NEWS FROM

Mother of America Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

at the Marian Center for Peace

2025 CHRISTMAS SEASON

Come, Let Us Adore Him

By Father Joseph Redfern

Since my arrival at St. Vincent de Paul in Wisconsin Rapids this past July, I have been edified by the fact that the Wisconsin Rapids deanery has Eucharistic Adoration 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This is quite an achievement on the part of Catholics in the area, given the demographic. I enjoy that I can go to the Marian Center for Peace at any time of day or night to spend a period of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. During my visits, I have witnessed people of various age groups and from different parishes coming to adore our Lord, really and substantially present in the Most August Sacrament of the Altar.

The greatest of my priestly duties is the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. This Sacrament is at the heart of the priestly vocation. The Second Vatican Council speaks of the Eucharist as the "source and summit of the Christian life" (Lumen Gentium, 11). The Catechism of the Catholic Church provides further explanation to the Eucharist as being so central to the Christian life: "The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch." (n. 1324)

Eucharistic adoration is also very central to a priest's spirituality. Bishop Battersby is encouraging all of the priests of the Diocese of La Crosse to spend a holy hour each day, preferably before the exposed Blessed Sacrament. The lay faithful might not be able to do the same, but I would encourage all to consider an hour of Eucharistic adoration once a week or at least once a month. Silent prayer spent before our Eucharistic Lord is always a graced encounter with Christ and an opportunity to pray with and for His Church.

Handicapped Accessibility PROJECT UPDATE

In the last newsletter, we highlighted a dedicated adorer, who was willing to donate $10,000 to help make the chapel handicapped accessible. Her contingency was that we go out to all of the parishes in the Deanery to make everyone aware of the need for this project and to challenge the parishioners to match or beat her donation, or, at least, donate what you can. During the month of November, we spoke at all of the parishes except Sacred Heart and Saint Alexander. We will make the presentation in January at those parishes.

Based on the initial success of this revived campaign, we will begin redesigning the project for the Apricot Street entrance. This allows us to more easily meet the new codes that have been implemented since the original design over 10 years ago. If you have not donated to this important project yet, and would like to do so, there are envelopes at the Marian Center and at each parish in the Deanery.

Lessons from Saint Faustina

The diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, titled *Divine Mercy in My Soul*, is a profound record of her mystical experiences and conversations with Jesus Christ. It serves as a powerful testament to God's boundless mercy, inviting all souls to draw near to Him regardless of their struggles. Here are two particularly powerful quotes from the book:

- In the evening, when I was in my cell. I saw the Lord Jesus clothed in a white garment. One hand was raised in the gesture of blessing, the other was touching the garment at the breast. From beneath the garment two large rays, one red, the other pale. In silence I kept my gaze fixed on the Lord, my soul was struck with awe, but also with great joy. After a while, Jesus said to me, "Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You. I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and then throughout the world."
- Jesus said, "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over its enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory."

Betty Brockman

Saying "yes" to adoring our Eucharistic Lord

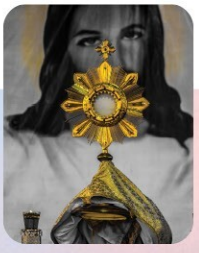
"My journey to becoming an adorer at the Mother of America Chapel began 15 years ago when my daughter asked if I would cover her Holy Hour one week. I enjoyed the peacefulness and intimacy of the chapel so much that when she asked if I would like that particular time slot, I jumped at the chance to become a regular adorer. I look forward to my special time each week with Jesus where I pray the rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, share my personal intentions with Him, read, or simply gaze upon the Blessed Sacrament when I'm at a loss for words. I place myself in Jesus' presence and He takes me as I am. Saying "yes" to adoring our Eucharistic Lord has brought such joy to my life! I encourage everyone to visit Him whenever they can and to not be afraid to make the commitment. It won't be a burden … it will be a blessing."

Science Points to the Shroud of Turin Being the Burial Cloth of Jesus

One goal of the Marian Center is to provide education about the Shroud of Turin. According to a report from *Newsmax*, new scientific and forensic evidence strongly suggests that the famed Shroud of Turin is the actual burial cloth of Jesus from over 2,000 years ago. Key points from the report include:

- **Scientific Consensus:** Numerous researchers who have devoted their careers to studying the shroud have independently concluded that it is authentic.
- **Updated Dating:** New research techniques have allowed scientists to date the shroud back 2,000 years to the time of Jesus, correcting previous faulty research that suggested it originated in the 13th century.
- **Geographical Evidence:** Scientists detected pollen on the shroud that is unique to the area around Jerusalem.
- **Forensic Details:** Marks on the shroud correspond to the specific methods of torture used by Romans in that era.
- **Blood Matching:** Forensic evidence of bloodstains on the shroud (Type AB) matches the Sudarium, another historical cloth in Spain believed to have been wrapped around Jesus' head.
- **Corroborative Detail on Damage:** The report addressed previous faulty carbon dating from 1988 by explaining that the sample used then was likely contaminated by new material woven in after the cloth was damaged in a medieval fire.

For the full details on these findings, you can read the original article, "'Real Face of Jesus' Revealed in Newsmax Magazine," on the *Newsmax* website.



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.

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