



NEWS FROM
**Mother of America
Perpetual Eucharistic
Adoration Chapel**



at the Marian Center for Peace

A PRAYER FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

“And you, Mary, the Virgin of expectation and fulfillment, who hold the secret of Christmas, make us able to recognize in the Child whom you hold in your arms the heralded Savior, who brings hope and peace to all. With you we worship Him and trustingly say: we need You, Redeemer of man, You who know the hopes and fears of our hearts. Come and stay with us, Lord! May the joy of your Nativity reach to the farthest ends of the universe!” ~ Pope John Paul II, Christmas 2003



Lighthouse CDs are available at the Marian Center to help Catholics understand, live, and share their faith. A variety of faith-related topics will inspire and enlighten you.

Jesus is waiting for you

Come adore our Lord at the Mother of America Adoration Chapel at the Marian Center for Peace. Both substitute and full-time adorers are welcome and needed! Go to adorationpro.org/mother & sign up for one of our open hours or to be a sub.



Get to know **Dan McCarville,**

**Marian Center
Board President**

Dan McCarville was invited to be a member of the Marian Center board of directors in 2005 and was named Vice President in 2007. With the unfortunate passing of founder and President, Denis Virnig in 2009, Dan became President.

Even before becoming a board member, Dan was a devoted substitute adorer, often subbing during the middle of the night hours. Because of the nature of his career and his involvement with his three children's busy lives, it was difficult to commit to the same hour every week. "Some people may think it is strange that, in the 18 years of Perpetual Eucharistic adoration, the President has never had a regular hour," Dan said. "However, since taking over the adoration substitute schedule, I have come to realize the importance of substitute adorers. We can not function without them! I encourage the Catholic people of our Deanery to become substitute adorers. They can accept hours completely on their own terms. The Mother of America Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is the easiest place to pray that I have ever been."

When reflecting on the Marian Center's successful history, Dan said, "I am often asked how the Marian Center survived for this many years. It equates to over 150,000 hours of adoration! There are so many answers for this:

- God and Mary are not going to let anyone mess with adoration of their Son.
- We have the most dedicated adorers, who always come through.
- God has blessed us with hard-working, outstanding, Christian board members, who would do anything for the success of the Marian Center.

"I am so fortunate to have the privilege of working with our adorers and our board!"

Why I Go to Eucharistic Adoration



Jenna Lynch

I have been going to the Marian Center for Peace to sit with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration since some of my most trying times as a teenager in high school. While my faith in the real presence has grown tremendously since that time, I was always positive it was the only place I could go that would truly leave me in peace regardless of what mountains I was asking to be moved.

Life is hard. Sometimes it is really, really hard, and there are very few persons or places that can offer true consolation in such times, if any at all. I started going to adoration at the Marian Center because I was in search of a greater sense of peace in my life, one that I was positive the world could not offer. As I continued to turn to Christ in times of struggle throughout my young adult life, my devotion to the Blessed Sacrament grew stronger.

Despite struggles and the inconstant nature of life, Eucharistic adoration has been the one sure and steady reprieve from distractions and things that lead me from Him. He beckons us each day to come to Him so that He may offer us the peace that only He provides. When my soul is restless and life "feels" exhausting and unrelenting I am always drawn back to Him. In John 6, Jesus asks His disciples if they want to leave Him... to which Simon Peter responds, "Master, to whom shall we go?"

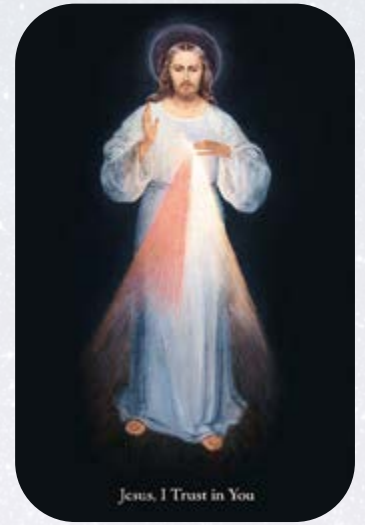
Mark your calendar

Throughout the year, the Marian Center sponsors several religious celebrations. Watch your church bulletins for more information in 2023.

- † DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 16
- † CORPUS CHRISTI, JUNE 11
- † NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, SEPTEMBER 8
- † OUR LADY OF FATIMA, OCTOBER 13
- † ALL SAINTS VIGIL, OCTOBER 31
- † OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE, DECEMBER 12

Did You Know?

A digital copy of the Vilnius Divine Mercy image with the inscription "Jesus, I trust in You," hangs in the Mother of America Chapel at the Marian Center for Peace. In 1931, Jesus appeared to a Polish nun, Sister Faustina Kowalska, and told her to have an image painted according to the pattern she observed so it could be venerated throughout the world, providing a wellspring of mercy and hope. Jesus told St. Faustina, "I am Love and Mercy Itself. I never reject a contrite heart. The graces of My Mercy are drawn by means of one vessel only, and that is TRUST. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive."



The Marian Center encourages devotion to the Divine Mercy by providing Divine Mercy chaplet and novena prayer sheets to parishes and by coordinating Divine Mercy Sunday devotions the first Sunday after Easter. The Chapel is designated as a Divine Mercy Chapel through the apostolic blessing of Saint Pope John Paul II. Therefore, we request adorers to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet for those who will die during that hour.

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