

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH
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Christmas, 2008

Dear Members of Saint John the Baptist Parish:

For nearly fourteen years, since the Solemnity of Corpus Christi in 1995, the Saint Mother Theodore Guerin Adoration Chapel here in our parish has been a source of blessing, peace, and prayer for many people living on the south side of Fort Wayne. Morning, afternoon, or evening, sometimes even during the night hours, people come into the Real Presence of our Eucharistic Lord, bringing with them their prayers, concerns, anxieties, thanksgivings, and petitions. Many have found that their time before the Blessed Sacrament might well be their only time of peace and calm in their hectic and stress-filled lives. Others have brought their worries for family members, the Church, and the world, and have placed them before the altar, asking the Lord to take those needs to Himself.

Originally started as a twenty-four hour Perpetual Adoration Chapel, the hours of Adoration were curtailed a few years ago for many reasons. Although our hope is that, some day, we might be able to return to "around the clock" adoration (because the need for such ongoing prayer gets greater each year), the Chapel still remains open twenty-four hours a day, with Eucharistic Exposition and adoration daily from 6:00 AM–9:00 PM.

Current Church practice indicates that the Blessed Sacrament should not be exposed when no one is present for adoration. This means that, if we are going to continue with our fifteen hours of Eucharistic Exposition every day of the week, we need people who are willing to commit to spending time in the Presence of Christ in the Eucharist each week. In a parish of 700 families, with more than 2,500 individual members, it would seem that we ought to be able to have someone present in the Chapel each day during the hours of Eucharistic Exposition. As a parish, as families, and as individuals, we simply cannot begin to imagine the number of blessings and graces that can be poured out upon us if we embrace the opportunity to spend time each week before the Blessed Sacrament.

If you are currently on the Chapel list, may we ask you to "re-enlist" for the next six months? If you formerly were on the Chapel list and no longer are, may we ask you to reconsider giving some time each week? If you currently are not on the list or have never been on the Chapel list before, would you think about dedicating a regular amount of time each week in the Chapel? Perhaps you are not able to give a full hour. Give whatever time you can on a regular basis. Perhaps those who are working would consider early morning (before going to work) or evening hours. Perhaps our many retired members can find time to help us fill the daytime hours, when others are working. It is my fondest hope that we can once again fill up our Chapel hours with our parishioners, thereby helping to bring the Lord's blessings in greater abundance upon us.

May the presence of the Holy Spirit, who came upon the Apostles at Pentecost and enflamed them with the fire of God's love, come upon all of us here at Saint John the Baptist Parish, so that we can become enflamed with a love for the Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and give back to him just a mere fraction of the gift of time he has given to us.

God bless –

Father Dayl

Saint Mother Theodore Guerin Adoration Chapel

at Saint John the Baptist Parish

4509 Arlington Avenue

Fort Wayne, Indiana

YES! I would like to volunteer to spend time in adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Saint Mother Theodore Guerin Adoration Chapel at Saint John the Baptist Parish, for the **six-month period beginning January 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009.**

(1) Please schedule me on the following day(s):

_____ Sunday	_____ Monday	_____ Tuesday
_____ Wednesday	_____ Thursday	_____ Friday
_____ Saturday		

(2) Please schedule me at the following specific time(s):

_____ 6:00- 7:00 AM	_____ 7:00- 8:00 AM	_____ 8:00- 9:00 AM
_____ 9:00-10:00 AM	_____ 10:00-11:00 AM	_____ 11:00 AM-Noon
_____ 12:00- 1:00 PM	_____ 1:00- 2:00 PM	_____ 2:00- 3:00 PM
_____ 3:00- 4:00 PM	_____ 4:00- 5:00 PM	_____ 5:00- 6:00 PM
_____ 6:00- 7:00 PM	_____ 7:00- 8:00 PM	_____ 8:00- 9:00 PM

- OR -

(2) Please schedule me where needed at the following time(s) of the day:

_____ Early Morning (6:00-8:00 AM)	_____ Morning (8:00-11:00 AM)
_____ Mid-day (11:00 AM-2:00 PM)	_____ Afternoon (2:00-5:00 PM)
_____ Early Evening (5:00-7:00 PM)	_____ Evening (7:00-9:00 PM)

NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

PARISH: _____

"THANK YOU" for showing your love for our Eucharistic Lord in this way! Please return this form to the Saint John the Baptist parish office as soon as possible.