



March 22 , 2023

Dear Parishioners,

Our journey through Lent affords us a valuable opportunity to live our faith more deeply. Lent invites us to undertake the practices of fasting, almsgiving, and prayer with new earnestness, all of which bring us closer to God. One of those devotional practices is Eucharistic Adoration.

Adoration calls us into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. During this time, we can listen to His will for our lives, be drawn more deeply into the mysteries of the Eucharist, and have renewed vigor for our mission of bringing Christ to the world. I firmly believe that Adoration is one of the most powerful ways to **meet, know,** and **love** Christ so that we may **serve** Him in the community of Hartland and beyond.

To that end, **we are expanding the hours of Adoration in our current Adoration Chapel. We are also building a dedicated Eucharistic Chapel in our new church with the goal of Perpetual Adoration.** If Christ is truly at the center of our lives, we are called to spend time with Him in the real presence of the Blessed Sacrament on a regular basis.

St. Charles is blessed with a dedicated team of parishioners who are working to make this goal a reality. They have invited **Fr. Declan Gibson**, one of the country's foremost experts on Adoration, to come to St. Charles. **Please mark your calendars for December 2-5 for Encounter Jesus.** Fr. Declan will be present at all of the weekend Masses and will have sessions on Monday and Tuesday evening, which will draw us more intimately into the mystery of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

Is Christ calling you into a deeper relationship with Him? **I invite you to step away and make time for this most important relationship with Christ.** Watch for upcoming communications from the Perpetual Adoration Team for more details, or reach out to Peg Kasun, Worship Team Lead (pkasun@stcharleshartland.org) or Ray Feller, Parish Adoration Team member (rdfelleriii@gmail.com.)

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Ken".

Fr. Ken Omernick