

FACE-TO-FACE BOOK

“An Adoration Prayer Challenge”

What is it?

A parish-wide prayer effort to dedicate our Capital Campaign to the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

How does it work?

Stop into the Adoration Chapel to pray for the Capital Campaign and your own prayer needs.

Come in for long or short visits. Come for an hour or just a few minutes. Come often.

Come before or after work, before or after meetings, while running errands, anytime you can.

Get into the habit of meeting “face-to-face” with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

What do you do when you’re there?

Meet with the Lord and talk to Him. Pray personally.

Sign the special Face-to-Face Book prominently displayed in the Adoration Chapel.

Add a prayer of your own for the Campaign if you wish.

Each time you visit, sign your name or just leave your initials in the book.

What is the purpose for this challenge?

For you to experience the blessings of this Sacred Space.

To pray for the Capital Campaign and the future of our parish.

Who can you invite to this challenge?

Your family, friends & neighbors.

Our fellow parishioners, your Book Club and all our ministry partners.

Let’s see how many people we can encourage to participate!

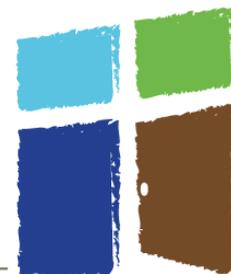
Where is the Adoration Chapel?

In the southwest corner of the church.

Coming from outside, take the sidewalk between the Family Center & Church/ Administration Building. Follow the signs to the Adoration Chapel door.

WHAT IS ADORATION?AND WHY IT IS SO IMPORTANT?

Adoration or Eucharistic Adoration is spending face-to-face time in front of the Blessed Sacrament. This involves recognizing the mystery of Christ truly present before us. The Blessed Sacrament serves as our focal point of devotion because we, as Catholics, believe that Jesus is present in the Eucharist, thus the Blessed Sacrament is given the same adoration and devotion that is accorded to Christ. During our Adoration time we can pray or remain silent in His Presence and open ourselves to the graces which can flow. In its fullest essence...Eucharistic Adoration is “God and man reaching out for each other at the same time.”



OPENING DOORS
TO WELCOME AND SERVE

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Prayer Booklet

ABOUT USING THIS PRAYER BOOKLET

Dear Parishioners,

One of the most important building projects in our parish history is now in the making. Our parish is growing and so are our needs. Resources of time, talent and treasure are being asked for, but more than anything else your prayers are vital. Prayer is the foundation of everything we do here at our parish.

With this in mind, this Prayer Booklet was designed by the Prayer Committee for the Opening Doors to Welcome and Serve Capital Campaign. It is our desire for each parishioner to pray regularly for this very important project. The Campaign prayer is included as well as a prayer for each day of the week. These prayers are short and easy to reflect upon. We encourage everyone to take and use this booklet daily.

The Prayer Committee has come up with another excellent way to seek God's help during this Capital Campaign. It is called the FACE-TO-FACE-BOOK, "An Adoration Prayer Challenge." We join with them in challenging every parishioner to visit the Adoration Chapel during this capital campaign. This is a perfect way to meet "face-to-face" with the Good Lord and to pray for the Campaign. Your visit to the Adoration Chapel can be long or short. While you are there, sign the special Face-To-Face Book that will be displayed there. The idea is to encourage as many people as possible to sign this book and pray often for the success of this campaign. Challenge your friends, your book club, anybody you can to take part. (See more details about this Prayer Challenge on the back of this booklet.)

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SATURDAY

*"Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you?"
1 Corinthians 3:16*

Prayer:

Almighty and Living God, thank you for loving us and for desiring intimacy with each of us. You continue to shower us with grace. Help us to love you. Help us to show that love to others in our many ministries. Loving Father, continue to help us be "Alive In Christ" so we can be what our pastor Fr. Bill encourages us to be, "God with skin on" for all who come to this holy place St Patrick's / St. Anthony's, Grand Haven. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

COME HOLY SPIRIT

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, through Christ Our Lord. Amen

THURSDAY

"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus" *Philippians 4:6*

Prayer:

O Lord our God, we know that you have planned for us more than we can ask, or even imagine. Quiet our fears and help us with any concerns we may have about this campaign, that we may know and experience the abundant life that our Savior Jesus calls us to. Be with us as we make the commitments of sacrifice and effort which will lead us into paths you have placed before us to walk. We ask this in the Holy Name of Jesus. Amen

FRIDAY

"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work." *II Corinthians 9:7-8*

Prayer:

Loving God, we ask you to fill our congregation with cheerful hearts, as we respond to the opportunity before us. Move us to generosity in your love as we dedicate ourselves to the work You have entrusted to us. We ask this in your Son's name Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior. Amen



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Almighty and loving God, we thank and praise you for your faithfulness to our parish for 157 years. For this we are eternally grateful.

A new chapter has presented itself as St. Patrick's and St. Anthony's are now one. Our needs are changing and our facilities are in need of renovations.

We trust in you as we step out in faith to improve our parish campus.

"Opening Doors To Welcome And Serve" is our most ardent desire. We believe this is also your will, not only for now but for generations to come.

May we fulfill our calling with generous hearts and minds to this vision and for the resources it will require.

We ask this in the name of the Father, Son & Holy Spirit and through the intercessions of our most Blessed Mother and our patron saints, Patrick & Anthony.

AMEN

"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me."
Revelation 3:20

DAILY PRAYERS

SUNDAY

*“Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain.”
Psalm 127:1*

Prayer:

Almighty God, as we prepare to renovate our parish campus in order to improve our ability to welcome and serve, help us open our hearts and minds to your Holy Spirit. Enable us to envision an ever growing church family who will be attentive to you word, and respond to your guidance and direction. As we work to renew our buildings, so renew our life together in this place and release our energy as we minister in your name. Give us a spirit of wisdom, generosity and perseverance, that our entire parish campus and parish family will bring glory, honor and praise to you. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen

MONDAY

“You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house.” 1 Peter 2:5

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, you have promised that wherever two or three are gathered in Your name, you will be with them. In faith, claiming this promise we gather in Your Name as “living stones” seeking to renovate your spiritual house here in Grand Haven. We know the church is so much more than the building. It’s the people. Prayerfully, we are now responding to what we believe is your call; to improve our facilities in order to better welcome and serve people in your name. As a parish family we ask for your continued blessing of our spiritual house both physically and spiritually. We ask this Jesus, in your name. Amen

TUESDAY

*“Do not store up for yourself treasures on earth where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in Heaven where moth and rust do not destroy and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will also be.”
Matthew 6:19-21*

Prayer:

Father, we know you accept our gifts, great or small, and do great things with them. Help us to remember that you have done so much for us. In return, what can we give back?... our time... our talent, ...our treasure? What is the right answer for each of us? To discern what is best, as a parish we seek the help of your Holy Spirit to help each parishioner with their decisions concerning this capital campaign. Father you know the needs of everyone. You also know the desires of all who want to give back in some way. Please help each parishioner discern what will be best for them. We ask this in Jesus name. Amen

WEDNESDAY

“I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” Ephesians 4:1-3

Prayer:

Almighty and ever living God, we pray for your church here in Grand Haven. You have given to us a church family to accompany and encourage us on the journey of faith. For this we give thanks. Be with us and help us always to remember that our sisters and brothers are a gift to us from you. Grant that we may find with one another all that is necessary for our shared life and ministry. We ask this in Jesus’ name and for His sake. Amen