

# St. John Vianney Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Newsletter

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Happy Valentine's Day! Can you believe it? Today (Sunday) marks the beginning of Holy Redeemer's 16<sup>th</sup> week of Perpetual Adoration! As of 12:00 Midnight this past Friday four thousand, three hundred and seventy-six (**4,376**) Adorers, Substitutes, and Visitors have come to be with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament – not counting many more visitors who did not know to sign in or could not sign in because the computer was not working properly! Despite the special challenges of these past 15 weeks (three major holidays and 2 episodes of inclement weather), the Chapel remained open with little difficulty.

There are only **three (3) Open Hours** being filled temporarily by substitutes. They are: Sunday, 2 AM; Thursday, 2 AM; and Saturday, 8 PM. Would you consider taking one of those hours? As an alternative, many parishes fill 'sacrificial' hours (nights and weekends) using 'groups.' A group can be any number of people (usually 4-8) who adore at a specific hour on a rotating basis – that is, one or two members of a 'group' of people sign up to adore once a month (actual frequency depends upon number in a group).

There will be quarterly '**Sign-up Sundays**' beginning this month. The first will be next weekend, February 20-21. We will be in the Narthex to answer questions and take your requests. The goal is to have all hours filled with 2 people – especially during nights and weekends – but you may sign up at any time for any hour(s) – or you may simply sign up to be a substitute. You can view available hours at the chart on the table. Don't forget to ask about forming a 'group.'

**Automated email reports** – if you gave us your email address in order to receive reminders, monthly substitute lists, etc., and have not been getting them, leave your name and telephone number on the Chapel line (424-8344 Ext. 360) and someone will call you.

The **computer and automatic door lock system** continue to malfunction from time to time. We are troubleshooting these problems and hopefully a solution will come soon. Thanks for your patience! Remember that when the computer is 'slow' when you are signing in, repeated tapping of the screen will not make it go faster, but will result in sign-in errors and the screen going blank.

Adorers are making good use of the **Petitions and Testimonial Books**. These are two of many Favours Granted: *"For the first time I felt the presence of not only Jesus, but the presence of Mary...I was overcome with love and respect for her role in the Catholic Church."*  
*"My husband came to church...unexpectedly!!! [Father.....] gave an awesome sermon about so many of the questions my husband has asked. My husband has not been to church for over a year..."*

### **Our Chapel on the Web...**

Be sure to check out Holy Redeemer's **website** – [www.holyredeemerchurch.org](http://www.holyredeemerchurch.org) – and click on the right of the screen to view the 'Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament' pages. You will find information about the Chapel, our patron St. John Vianney, and a page to sign up for information or adoration hours. Let us know what you think!

### **Home Adorer's Program**

Do you know someone who is homebound but would love to participate in Adoration without visiting the Chapel? There will be an opportunity soon for them to unite with us in Adoration. We are partnering with the Parish Nurse Ministry and assembling resources for *"Adoring Jesus at Home."* Watch the bulletin for information about the program and how to participate.

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## **Chapel Closing Times**

The Chapel will close briefly on Sunday **March 7** from 6 PM to 7 PM for a *Lenten Day of Recollection* and on Sunday **April 11** (*Divine Mercy Sunday*) from *approximately* 1:30 PM until 4:30 PM. Adorers scheduled for those times are expected to take their hours in the Church where the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed. Your Hour Coordinator will inform you when exact times are available.

The Chapel will be closed for the **Triduum** April 1 at *approximately* 7 PM on Holy Thursday until after the Easter Vigil Liturgy on Holy Saturday, April 3. We plan to complete a few projects during that time including the painting in the vestibule, restroom, and storage area.

## **Reminders for Anyone Visiting the Chapel**

- Please remember to be quiet in the vestibule – even whispers can be clearly heard in the Chapel.
- Turn on the outside porch light during nighttime hours and turn it off at daylight.
- Open the blinds during daylight hours in order to conserve electricity.
- Do NOT leave written materials in the Chapel. All material must be reviewed by the Adoration Committee and approved by Fr. Paul. This includes schedules, newsletters, etc. Give any material to be considered to any Adoration Committee member.
- The Chapel is cleaned weekly. Please help keep things tidy by disposing of tissues in the wastebasket, picking up items dropped on the floor, etc.
- There is a small black box on the floor in the back of the chapel to place ‘found’ items. To report ‘lost’ items, leave a message on the Chapel line (424-8344, Ext 360) and we will post a note.
- Remember to plan ahead whenever possible for your absence. Call your Hour Coordinator **after** you have contacted substitutes on your monthly list. If you do not have an email address, your Hour Coordinator will be able to provide a list for you.

We have heard from many substitutes reporting they don’t get enough or any calls. If you are a substitute and have not been called as frequently as you wish, please leave your name on the Chapel line and your name will be given to the appropriate Hour Coordinators.

## **From the Finance Subcommittee:**

We are compiling an unpublished list of donors who have contributed money, material and/or time to the completion of the Adoration Chapel. We know that many donations have not been acknowledged either because the donor or the item that they donated was not identified.

If we know the value of your donation we will provide documentation which may be used as a deduction when filing your tax return. For more information please call Virgil Mayer at 437-9418 or email [vmayer@wowway.com](mailto:vmayer@wowway.com). You may also contact Fred Hicks at 401-3579.

If you wish to make a monetary donation for Chapel expenses, you may use the ‘black box’ in the Chapel or mark an envelope “Adoration Fund” and take or mail it to the Parish Center. If you write a check, please make it payable to: **Adoration Fund of HR.**

**Many thanks to everyone** who continues to be so generous with time, talent, and treasure to support St. John Vianney Perpetual Adoration Chapel. Our Eucharistic Lord knows who you are!

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Do NOT leave a request for substitutes.