

Companions on the Journey

April 30, 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

This week most of the finishing touches for our new parish Adoration Chapel have been put into place. The signage for the outside area will probably take another month. I have received assurances that it will be in place by the time of my Jubilee Mass. There will be a Jerusalem Cross over the Chapel and the following words:

Most Precious Blood Chapel of Perpetual Adoration

I would like all of you to begin thinking about a time each week (or even each day) when you can stop in and pray before Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament.

The Chapel is located underneath the Parish Center (the Old Rectory) Where you would enter the Padua Room is the same entrance for the New Adoration Chapel. Once you enter into the building immediately on your left will be an entrance to the newly revised Padua Room. Directly in front of you is the new powder room. And on the right will be the door into the Chapel. The Chapel itself is on the small side. There will be six chairs and a couple of kneelers for those who are praying.

There will be a Tabernacle with the Blessed Sacrament visible through a window in the door of the Tabernacle. Whoever is present in the Chapel to pray approaches the Tabernacle and drops down the covering over the Tabernacle door and the Blessed Sacrament is then visible for all. When it is time to leave the Chapel then the same visitor will approach the Tabernacle and simply close the cover for the Tabernacle.

There will be a keypad immediately to the left of the door into the Chapel. The keypad will allow the code to be entered and trigger a release and the door will be opened. Each person who desires to come and pray in this way before the Blessed Sacrament will be assigned their own unique digital code. This will be assigned to you after you fill out a brief informational questionnaire. Your digital number is yours alone and not to be shared with anyone.

The Chapel will be open to anyone, including non-parishioners. But we do need to have basic information on everyone who uses the chapel, no matter where they live or what parish they attend. We will be attending to the floral decoration of the Chapel as well as its cleaning each week. If you are interested in helping out with any of these aspects of the Adoration Chapel please notify the Secretary for the parish, Chamaine Duerr and she will be back in touch with you. Because the entry to the Chapel is set up this way the timing of your visit is completely flexible to you. It is not necessary for us to have a Monstrance in which the Blessed Sacrament is exposed and then removed in repose. This new approach is designed to have safety and access. Let us pray.

Peace,

Msgr. McHenry