

Embrace The Grace

Pope John Paul II Eucharistic Adoration Chapel
Naperville, IL 60565



Come joyfully to
the presence of
the Lord!

**"Before whom am I?
You are, Holy Church
answers me, in the
presence of Jesus
Christ, your King, your
Savior, and your God
. . . . Adore Him
therefore, O my soul,
with the faith of the
kings of Bethlehem.
Offer Him the incense
of your adoration, as to
your God; the myrrh of
your mortification, as
to your Savior; the
gold of your love and
the tribute of
dependence, as to
your King!"
(St. Peter Julian
Eymard).**

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December – O come, let us adore Him !!

As Advent draws us nearer the manger, let us all draw near to Jesus in the tabernacle – our place of peace in a stress filled season. Consider making another short visit to the chapel during the weeks of Advent or attending a daily Mass on the way to work. See the parish website for local Mass times.

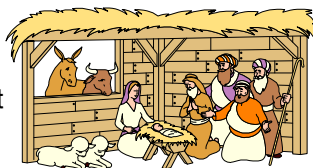
There are special Christmas prayer cards on the sign in table if you'd like to give the gift of prayer to family and friends.

We've changed the timing on the security pad for the chapel door. It now opens at 8:30 AM and locks at 7:30 PM daily. Please consult your adorer's packet or call your hourly captain for the code.

During the winter months, please use the snow shovel and salt the walk lightly as you leave the chapel. If you hear the snow plows working in the parking lot, please move your car to an area that has been plowed.

Please leave the thermostat on heat in the fall/winter and cool in the summer. But feel free to change the thermostat reading within reason as needed. Changing to cool in the winter months can damage the system.

Thank you all for being an integral part of this ministry!



On Evangelization:

The Great Commission of Jesus given to us in the Gospel of Matthew-"Go and make disciples." has the same force as it did two thousand years ago. Catholics have always been called to share their faith, even if they used other words to describe their activity. Every Catholic, by virtue of their Baptism, is charged with, "bringing the good news of salvation (Isaiah 52:7;61:1). In Luke's Gospel, Jesus identifies Himself as the one anointed to "bring the good news" (Luke 4:18-21) and the story

of Jesus' life, death and resurrection is the "good news" (Mark 1:1).

**Cardinal George says,
"The Eucharist both
gives us the zeal to
introduce others to
Christ and is itself the
greatest gift we are to
share, for it is Christ
himself."**

Do you have a friend who has "fallen away" from the practice of their faith? Consider inviting them to come with you the next time you visit Jesus in the chapel. Let the Holy Spirit speak to their hearts.

"Contemplate Jesus lying in His Crib, wrapped in the might of divine peace and redemptive suffering. Mary, kneeling, enraptured, in ecstasy, watches over the Child, over the Eternal One. She meditates on another Bethlehem, on quite another Crib, a crib of apparent repose, but of real and perpetual immolation, the Altar" (Fr. Mateo Crawley-Boevey).

Catholic Calendar

Our Catholic Calendar is rich with wonderful feasts. Please get to know the Catholic Calendar and when you're in the chapel, ask the saint whose feast day it is to pray with you.

December

- 3St. Francis Xavier
- 4St. John Damascene
- 6St. Nicholas
- 7St. Ambrose
- 8Immaculate Conception of Mary
- 9Blessed Juan Diego
- 12Our Lady of Guadalupe
- 13St. Lucy
- 14St. John of the Cross
- 25Christmas, the Birthday of Jesus
- 26St. Stephen
- 27St. John the Apostle
- 28The Holy Innocents
- 29St. Thomas Becket

Refuel in the Chapel

Special hours of prayer and graces

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| Midnight | Healing | 12 Noon | Remembrance |
| 1 AM | Forgiveness | 1 PM | Understanding |
| 2 AM | Miracles | 2 PM | Brotherhood |
| 3 AM | Power | 3 PM | Penance |
| 4 AM | Grace | 4 PM | New Beginning |
| 5 AM | Love | 5 PM | Compassion |
| 6 AM | Faith | 6 PM | Life |
| 7 AM | Hope | 7 PM | Courage |
| 8 AM | Growth | 8 PM | Obedience |
| 9 AM | Blessing | 9 PM | Discovery |
| 10 AM | Light | 10 PM | Acceptance |
| 11 AM | Wisdom | 11 PM | Mercy |

No Reservations for New Years Eve ?

My wife and I usually have a very quiet stay at home New Years Eve together. That's how we like it. So we planned on having another quiet New Years Eve as usual last year ...at home watching a movie then TV and ushering in the New Year (if we were both still awake!). About 10:30PM we looked at each other and said, wouldn't it be nice to go to the chapel and thank God for all He has given us this year and ask for His grace for the coming year? Why not? So we did. We went to the chapel to usher in the New Year in quiet reflection, thanks and hope. It was wonderful, and I highly recommend it to anyone. It's quiet, peaceful, and a perfect contemplative place to look back, then look forward in time. After all it is God who is the Creator of "time". Starting out the year in this special way in the Real Presence of Christ as Holy Eucharist certainly helped us add commitment to our resolution to bring Christ and to be Christ to others.

No reservations needed; intimate, personal service, convenient, free parking, no cover charge and all the grace you need.

Rosary for Life – Friday night on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
December 12 – 7:30 PM
St. Elizabeth Seton



Spiritual Witness Spotlight

When you look at Jesus, Who has come out of the tabernacle just for you, what do you see?

I have spoken to many adorers, all of whom see different things: the Crucified Christ, the Holy Spirit, 3 circles (the Trinity?), the Cross. After our Adoration Workshop this fall, one woman said she saw the actual face of Jesus!

I always see the Holy Spirit, in the figure of a dove. When I entered the chapel a few weeks ago, that's what I saw. Later on, I gazed up from my prayer book and saw *the manger, empty, with the Crucified Christ above it.*

This startled me at first, then made me very happy. I knelt immediately, and thanked Jesus for this gift, which I have seen every visit since.

Other adorers have also seen the manger and Jesus crucified above it. (Someone also saw Mary and Joseph.) Maybe you've seen it, too? Maybe you're thinking it's the play of shadows in the chapel.

Perhaps. Perhaps not. Perhaps Jesus has a special Advent message for us.

Are we listening?



My heart is drawn there where my God is hidden,
Where He dwells with us day and night,
Clothed in the White Host;
He governs the whole world,
He communes with souls.
My heart is drawn there where my God is hiding,
Where His love is immolated.
But my heart senses that the living water is here;
It is my living God, though a veil hides Him.
(St. Faustina, *Diary*, p. 566. #1591)

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me
Body of Christ, save me
Blood of Christ, inebriate me
Water from Christ's side, wash me
Passion of Christ, strengthen me
O good Jesus, hear me
Within Thy wounds hide me
Suffer me not to be separated from Thee
From the malicious enemy defend me
In the hour of my death call me
And bid me come unto Thee
That I may praise Thee with Thy saints
and with Thy angels Forever and ever. Amen