

## PASTOR'S COLUMN

### *“Can You Not Keep Watch With Me For One Hour?”*

Included in today's Bulletin is a flyer that has the initial schedule for people who have come forward to commit themselves to one hour of prayer a week in the presence of our Lord in the Eucharistic chapel.

There are only a few hours that are still open. Hopefully, this weekend will complete the schedule.

Our Eucharistic Adoration Schedule is being coordinated by Marge and Maureen Egan, and a spirited committee of parishioners, who have volunteered to help in the organization, maintenance, and continued growth of this prayer movement in our Parish.

The goal of our Eucharistic Adoration is “24-7,” that is, to have people always in the Eucharistic Chapel praying for the needs of the Church, the World, and our Parish. We will, though, take it one step at a time, and build it as people commit themselves to this prayer.

We are beginning with Eucharistic Adoration on Mondays through Fridays from 9:30AM to 8:30PM. As these hours are covered by at least one or more people and as more people come forward, we will increase the hours and the days.

If there is enough commitment for a “24-7” schedule, we then would move to “Exposition of the Eucharist.” For now, we will continue with Eucharistic Exposition on the First Friday of each month.

I encourage more parishioners to come forward and make that one-hour per week commitment to spend time in the presence of the Eucharist.

As a Parish, we have much work ahead of us as we continue to grow as a vibrant, and faith-filled community, and as we continue with the build-out of our Parish Campus. The only way that will prove successful is if we build our future on a foundation of prayer that is a common commitment of a majority of our parishioners. Eucharistic Adoration provides an accessible and very visible sign of our community to build our future on faith and prayer in the presence of the Eucharistic Lord.

Please take time to reflect upon how you spend your hours during the course of a week. Can you not watch with the Lord for one hour a week?

On the back of the Eucharistic Adoration schedule, you will find an application to fill out for your hour of Eucharistic Adoration. Please fill it out and return it in the Offertory Collection or at the Parish Office. Someone will be in touch with you.

I share with you the Closing Prayer taken from the “Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ”: “Lord Jesus Christ, we worship you living among us in the sacrament of your body and blood. May we offer to our Father in heaven a solemn pledge of undivided love. May we offer to our brothers and sister a life poured out in loving service of that kingdom where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.”

*F. Mike*