate.
- ✦ Signage is being prepared for outside the Chapel and near the parking lot.
- ✦ Outdoor ‘dusk-to-dawn’ and indoor lighting will be installed.
- ✦ A security system with keypad entry at night will be installed.
- ✦ A vestibule will be created as an ‘air-lock’ and will serve as a ‘sign-in’ area.
- ✦ A restroom is being enlarged to accommodate handicap access.
- ✦ Over 50 hours are filled with at least one Adorer even though we are 7 weeks from official ‘Sign-up Weekend’ and 10 weeks from opening.
- ✦ Fr. Louis Guardiola, Fathers of Mercy, will preach at all the weekend Masses on ‘Sign-up Weekend’ – October 10-11 - mark your calendars!!
- ✦ Plans to celebrate the Chapel Opening are continuing. The celebration will be beautiful!
- ✦ Literature is being acquired and reviewed.
- ✦ Information for all Adorers, Substitutes, and Visitors is being prepared. Each ‘registered’ adorer and substitute will be given a ‘packet’ after Sign-up Weekend in October.
- ✦ A simple touch screen sign-in system (designed to be used by people who have never seen a computer before – no kidding!) will be installed.
- ✦ A software system to facilitate organization of all aspects of the adoration program will be used. This system will make the duties of the division and hourly coordinators much less time consuming!
- ✦ Temperature control is being addressed.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Contacts

- ✦ **Every parishioner’s input and assistance is invited for planning and sustaining this devotion. Contact the individuals below to express your particular interest:**

Coordinator: Cecilia Phillips (479-7722)

Chapel Operations: Sue Tieken (867-6995)

Finance: Virgil Mayer (437-9418), Fred Hicks (401-3579)

Maintain /Sustain Chapel: Mary Bell (422-0196)

Sign-up Sunday: Marianne Webster (491-6909)

Chapel Preparation/Furnish: Don Gries (424-0267), Marianne Webster (491-6909), John Young (480-2839)

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