

Thank you for coming to adore Jesus in The Holy Eucharist. It is wonderful that so many parishioners are taking advantage of having the opportunity to spend time with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

In order to ensure that Adoration at St. Agnes can continue, we really need more people to commit to at least one hour a week. Currently, we have 258 members of our parish that have registered for adoration. Of these 258 people, 71 have not yet committed to a specific hour.

I know that many people are concerned that if they commit to a specific hour each week, a scheduling conflict may arise in the future where they may not be able to make their scheduled hour. Please do not let this keep you from signing up for a specific time. We have recently assigned Adoration Captains who are helping people find substitutes for their holy hour whenever a scheduling conflict arises. We have 3 captains per day (Monday-Friday) and they are doing a terrific job helping our scheduled adorers.

The venerable Bishop Fulton Sheen was a great advocate for the daily holy hour. Oftentimes, when someone would protest and say that they didn't have time to make a holy hour he would reply--- "then you need to make time for two hours". With his great humor he reminds us that scheduling time to spend with Our Lord is the best way to restore peace in our busy lives. When we make time for the Lord---putting Him first--- He blesses our sacrifice in so many wonderful ways. Jesus makes us the first priority in His life. Shouldn't we do the same?

It really is a sacrifice to commit an hour of our time each week to the Lord. But the rewards and graces that He gives us for making this sacrifice will bear incredible fruit in the lives of our families and our parish. Committing an hour of our precious time to Adoration is like spiritual weightlifting. When we first begin, it is so difficult. The more we do it and the more we build it into our daily routines, the easier it becomes.

We need you!!! You are important to keeping Adoration at St. Agnes going! Each scheduled adorer is a link in the chain of our adoration family. As each new person signs up for a specific hour, our adoration family grows and becomes stronger. Many people have registered on the website and have been faithfully stopping in and visiting Our Lord. It is great to see so many coming to be with Jesus. However, if we do not get enough people to commit to a specific hour each week, the chain breaks apart. Unscheduled adorers are great but scheduled adorers are really necessary. They are the ones who are making adoration possible!

We have made great progress in such a short amount of time! Please prayerfully consider whether or not you can commit to a specific hour. We all need to do our part to keep Adoration going at St. Agnes. The only way to ensure that Adoration will continue is if we can get a firm base of people to commit to a specific time. If you have already scheduled an hour during the week, please consider taking an additional hour on the weekend! Once we fill up Saturday and

Sunday we will have Perpetual Adoration! Just think of it, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, at least one member of our parish family will be adoring Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament!

Please help us meet this beautiful goal!

God Bless,  
Therese Williams