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Newsletter

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Embrace The Grace

Pope John Paul II Eucharistic Adoration Chapel
Naperville, IL 60565



"The Divine Child whom we will worship in the nativity scene is Emmanuel, the God with us Who is really present in the Sacrament of the Altar. ... We are speechless before such a great gift and mystery"

(Pope John Paul II, December 21, 2004).



URGENT NEED OPEN HOURS

Friday 2 AM
Sunday Noon



We're on the Web!

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A new beginning

January

Year of the Eucharist



During this Year of the Eucharist, we are inviting everyone to participate in a special Eucharistic focus each month. See the sign in the chapel each month and look on the sign-up table for special prayer cards to use during each month. Most months will highlight a specific group to come and adore; i.e. families were especially welcomed last month.

This month's focus is on the unborn, as the anniversary of Wade vs Roe falls in January. Please make a special effort to pray for the protection of these precious, innocent lives. May God bless you for all you do for Our Lord and others in this grace-filled ministry!

See schedule of Eucharistic speakers at Sacred Heart Parish in Lombard at www.newevangelization.net

The Real Presence Wants You **The Real Presence Association is in need of new members and officers.**

The invitation is open to anyone who would like to promote Eucharistic education and adoration. New members are welcome anytime. For those specifically interested in becoming an officer, please apply before January 15, 2005. Elections for officer positions in the organization will be held on January 19.

Meetings are held once a month. We look forward to hearing from you! If you are interested, please contact:

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Eucharistic Education and Adoration
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Rosebud Program

The Elizabeth Ministry of St. Elizabeth Seton Parish now offers the Rosebud Program. This program is the visual reminder of the precious blessing of new life. On the bottom shelf of a table in the lobby of the Adoration Chapel there is a basket of different colored silk roses.

The colors represent:

- Pregnancy (Pink),
- Birth/Adoption (Red),
- Loss (White), or
- trying to Conceive or Adopt (Yellow).

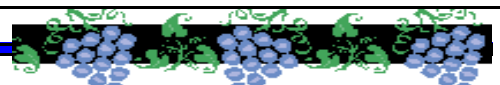


You are invited to remove a rose from the basket, fill in the attached tag, insert the tag in the heart-shaped box on the table and put the rose into the vase. The display is checked weekly by Elizabeth Ministers who pray for and/or contact (optional) the listed people on the tags. Prayers for these intentions are also offered by other groups within the parish, including the Knights of Columbus. All personal information is kept confidential and is shared only on a need-to-know basis with those members of Elizabeth Ministry whose participation is required.

Prayer cards for the various situations are displayed next to the vase. Those filling out tags are invited to take a prayer card for their personal meditation.

Prayer for Victims of the South Asia Tragedy

Lord of all kindness and love / Bring close to You, those whose lives were and are being changed forever / Hold and protect in your loving arms those children now without parents / Comfort and soothe those parents who now are without children / Strengthen those who now give of themselves to others out of love./ Inspire those who can give further of their worldly gifts, to act now /Show us in Your time the good that can come of this tragedy / Bring us all Your children closer together in the warmth of Your love.



Time of Change

At that first Epiphany
Two Thousand Years ago
Wise men came bearing gifts
Of frankincense, myrrh, and gold

The followed a star
So far and so bright
On a journey of faith
Into the cold dark night

They left their homes
Places of comfort and rest
To follow a calling
Of selfless noble quest

To offer their gifts
In worship and praise
To One not yet known to them
A stranger to their days

In humble gesture they came
Not for their own cause
But in search for the King
Who would write the new law

Jesus I pray for an Epiphany
This year in my heart
On a bold new faith journey
This year may I start

I bring my three gifts
Of faith, hope, and love
To Your tabernacle here
And offer prayers on above

Help me follow Your guiding star
On a journey of faith everyday
And with the gift of Your Eucharist
Nurture me with grace along the way
Andy Cirno 122704

Who? What? When?

The latest adoration chapel schedule and new substitute lists will be printed and available soon. You can pick them in the chapel in late January. Please take one per family.

Book Review

I the Lord Am With You Always
Prayers and meditations for Eucharistic Adoration
Compiled by Christine McCarthy

Our chapel library has a beautiful new book. This prayer book contains *ancient and contemporary prayers* and meditations for Eucharistic adoration from the Fathers of the Church, the Saints, the Popes, the Second Vatican Council Documents, and the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

The book aims to provide useful material for thought and prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Chapters include the Holy Hour, Eucharistic Hymns, Holy Mass, Preparation for Holy Communion, Thanksgiving, For Children, Mary our Mother, Priesthood and Consecrated Life, Prayers of the People, Perpetual Adoration.

This is a lovely small burgundy book with gold lettering. It is only published in Australia by the Society for Eucharistic Adoration www.seadoration.org We also have a childrens prayerbook by the same author, "**Come To Me, My Children**". It contains all the prayers Catholics love to pray, with some simple catechesis aimed at the level of primary school children.

Other books in our chapel library can be purchased at **Naperville Religious Goods** in the Naper Plaza Shopping Center (Washington and Gartner) 630 718-1860

PLEASE do NOT take the chapel library books home with you! They are meant to be shared by all who come to the chapel to pray.

Winter Precautions

It's that time of year again! Please remember to shovel and/or salt the walkway as necessary when you arrive for your adoration time. (Use the salt sparingly please!) The shovel and salt are outside, right next to the side chapel door.

If the next adorer does not come due to bad weather, remember to place the door on the monstrance so the Blessed Host is not exposed, if you must leave before someone arrives. The door is located in the small brown box on the table in front of the monstrance.

If you forget what to do, just check the Emergency Procedures book on the sign-in table. Thanks and may everyone have a safe winter season!

REMINDER:

Adorers, the back entrance to the Parish Office is for **RESTROOM ACCESS ONLY**. Any parish business (including use of the copier) must be conducted during regular office hours by using the main entrance in the front of the building.

Thanks for your cooperation

Upcoming events:

10th annual Mardi Gras Evening at SES—Tuesday, March 8
Mass at 7 PM—speaker at 7:30 Join us as we prepare for Lent by sharing gumbo, New Orleans King Cakes and jazz.

January 10 "New Testament" by parishioner Jim Baka on Monday, January 10th from 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the lower level

January 18th at 7:30 P.M., parishioner Dr. Dan Hauser, Professor of Theology at the University of St. Francis will speak on "**Catholic Social Teaching and the Formation of Conscience.**"

