



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



at the Marian Center for Peace



**Father
Daniel
Williams**

One of the central images, I believe, that defines the Lenten season is the crucifix. It's an image that we have become familiar with as Catholics. We place one in our bedroom, family gathering spaces, classrooms and it is central in our churches. We look upon the crucifix and we see the incarnate Lord who willingly chose to suffer and die so that we might have life and be able to live it abundantly. Jesus, in the Gospel of John, says that "just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life." (Jn 3:14-15). Moses uses the image of a bronze serpent on a pole to heal the people of Israel from their sickness because of the serpents that bit them. In the same way, Jesus is raised up on a tree so that those who suffer the reality of death (all of us will!) may be healed of it and experience new life.

I bring forward this reality because Jesus lifted in the monstrance any time we go to Adoration, is lifted up so that we might be healed. Just as the people present for the crucifixion were healed and brought to faith by gazing upon our Lord on the Cross, Jesus wishes to heal those who come before Him lifted in the monstrance. He allows Himself to be exposed so that by simply being there, gazing upon Him, we might receive from Him the graces He wishes to give us. It is in the Eucharist that the one sacrifice on Calvary is re-presented to us and we are brought through the barrier of time to experience this wonderful mystery.

Take some time to gaze upon our Lord this Lent. Ask Him for that grace to see Him lifted up for our salvation with new eyes and hearts open to His will.

*Have a blessed Lenten Season,
Fr. Williams*

*Seeking Your
Marian Center
Miracles*

The Marian Center marks 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. We are seeking adorers' experiences in the Mother of America Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel.

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**DIVINE
MERCY**
Sunday
SUNDAY, APRIL 7

Divine Mercy Sunday focuses on the gift of mercy and love given through Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. As Pope John Paul II stated, "Divine Mercy reaches human beings through the heart of Christ crucified."

Sacred Heart Parish in Nekoosa will host the observance of Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 7. The Marian Center for Peace, sponsor of this event, reminds you to begin the Divine Mercy Chaplet Novena on Good Friday, March 29. For more information, call 715.424.6279 or visit the website <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena>

Here is the schedule of events:

- 1:15 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions;
- 2:45 PM a Reflection on Divine Mercy;
- 3:00 PM the Chaplet of Divine Mercy;
- 3:20 PM Benediction / Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Why I'm An Adorer



Anna McCarty

"I go to love the Lord. It's an invitation to come and be filled. You're sitting in the presence of Jesus. I see the most fruit in my life when I have a commitment to the Eucharist through Mass and adoration. Take time for the Lord. He rewards the smallest act of faith with peace and joy you cannot get elsewhere.

As someone who moved here, I see a community alive and connected in a way that I haven't seen before. I have seen lives (of chapel visitors) changed and transformed. It all comes back to Christ. Miracles are working in this chapel."



**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.

Holy Mass:

the same yesterday, today and forever

(Excerpts taken from an article by Father Thomas Smith in the July 9, 2009 Catholic Times)

St. Justin was an early philosopher-convert who was martyred for the faith in A.D. 107. Among St. Justin's writings is a beautiful description of the way Christians celebrated the Eucharist less than a century after Christ died. As we read through his description, it becomes impossible to deny that the Mass is for all ages – Justin's as well as ours:

Why Mass is on Sunday ... "We hold our common assembly on Sunday because it is the first day of the week, the day on which God put darkness and chaos to flight and created the world, and because on that same day our Savior Jesus Christ rose from the dead. For He was crucified on Friday, and on Sunday He appeared to His apostles and disciples and taught them the things we have passed on for your consideration."

The proper disposition for receiving holy Communion ... "No one may share the Eucharist with us unless he believes that what we teach is true, unless he is washed in the regenerating waters of baptism for the remission of his sins, and unless he lives in accordance with the principles given us by Christ."

The real presence ... "We do not consume the Eucharist bread and wine as if it were ordinary food and drink, for we have been taught that as Jesus Christ, our Savior, became a man of flesh and blood by the power of the Word of God, so also, the food that our flesh and blood assimilates for its nourishment becomes the flesh and blood of the incarnate Jesus by the power of His own words contained in the prayer of thanksgiving."

We celebrate the Eucharist because Christ commanded us to do it ... "The apostles, in their recollections, which are called Gospels, handed down to us what Jesus commanded them to do. They tell us that He took bread, gave thanks and said: 'Do this in memory of Me. This is My body.' In the same way He took the cup, He gave thanks and said: 'This is My blood.' The Lord gave this command to them alone."

The Eucharist unites believers of all ages, rich and poor alike ... "Ever since then, we have constantly reminded one another of these things. The rich among us help the poor and we are always united. For all that we receive we praise the Creator of the universe through His Son, Jesus Christ, and through the Holy Spirit."

Jesus Christ is the same 'yesterday, today and forever'. As Christ's mystical body, the Church's liturgy likewise remains the same through times in everything that is essential.



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