

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Pius X Parish

As Catholics, we believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is the source and summit of our lives of faith. As a parish community, gathering to celebrate the Eucharist is a visible sign of our communion with God and with one another. Over the centuries the Church has developed practices and devotions to cultivate a Eucharistic spirituality among the faithful that flows from the communal celebration of the Eucharist at Mass. One of these devotions is Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration.

Here at St. Pius X, to help us foster this devotion we have a chapel dedicated to Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, located in the parish home behind the church, in which Eucharistic adoration and exposition takes place. Beginning with the first Monday of Advent, November 29, we will have a new plan of time for exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

At the conclusion of the Monday evening Mass which begins at 5:15 pm, we will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the church on the main altar. This holy hour will conclude with Benediction at about 6:50 pm. Eucharistic exposition will then begin at 7:00 pm in the Seelos chapel and will be continuous until Wednesday at 5:00 pm before the 5:15 pm Mass. At this time the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed in the tabernacle until the following Monday. This schedule illustrates how our worship of the Blessed Sacrament flows from the Mass and returns to the Mass "the summit of our faith."

In order to maintain the schedule of continuous exposition and adoration, we need about 100 volunteers to give one hour of their time in adoration. Please take a moment to sign up on the sheets in church for one hour of prayer each week. You will be representing our faith community during this hour and praying for our parish, the needs of the larger church and other intentions. Our goal is to have at least two people for each hour to insure that someone is always present with the exposed Blessed Sacrament.

Although the Eucharist will only be exposed from Monday evening to Wednesday afternoon, the Eucharist will be reserved in the tabernacle in the Seelos chapel at all other times. You are most welcome to visit at any time for prayer and adoration.

Let us continue to be thankful for the gift of the Eucharist, the presence of Christ in our midst.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Very Rev. Patrick J. Williams
Pastor