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Pastor's Column

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"The Blessed Sacrament Chapel and Eucharistic Adoration"

The Eucharistic Adoration Committee, comprised of John O'Donnell (Chair), Pauline Lapre, Jack Lincoln, and Joyce Meehan, has been very busy in bringing the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and Eucharistic Adoration to the forefront of our communal prayer life here at St. Thomas More.

I am grateful for the ministry of this committee which is helping us to be a more Eucharist-centered Community!

Here is the fruit of their labor thus far:

- 1. Beginning January 2, 2007, the Blessed Sacrament Chapel will be open Monday through Friday from 6:30am to 7:30pm.
- 2. The recitation of the Rosary will take place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel Tuesday through Friday immediately following the Morning Mass. The recitation of the Rosary will also take place every Thursday at 6:00pm.
- 3. There will be 23 days of Exposition of the Blessed

Sacrament during 2007 (see flyer for schedule). Each day will have a special prayer intention. Each Exposition Day will end with a family hour during which families with young children will be invited to spend at least 15 minutes in prayer together before the Blessed Sacrament.

4. Next week-end, sign-ups will take place for the Exposition Days in 2007. I hope that many of you will commit to spending some time in the Presence of our Eucharistic Lord!

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 2007 Schedule

The Blessed Sacrament Chapel is open every day, Monday through Friday, from 6:30am-7:30pm.

Everyone is invited to come into the Chapel and to "pay a visit" to our Eucharistic Lord, "The One" who is always waiting for us.

In 2007, there will be 23 days of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. (Exposition begins after the 8:15am Mass.) Listed below are the dates, the feast days, and the special prayer intention for each day.

This information is provided in advance to help you in making your arrangements for these Days of Exposition.

January 5, Friday

Feast of St. John Neumann:

"For God's Blessings on this New Year"

January 18, Thursday

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:

"That We May See Ourselves as Brothers & Sisters in Christ"

February 2, Friday

Feast of the Presentation:

"For an Ever-deeper Realization of Jesus as the Messiah"

February 20, Tuesday

Feast of Blessed Jacinta & Francisco Marto:

"For Fidelity to our Lenten Resolutions"

March 2, Friday

Feast of St. Agnes of Bohemia:

"For an Increase in the Virtues of Patience and Charity"

March 16, Wednesday

Feast of St. Clement Mary Hofbauer:

"For the Success of Our Lenten Renewal Week 'Spirituality for a New Millennium."

April 6, Friday

Good Friday—No Exposition of the Eucharist

April 25, Wednesday

Feast of St. Mark the Evangelist:

"For All Christians to Spend More Time with the Scriptures"

May 4, Friday

Feast of Blessed Michael Giedroyc:

"For All Who Struggle with Physical Pain"

May 15, Tuesday

Feast of St. Isidore the Farmer:

"For a Greater Appreciation of the Dignity of Physical Labor"

June 1, Friday

Feast of St. Justin:

"For the Quest of Truth"

June 15, Friday

Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus:

"For a Greater Awareness of God's Love for All People"



July 6, Friday

Feast of St. Maria Goretti:

"That the Virtue of Chastity May Be Lived by All Christians"

July 26, Thursday

Feast of Ss. Joachim and Anne:

"For All Grandparents"

August 3, Friday

Feast of St. Peter Julian Eymard:

"For the Strength Not to Give in to Despair"

August 14, Tuesday

Feast of St. Maximilian Kolbe:

"For Fidelity to the Faith in Times of Adversity"

September 7, Friday

Feast of Blessed Ozanam:

"That Christians May Recognize Christ in the Poor"

September 14, Friday

Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross:

"That Christians Will Unite Their Crosses to Christ's Cross"

October 5, Friday

Feast of St. Mary Faustina:

"That All People May See the Essence of God as Divine Mercy"

October 17, Wednesday

Feast of St. Ignatius of Antioch:

"That Christians Remain Committed to Christ, Despite the Cost"

November 2, Friday

Feast of All Souls:

"For All Who Have Gone Before Us in Death"

November 20, Tuesday

Feast of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne:

"For a Deepening Sense of Gratitude for All God's Gifts"

December 7, Friday

Feast of St. Ambrose:

"For Greater Faith, Hope, & Less Anxiety as We Await the Second Coming"

December 13, Thursday

Feast of St. Lucy:

"That the Light of Our Faith Will Take Away the Darkness of All Sin"