

SAVE THE DATE:

Eucharistic Procession

Saturday, July 20th from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Church grounds



Our parish will be participating in a Eucharistic Procession to unite with other Catholics in the U.S. who will be attending the Eucharistic Congress Revival taking place in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Eucharistic processions became a common practice in the Catholic Church during the Corpus Christi celebrations in the 13th and 14th centuries. The first evidence of these processions comes from Cologne, Germany in the 1270's and by the 14th century, the practice spread throughout Europe. St. Juliana of Mont Carvillon is credited with suggesting the idea for the processions, which are a public way to show reverence for the Eucharist.

Theologically, processions remind us that we are pilgrims journeying through this earthly existence following Jesus on "the Way". In Eucharistic processions, we publicly proclaim this truth, following the Lord physically even as we pledge anew to do so spiritually. We also give public witness to our acceptance of the Lord's words: "The bread that I will give you is my flesh for the life of the world: (John 6:51). As such, public processions serve as tools of evangelization within our neighborhoods.

Also, consider attending morning Mass on July 16, 17, 18 and 19. We will be saying The Rosary before the morning Masses to pray for our parish and the success of the Eucharistic Congress.

Eucharistic Procession outline

3:00 PM - Begin in the church with Exposition and song then Fr. Andrejek will process down the main aisle, followed by altar servers, and our deacons outside and those present will follow. The Knights of Columbus will hold the canopy over the Monstrance and travel with Fr. Andrejek. Those laity present will process around the parish grounds with Fr. Andrejek and then return to the church for prayers, confession and end with Benediction.

Station 1 - Rosary garden area

Station 2 - Front of the school near the Blessed Mother statue (6th Street side)

Station 3 - Front of church near the St. Joseph statue (in the circle area)

At each station, we will have a short prayer and a simple Benediction. After the final stations, Fr. Andrejek will process back into the church and place the Blessed Sacrament, in the Monstrance, on the altar. At that time, Fr. Andrejek will go into the confessional to hear confessions. During that time, we will recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, The Holy Rosary, The Litany of the Blessed Sacrament, and have time for intercessory prayers, song and silent personal prayer. Deacon Mark Wilder will lead us in Benediction to end our service.

We have petitioned the city to close off St. Joseph Place from 6th Street to 7th Street and Broadway St. from 6th Street to just before Court Street to allow us to process in the streets. Parking will be available on the church lot between the Church and School. Please keep in mind that the streets will be closed off a little before 3:00 p.m. with no access to the church parking lots.

WISH LIST for the Eucharistic Procession: 4 cases of water, 4 bags of ice. If you can help with any of these items, please drop them off at the parish center. Thank you!

Encounter Jesus in the Eucharist

Thoughts from Jeff Smith, President of The Word Among Us

For the past two years, the bishops of the United States have been encouraging us to come into a more vibrant experience of Jesus when we meet him in the Eucharist. Catholics from all over the country will be gathering in Indianapolis for the Tenth National Eucharistic Congress. As we approach the culmination of this time of "Eucharistic Revival," we should all be clear about one thing: the Lord wants to reveal himself to us personally. This is true whether we have been receiving him in Communion for eighty years or eighty days. Receiving the Eucharist is not about something we do. Rather, it's about a Person we meet, and not just any person! You and I are invited to meet the only begotten Son of God. As you receive Christ in the Eucharist, Jesus himself comes and makes his home in you. He sees you and he loves you. He is not far from you: he is right there with you, and he delights to make you his dwelling place.

Thoughts from Bishop Andrew Cozzens, Chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis and who is leading the Revival.

An essential element of the Eucharistic Revival, which is also an essential element of our faith, revolves around the word "encounter." It's important that each of us have an encounter with Jesus. When we do, we experience a real change in our lives, and it gives us strength and power to follow the Lord. I never tire of repeating the words of Pope Benedict XVI, which Pope Francis has also repeated and which take us to the very heart of the gospel: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and decisive direction. When I encounter Jesus, my whole life opens up in a new way, and suddenly, I have a different way of seeing and I'm headed in a new direction, toward a new horizon."