



My Dear Parishioners,

July 2024 is an exciting month to be Catholic! Not only is it the month of the Precious Blood of Jesus, but next week, **the 10<sup>th</sup> Eucharistic Congress** in our nation's history begins. Tens of thousands of Catholics will gather in Indianapolis for this event. It will be an experience of profound, personal renewal through the power of Christ's love. Like a new Pentecost, a transformation will flow out to bring revival in our communities as the Church returns to her first love—the source and summit of our faith. St. Pat's will be represented in Indianapolis by the Owens Family, Rose Hearn, Dan Pin and Fr. McCabe. And we will keep everyone posted with updates on Flock-note and Facebook in the coming weeks!

To celebrate this special time here locally, please note the following:

- 1) This week, our regular Eucharistic Devotions of Monday Adoration, our daily celebration of the Mass and Reconciliation opportunities will continue. See times on our parish website.
- 2) On **Wednesday, July 17, the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of the Congress**, we will show a special movie on the Eucharist after the 7PM Daily Mass. All will be welcome to join us for this event.
- 3) On the **Weekend of July 20/21**, our parish will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 3PM Saturday leading into the 5PM Mass and then during Sunday morning before and after the celebration of Mass. This will give a different "feel" to that Sunday weekend but will serve as a visible reminder of what our Sundays are all about! The Celebration of God with Us! And a communal experience of US with Him! Mark your calendars for this special week: July 17 - 21<sup>st</sup>.

Following the Eucharistic Congress, on **Tuesday, July 23 after the 7:30AM Mass**, we will regather for an **Emmaus Breakfast** in the St. Joseph Room. As Jesus gathered with His friends on that road, we too will gather, recounting our experience and hear the experience of those who know Him.

The last weekend of July we will welcome Fr. Mapara to our parish. He is a Benedictine Missionary priest from Tanzania and will be here for the annual Missionary Co-op Appeal.

Finally, on Monday, July 29<sup>th</sup> the Feast Day of St. Martha, we will have the blessing of our new columbaria out at our cemetery. More to come on that!

Lots going on in July, an exciting time to be Catholic. And I am so grateful to live this faith with you!

Peace

Fr. Rogers

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

MONDAYS:  
8:00 AM – 7:00 PM

FIRST FRIDAYS  
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

ALL ARE WELCOME



If the idea of Eucharistic Adoration is new to you, you might wonder what should I do during Adoration? St. John Paul II said, *"We must understand that in order 'to do', we must first learn 'to be', that is to say, in the sweet company of Jesus in adoration."* Our lives are filled with doing,

movement and sounds. If you are just starting out, it's helpful to just sit reverently in the presence of the Lord for about fifteen minutes. With practice, sitting quietly in His Presence will become easier. Don't give up if you are distracted, that's normal! It can take time to build spiritual muscles.

Our parish offers Eucharistic Adoration on Mondays from 8:00AM to 7:00PM. All are invited to stop in Church to spend some time with the Lord. We also celebrate First Fridays with Adoration from 7:00PM to 8:30PM. First Fridays include beautiful music and a short teaching on prayer from Father Rogers. Save the date for our next First Friday-August 2.

For questions or more information regarding Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, please contact Angela Eyre at 484-753-4801 or by email at reachmorestpatrick@gmail.com.