

~All Saints Adoration Chapel Q & A~

Where is the chapel located? The chapel is located in the south-east part of the historic school building on the St. John the Baptist Campus of All Saints Parish. The location was chosen for the following reasons: 1) handicap accessibility, 2) the short distance from parking to the front door, 3) an attached bathroom, and it is 4) centrally located.

Why can the Blessed Sacrament/Eucharist not be left alone? The Blessed Sacrament must NEVER be left alone exposed in the monstrance. Someone could walk-in and either steal our Lord or desecrate the consecrated host. When you commit to an hour you are the “Guardian” of the Eucharist, you are asked to remain until the next person arrives.

Why are there supposed to be two people per hour? The ideal is to have two people in the chapel during every hour. This is helpful in case someone gets sick, has an emergency, needs to go to the bathroom etc. It is also comforting to know that you are not alone. Please spread the word that everyone is welcome (parishioner and non-parishioner) to have a committed hour in the chapel.

Can my spouse and I share a committed hour? Yes. Spouses or even good friends can share in covering an hour. A small group of friends could take turns every other week etc.

What if I cannot cover my hour? How do I get a substitute? Contact the other person who is assigned to the same hour as you (if there is someone- our goal is 2 people per hour) and let them know you will not be there. If they will be there- you are good! If they are not going to be there, or if you have an hour by yourself, you are welcome to ask a family member or friend to cover for you.

If you are still in need of a substitute, use the AdorationPro application at <https://adorationpro.org/saintsin> and click the button that reads “Find a Sub”. The password is allsaints2013. Now click “Send Auto Sub Request”. All substitutes in the system will be notified via email that you need your hour covered. Someone will certainly respond.

Do I need to sign-in when I arrive in the chapel? Yes. There is a screen (PC tablet) near the entrance to the chapel. Tap “Adorer Sign In”, then choose either “Just Visiting” or “Scheduled Adorer Sign-In”, whichever is appropriate. There is an instructional video about this on our parish website at <http://www.allsaintscatholic.net/worship/adoration/>.

Will there be a bathroom? There is a bathroom in the chapel. Please keep it clean and be sure the sink and toilet are not left running. If you notice that it has been left a mess, please clean it up, or notify the parish office. If you are the only person in the chapel covering an hour it is permissible to use the bathroom.

Will there be reserved parking? There is reserved parking for adorers. Please park in these locations, so it is clear that there are adorers present.

Is there an emergency phone in the chapel? Yes. The chapel telephone is present for “Emergency Use Only” (*police, fire or emergency substitution*).

Is the chapel secure/safe? The chapel is secure and is closed off from the pre-school. There is a security camera installed and the chapel is locked from 9pm-6am (there is an access code for committed adorers in the night). There is emergency lighting installed and a phone for emergency use. Lastly, there is a panic button you can press if you feel that there is something suspicious going on outside.

Will the chapel be locked during the night? The chapel will be locked from 9PM-6AM. The chapel will also be locked when it is closed due to bad weather. When the chapel is locked during the night hours, the individuals with those hours will know the door combination/key-pad. If you do not have a regularly scheduled hour, but would like to pray during the Lock Down hours just knock. The guardian/adorer inside will hear you knock, look through the window and open the door.

Should we let strangers in the chapel once the door is locked? If you have an evening hour, you have the option not to go to the door and let someone in. If you are not comfortable with admitting others into your hour; that is fine. If you look out the window of the entry door, and do not recognize the individual feel free to talk through the window and say, “*I cannot give you access into the chapel during Lock Down hours. Please visit the parish office tomorrow to gain the access code.*”

Should we give people money if they come to the door asking for handouts? Please do NOT give money, food or clothing to people who stop by the chapel. Direct them to the parish office or to the North Dearborn food pantry. The telephone number for both places will be on the bulletin board.

Will the chapel remain open during Bad Weather? The chapel will follow the same cancelation schedule as Sunman Dearborn Community Schools. When the schools are closed due to bad weather the chapel will also be closed. Always know that if school is closed, so is the chapel. A 2-hour delay will not close the chapel. On the weekends we will have a phone tree developed to let you know if the chapel is closed. We desire you to be safe.

What is proper reverence in the Chapel? Respect for Our Lord is displayed in the following ways:

1. Genuflect as you enter the chapel. Genuflect on one or two knees. Please bow profoundly if you are unable to genuflect
2. Be mindful of proper, respectful attire (dress). You should feel comfortable, but remember it is a sacred place.
3. Please refrain from talking; maintain a reverent silence. If you need to talk to someone, leave the chapel, and hold your conversation in the entry-way or outside in a low voice.
4. No spontaneous unscheduled prayer services or preaching is allowed. Adoration is a peaceful, private time for each adorer. If there is public prayer- the rosary etc., all those in the chapel should be engaged.
5. Never eat or drink in the chapel. Chewing gum or candy is not respectful either.
6. No cell phones should be used in the chapel. Please silence your cell phone. Please refrain from texting.
7. There is a CD player in the back of the chapel. Please use it to play religious music, the rosary or divine mercy chaplet; however be sure the other people in the chapel with you are in agreement to its use.
8. Nothing is to be placed on the altar. Examples: flowers, notes, statues, etc.
9. No material of any kind is to be placed in the chapel unless authorized by the pastor. Please do not leave books, booklets, rosaries etc.
10. The lights are adjustable using the light switches on the walls. Please be attentive to others in the chapel prior to dimming the lights or turning them on full.

Will there be a Library at the chapel? There are two libraries in the chapel facility. The outer library is a lending library and has books that can be taken off the property to read at home. The interior library is a collection of spiritual reading materials that are never to be removed from the chapel. Please read and be attentive to the signs posted on the book shelves.

Will there be candles we can light? There is a large candle rack for the lighting of devotional candles. When we light a candle we say a prayer, make an offering, and become a witness to others of our presence and in a symbolic way keep our prayer burning before the Lord. The small candles should be accompanied with a donation.

What about the Sanctuary Candles on the altar? There will be large candles burning on the altar next to our Lord; the candles last about six days. If you would like to attach a prayer petition to these candles and have the candle lit in someone's memory or for a prayer petition, there are envelopes in the entry way of the chapel for this purpose. The cost of these "6-day candles" is \$3. You will be notified when your candle is lit. A sign mentioning the petitions will be in the entryway of the chapel. Please pray for these intentions.

What monstrance will be used to hold the host? Each month a different Monstrance will be used in the All Saints Adoration Chapel. Between the four campuses we have five monstrances. Each one is unique and beautiful. The different monstrances will be a great opportunity for us to show our love and devotion to Christ and think of the many faithful Catholics who through donations and their own sacrificial giving obtained these monstrances for the parishes.

Are children are welcome? Jesus said, "Let the children come to me." There is no problem with bringing young children to the chapel. However, please be mindful of the need for silence and reverence. If your child is being disruptive please leave the chapel or go to the entry-way, unless you are the only one assigned to that hour. There will be Children's Books of a religious nature in the chapel library.

What if I fall asleep? We read in sacred scripture that the apostles fell asleep with our Lord. If you fall asleep, it is "ok." Do not feel guilty; but try to stay awake!

What happens if the person following me does not show up? Remain Faithful! If you should have any problems during your hour of adoration such as illness, if the person that is to follow you in adoration does not show up, or if you sense something out of the ordinary going on, **please** use the phone provided for the chapel to call one of the following:

- ◆ If you become sick during your hour, let the other person in the chapel know, and you may leave. If you become sick or ill, and you are the only person in the chapel, call the Hour Coordinator for your hour or the office staff if the office is open. (All important telephone numbers will be posted close to the phone.)
- ◆ If the person that is to relieve you does not show up and you cannot stay on for an extra hour, call the Hour Coordinator for the hour following yours or the parish office if the office is open.
- ◆ If an emergency of a serious nature arises ... call the appropriate emergency numbers that will be posted close to the phone (fire-police-pastor).

Can I switch hours or can I quit being a committed adorer? Yes. If you need to swap/switch hours please contact the parish office. If you can no longer serve as an adorer please let us know so we can find someone to cover your weekly hour.

Will we continue to have 12 Hours of Grace on First Fridays? Yes! We will have 12 hours of confession each month at the St. Martin Campus. Our Lord is present in the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle in the Church; He will not be exposed in the monstrance, but He will be sacramentally present and confessions will be available. This could change; if our chapel has committed adorers for all the hours, we might consider having exposition at the St. Martin Campus on First Friday as well as exposition in the chapel simultaneously, but right now we are planning on just having it in the adoration chapel.