

Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?

By Carol Tondreau, Chapel Coordinator

I am sure many of you can relate to the phrase, “*You don’t know what you’ve got ‘til it’s gone.*” With recent changes in my life, this phrase is very significant - the kids are grown and moved on; changes in jobs; a big move. New chapters in our lives bring new direction. With all the changes, I didn’t truly know how hard leaving behind Holy Rosary, and especially the Chapel, would be. Although I am still involved helping Dosie weekly behind the scenes, I left a little piece of myself behind when we moved to the east side of the state.

I can remember the challenges we faced over 10 years ago as we jumped into this task of opening the chapel to perpetual adoration. We heard many people say they didn’t think it would be possible to fill 168 hour-long shifts (24/7) by a tiny parish in Cedar. But, by the grace of God and the dedication of our parishioners and those from surrounding parishes, we did it! In the times since embarking on coordinating the chapel in 2012, we have faced many challenges, but God has always provided just what was needed to get us by.

What a special piece of our Catholic faith sits upon the altar inside those chapel walls. As I prepared for my move, I let my regular hour go and a little piece of me fell away. But at least the chapel was there, and I could swing by whenever I needed that time with Our Lord - which was often. My favorite times to fill in would be in the middle of the night where I would rest in silence and expect the unexpected. At those times, I would often find myself drawn to the lyrics from the song “Here I am Lord” and I would wait for Him to speak to me through the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. I would always leave better than when I entered.

*“Here I am, Lord
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord
If You lead me
I will hold Your people in my heart”*
~ Lyrics by John Michael Talbot

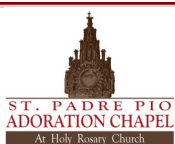
In today’s culture, the idea of taking time with the Lord for Him to work deep within your soul is drastically undervalued; the exterior tangible progress tends to be the focus with so many in the world. But the big difference between the two (material and spiritual) is that material progress remains outside of you. It can appear to be what is needed but is momentary. On the other hand, the interior progress made through the Lord means that it is YOU who has changed.



Jesus said “*Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you.*” (John 14:27). The stillness and quiet that we experience in Adoration reaches much deeper. It can affect us in all areas of our lives through an inner peace. It doesn’t mean everything in our life will be perfect and without grief, but the peace we find through Christ means that we know that the storms of life can’t shake us.

I admit, I am not a good apologist. I can’t debate challenges from nonbelievers through theology or scientific proofs of where my faith comes from. But what I can do is speak from personal experience in the ways God has touched my life. I can share how He does speak within your inner soul – especially in the personal time spent in the Chapel with Him. And, I can encourage others to seek Christ in all things, and to never lose sight of His love.

As I settle into a new home and new parish, Holy Rosary will always be in my heart. While I’m happy that my new parish offers all-day adoration one day a week, I will miss my chapel visits in the wee hours of the night any day of the week. Adoration is imprinted on our hearts. As St. Augustine (my new parish namesake) shared “*our hearts are restless until they find our rest in Him!*” So, as I move onto a new chapter of my life, I urge you all to appreciate what you have in the St. Pio Adoration Chapel. **It is a very special place!**



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Prayer feeds our lives. Prayer is a gift. It is a gift because Christian Prayer is based on knowing the Lord Jesus, and having the Holy Spirit stir and move through us in prayer. Please keep these intentions in your prayers.

Pray for those that are not able to attend Mass with us

Jill Anderson- Home
 Ted Bodus- Woodside Assisted Living
 Betty Flaska- Home * Georgetta Galla- Joy Givers
 Marga Galla - Culver Meadows
 Theresa Garvin- Joy Givers * John King- Home
 Loraine Kulanda - Home * Ann Mazurek- Home
 John Peplinski- Medilodge * Joanne Popa- Home
 Kelly Priest - Woodside Asst Living
 Frank Majszak - Medilodge South * Elizabeth Randall- Home
 Mike Shorter- The Villa at Traverse Point
 Thelma Weber- Woodside Assisted Living

Please call the office to correct & update this list.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers Recent Prayer Intentions

* Joan Gauthier * Randy Weber * Joan Ciccone *
 * Randy W. (Buckley) * David Mikowski * Jim Plamondon *
 * Ruth Trotsky - Parkinsons & Heart surgery recovery *
 * Bob - Prison * Hope - Recovery from challenges *
 * Dodie Mikowski - Hospice * Ruth Ann Smith * Ryan *
 * Dietrich family - Family death & Hurricane loss *
 * Dianne L. * Marge Steimel * Vicki & Terry Weber *
 * Russ VanHouzen * Margaret Collins * Bruce Beeker *
 Cecily Neddo * Henry Gauthier * Patrick * Teddy *
 * Cheryl Commons * Casey - spiritual attacks *
 * Stanley * Jean LaCross * Bradley *

Cancer Patients:

* Cynthia Lieby * Peter Freundl * Danny Mikowski *
 * Richard Plamondon * Carrie DeLille * Steve *
 * Therese Rosinski * Leah D. * John Trotsky *
 * Dan Pahl * Marissa *

Please pray for those receiving the Sacraments

First Sacraments Candidates

Karl Altman
 Lucas Baker
 Natalie Berninger
 Philip Dunphey
 Blaise Grignon
 Brianna Goff
 John Jeffrey
 Mark McManus
 Luke Parshall
 Margaret Ritola
 Axton Thorne

Confirmation Candidates

Caleb Harris
 Connor Harris

RCIA Candidates

Alex Bendickson
 Drew Gibson
 Rebecca, Dale & Brianna Goff
 Joshua Harris
 Evan Penney
 Stephen Starling
 Thomas Williams



May the Holy Spirit guide them on their journey into the Catholic Faith

For the recently deceased & their families

* Anthony Ciccone * Carmen Dietrich *

* Ongoing Prayer Intentions *

* Chris Berkey - Neurological issues *
 * Delores (Ditto) Couturier - stroke recovery *
 * Baby Henry Gauthier - serious neck surgery in Feb. *
 * Dakota Korson - 3 yrs. old - Neuroblastoma (Cancer) *
 * Lucas P. - teen - serious food allergies and EOE *
 * Conor Rigan - age 3 - Brain tumor #4, Clinical trial *
 * Ron Rushton - stroke recovery *
 * Kayla Tondreau - SJIA & many health struggles *

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St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



& THEIR FAMILIES

- Ken Artz —US Air Force
- Isaiah Belanger —US Navy
- Nicholas Bryan —US Army
- John Bunek —US Navy
- Curtis Bunek —US Navy
- Keith Castle —US Marines
- Matthew Culver —US Navy
- Tim Fisher —US Army
- Peter Freundl —US Coast Guard
- Avery Kohler —MI National Guard
- Christopher Kohler —MI National Guard
- Jacob Kunde —US Air Force
- Austin McQueer —US Marines
- Andrew Tondreau —MI National Guard
- Ryan Tondreau —US Army
- Leif Vanderwerf —US Marines
- Daniel Weber —US Army
- Anya Woods —MI National Guard
- Tim Wigton —MI National Guard
- Andrew Zeits —US Army