



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



at the Marian Center for Peace



**Father
Steven Weller**

The Backwards Food

Jesus was born in an animal trough because He is the only one born to be food. Most are born with designs to eat, but He was born to be eaten. Indeed, Advent, the Nativity scene and everything to do with baby Jesus has everything to do with the Eucharist. Bethlehem is Hebrew for “house of bread,” and it is no accident that shepherds who raise temple-sacrificial lambs are called to see the true Lamb of God. The old Ark of the Covenant held Aaron’s priestly staff, the words of God upon the Commandments, and the Manna; Mary is the new Ark, who held within her the high priest, the Word of God become flesh, and the true Manna from Heaven. And that manger scene was the world’s first Eucharistic exposition, complete with angelic singing, gold, and incense.

In short, Advent is about the Eucharist, because Advent is about Jesus. Go, therefore, before His Eucharistic Presence. In Mass, we consume Him, but perhaps it is more true that He consumes us. The Eucharist is the only food that works backwards. Normally, you look at food, desire it, and then consume it. With the Eucharist, though, you get looked at, are desired, and then get consumed. Most food eventually turns into us; but the Eucharist eventually turns us into Jesus. Perhaps that is the real purpose of that little mysterious chapel on Apricot and 3rd. It is the little Bethlehem stable of Rapids where we are eaten alive by the backwards Food. He is born there in the hearts of those who adore, and He consumes us so that we are no longer ourselves but His.

This Advent, may He renew us all.

*In Christ,
Fr. Steven Weller*

**OUR
LADY
OF
GUADALUPE**



Tuesday, December 12, 2023 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

6 AM Las Mañanitas Serenade / Procession - Flowers, hymns, and veneration of the sacred relic image of Our Lady of Guadalupe

4 PM Confessions offered in English & Spanish

5:30 PM Mass

A celebration will follow Mass.

Saint Bronislava 3200 Plover Rd, Plover

This event is co-sponsored by St. Bronislava Parish and the Marian Center for Peace in Wisconsin Rapids

12 de Diciembre Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

La Mañanitas a las 6 AM - Flores, himnos y veneración de la sagrada reliquia de la imagen de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Confesiones en inglés y español a las 4 PM

Misa a las 5:30 PM

Después de misa tendremos una fiesta

Santa Bronislava 3200 Plover Rd, Plover

Este evento esta organizado por la Parroquia Sta. Bronislava y Marian Center for Peace in Wisconsin Rapids

Marian Center to celebrate 20 years

Wisconsin has fewer than three dozen perpetual adoration chapels throughout the state. Supported by dedicated adorers from our community who spend hours with our Eucharistic Lord, the Marian Center will mark 20 years of perpetual adoration in 2024. We are planning a celebration to recognize the constant devotion by the faithful who have helped ensure that perpetual adoration remains in our community. In the coming months we will be gathering information about our scheduled adorers who have been part of this journey with us. Stay tuned!



**During Advent
and beyond,
we invite you
to spend more time
with our Lord
at the Marian Center.**

Why I'm An Adorer



Cade Statz

"Going to Eucharistic Adoration has changed my perspective on life and given me a deeper love for the Eucharist. I try to come every day. I pray the Rosary or read. The Story of a Soul by Saint Terese of Liseux is one of my favorites.

Adoration allows me to rest in His presence and focus on what Jesus is calling me to do. It helped me with my discernment and I'll be entering the seminary in 2024.

It's never a wrong decision to come to the chapel. Even if it's 10 minutes of your time, God wants 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.

• Attention Adorers!

Designed exclusively for Eucharistic Adoration programs, Adoration Pro™ makes adoration scheduling easy. Adorers sign up by themselves and receive a reminder email or text message each week. A built-in sub list lets adorers quickly and easily find a sub.

Two most common mistakes when using Adoration Pro

1. Posting the same need for a substitute adorer more than once

- Please only post your need for a substitute adorer once for each hour
- Each time you post, it creates a separate request, which could result in multiple substitutes signing up for the same hour and wasting our valuable substitutes, who may be needed for a different open hour
- Once the administrator sees your post, he can resend it without creating a separate request
- The administrator will continue monitoring your request to make sure it gets filled
- If a substitute does not accept it in Adoration Pro, the administrator will contact substitutes via telephone until the hour is covered

2. Posting the need for a substitute adorer less than 48 hours of the hour needed

- When posting less than 48 hours before the hour needed, we risk the administrator not seeing your post and risk the hour not getting covered
- The administrator needs that time to:
 - See your request
 - If necessary, resend your request
 - If necessary, contact potential substitutes via telephone

We realize that emergencies arise. In those instances, please call: Dan McCarville's cell 715.451.3180, or Marion Young's cell 715.316.1285.

Throughout the year, the Marian Center sponsors several religious celebrations. Watch your church bulletins for more information in 2024

† Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children (January 22)

† Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration (April 7)

† Corpus Christi Procession (June 2)

† Virgin Mary's Birthday Celebration (September 8)

† Our Lady of Fatima Celebration (October 13)

† All Saints Prayer Vigil (October 31)

† Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12)

† Marian Center 20-Year Anniversary (Date TBD)



Find the Marian Center's Hidden Gems

The Marian Center invites you to deepen your relationship with our Lord by learning more about Eucharistic Miracles and the Shroud of Turin. We now house a room on the first floor dedicated to each. The Center also welcomes groups and provides tours that highlight the Shroud and Eucharistic Miracles and offer prayer time in the chapel.

Call 715.424.6279 for more information.

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