

Psalm 122

I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to God's house."

I heartily recommend to the Church's pastors and to the People of God the practice of eucharistic adoration, both individually and in community... The personal relationship which the individual believer establishes with Jesus present in the Eucharist constantly points beyond itself to the whole communion of the Church and nourishes a fuller sense of membership in the Body of Christ. For this reason, besides encouraging individual believers to make time for personal prayer before the Sacrament of the Altar, I feel obliged to urge parishes and other church groups to set aside times for collective adoration. ~ Sacramentum Caritatis by Pope Benedict XVI 2007



Dear People of Sacred Heart Parish,

It is laudable and praiseworthy your practice and devotion for Eucharistic Adoration. You all truly are a little parish with a **big Eucharistic Heart**. At the same time, there are needs that our present within our parish community that need to be addressed with urgency ...

- The need for the parochial vicar or pastor to have a working office outside the rectory so as to receive and meet with the people of Sacred Heart and the wider Halstead community. Having an office for the Priest outside of the rectory what is needed Virtus Compliance for a Safe Environment.
- The need for the Parochial Vicar and the Parish Office Manager to work in closer proximity so as to foster better pastoral care for Sacred Heart Parish.
- The need for more spacing for the prevention of the COVID-19 infection.
- The need for more reasonable hours of adoration for the people of Sacred Heart to commit to.
- The need for the priest to expose and repose the Blessed Sacrament as the proper custodians of the Eucharist.

Therefore, after consultation with the Parish Council of Sacred Heart on June 30th 2020, **beginning on Sunday July 19 Eucharistic Adoration will be held in the Church proper.** *The former adoration chapel will be converted into the office for the Parochial Vicar, Fr. Max Biltz.*

Eucharistic Adoration will start on Sunday Nights at 8:00pm, will continue through Monday & Tuesday and will conclude at 7:00 am on Wednesdays. Adoration will be suspended on Tuesdays at 5:00 pm and will resume immediately following Mass. For the nocturnal hours, a keypad will be on the door of the sacristy and will be used for the nocturnal hours of adoration only.

The coordinators for adoration will be contacting you for the adjustment of these hours. Thank you for your patience and your prayerful cooperation in these matters.

Yours in Christ,
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Pastor of Sacred Heart, Halstead