

~Perpetual Adoration Chapel Q & A~

GENERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT PERPETUAL ADORATION

1. **What is Perpetual Adoration?**

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is continuous prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. It is an expression of our love for Jesus. The Host—which is the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus—is placed in a monstrance and honored with the worship of adoration. Adorers make a commitment to spend an hour a week before the exposed consecrated Eucharist. Adoration is continuous (24/7) except for weather-related closures and a brief period at the end of Lent, termed Triduum, when the Eucharist is reposed.

2. **What does the Church teach about Eucharistic Adoration?**

The Church strongly encourages both private and public devotion toward the Eucharist and teaches that prayer before the Eucharist actually extends the union with Christ which the faithful have received in Communion. It helps them live in a more Christian way, trying to maintain in their lives what they have received by faith and by sacrament

3. **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.

4. **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.

5. **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.

The NEWEST Chapel in Dearborn County

1. **What is the name of our Newest Chapel?** The Lourdes Chapel, located in Aurora. The Chapel at All Saints, on the St. John Campus, opened in 2017- this new chapel in Aurora will open on Feb 14, 2024

2. **Where is the Lourdes Perpetual Adoration Chapel?** It is located on 5th street in Aurora on the property of St. Mary’s of the Immaculate Conception. It is in the same building as St. Vincent de Paul right next to the Activity Center and across from Hillforest.

The chapel at All Saints is located on the St. John Campus in Dover and is located in the school building on the north side of the property- enter the door with a cross above it and two white angels on either side of the entry.

3. **Why is the new chapel being called Lourdes?** St. Mary’s Parish is officially entitled *St. Mary’s of the Immaculate Conception*. When St. Bernadette knelt at the grotto in Lourdes, Mary told her she was the “Immaculate Conception.” Secondly, in thanksgiving to our Lord and Lady for the healing of Fr. Hollowell at Lourdes.

SCHEDULING

1. **What if I cannot be there for my scheduled hour?** Once committed, if you are unable to make your adoration hour, please find your own substitute. More on this topic below.

2. **How long does my commitment last?** It lasts as long as you want it to last. We just ask that you not stop coming without calling us to let us know to take your name off the schedule.
3. **Can I change my hour?** If you need to do so, yes. Schedules change, people move and some people just want a different time.
4. **Do you have to be on the schedule to do an hour?** No! Drop by anytime! Adorers coming outside of their committed hour don't have to stay a full hour, either. You need not be on the schedule to drop by and spend some time with Jesus.
5. **What if the weather is bad?** When the weather is bad, the chapel will close. The software will automatically contact everyone to inform them. We do not want anyone out on the roads if it is unsafe to be there. The chapel will close when our schools close.

ARRIVING AT THE CHAPEL

1. **Should I arrive early for my hour?** It's nice to arrive just a couple minutes early. Definitely don't be late.
2. **Where do I park?**
There will be two reserved parking spots right by the chapel. They are labeled as being reserved for the Chapel.
3. **What do I do when I get into the lobby?**
When you enter the door, please use the sign-in kiosk to sign in. Simply touch your name and you will be signed in. Visitors are invited to click the "Guest" button and type their names.
4. **I don't like technology – must I use the kiosk?**
Yes, please. It's really easy. Please simply find your name and touch it to sign in. It is that simple.
5. **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."*
6. **Should I bring anything to my holy hour?** Whatever helps you pray! A rosary, a Bible, a prayer book, a journal – anything.
7. **Will there be a library of books in the lobby?** Yes.
8. **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.

ONCE in the CHAPEL

1. **Should I genuflect on both knees when entering and exiting the Chapel?** If you can, yes. Or on one knee, or just bow!
2. **What should I do in the Chapel?** Pray! Read! Rest in the Lord!
3. **Should I kneel or sit in the Chapel?** Whichever you prefer.
4. **Should there be talking in the Chapel?** 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. **Is food allowed?** Never eat or drink in the chapel.
6. **What about phones?** Please silence your cell phone. Please refrain from texting.
7. **Can we put things on the altar?** Nothing is to be placed on the altar. Examples: flowers, notes, statues, etc.

8. **Can I leave books/materials in the chapel?** 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.
9. **Can I adjust the lighting to my preference?** 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.
10. **Are children 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 or library, unless you are the only one assigned to that hour. There will be Children's Books of a religious nature in the chapel library.
11. **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!

LEAVING THE CHAPEL

Do I need to sign out using the kiosk? No.

SUBSTITUTIONS and COVERAGE

1. **What do I do if my replacement does not come?** We ask that you do not leave until the person assigned to the next hour has arrived. It should be very rare for a replacement not to come.
2. **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.
3. **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, there is a substitute list that you can call from. Please feel free to call them and ask for coverage. This list will be kept up to date to the best of our ability. If you need your name added to this list or taken off, please let us know.
 ~Become familiar with the Adorers who are committed at your same hour on the other days of the week. They might be the best people to cover for you. You may find it necessary to switch days for some important reason during the year. You should be able to depend upon each other because of your valuable commitment to the Lord.
 ~After you have tried all of the above, 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 "Auto Sub Request". All substitutes in the system will be notified via email that you need your hour covered. Someone should respond.
 ~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 an emergency of a serious nature arises ... call the appropriate emergency numbers that will be posted close to the phone (fire-police-pastor).

SAFETY

1. **Is the chapel secure/safe?** The chapel is secure. 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.
2. **Will the Chapel be locked during the day?** No.
3. **Will the chapel be locked during the night?** The chapel will be locked from 9pm-6am.
4. **What if I forget the security code?**
You can simply knock on the door and wait for the person inside to open it for you.
5. **Is there an emergency phone in the chapel?** Yes. The chapel telephone is present for "Emergency Use Only" (*contacting a sub, police, fire or emergency substitution*).
6. **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 St. Vincent de Paul or the parish office. The telephone number for both places will be on the bulletin board.
7. **Will the chapel remain open during Bad Weather?** We desire you to be safe. The chapel will follow our parish Bad Weather Policy. When the local school districts are closed due to bad weather, the chapel will also close. 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. Closing due to inclement weather will be posted on our social media sites as well.