

DO YOU LIKE TO SING?

DO YOU PLAY AN INSTRUMENT?

*The Festival of Praise Band
is looking for new members!*

The FOP Band (made up of teens and adults) leads an hour of Eucharistic Adoration every other month. We sing contemporary praise and worship music, with guitar, keyboard, and clarinet accompaniment.

We are looking for more singers and musicians! Open to any teens in grades 6-12. Any instruments are welcome!

If you are interested in being a part of the FOP Band, contact Amy Lashutka at alashutka@saintraphaelparish.com or at 440-871-1100.

Practices (7:30-9pm in Zwilling Room)

October 4th

December 6th

January 31st and February 7th

March 27th and April 10th

May 29th and June 5th

FOP Dates (7-8pm in Church)

October 9th

December 11th

February 12th

April 15th

June 10th

Come to Me..... Encounter Me..... Be with Me.....



What is Eucharistic Adoration?

Understood simply, Eucharistic Adoration is adoring or honoring the Eucharistic Presence of Christ. In a deeper sense, it involves "the contemplation of the Mystery of Christ truly present before us". During Eucharistic Adoration, we may "watch and wait", we may remain "silent" in His Presence and open ourselves to His graces which flow from the Eucharist. By worshiping the Eucharistic Jesus, we become what God wants us to be! Like a magnet, The Lord draws us to Himself and gently transforms us.

We may also lift our voices in song to worship and praise Jesus as we are surrounded by His holy presence. We may pray using different gestures and postures- open hands, outstretched arms, kneeling, laying prostrate, whatever helps us to show our awe and deep and profound respect. Through our adoration, Jesus calls us to a personal relationship (to become His friends and disciples), to "remain in Him" (Divine Intimacy), to "remain in His love" (Keep His commandments). He promises that all those who remain tightly bonded to Him, will bear much fruit and "their joy will be complete". For without Him, we can do nothing. Through this "friendship", we are inspired and strengthened to take on life's challenges, to carry our daily cross with a new attitude, to become a "new creation" (more and more like Jesus). In its fullest essence ... **Eucharistic Adoration is "God and Man reaching out for each other, at the same time!"**

In addition to our weekly Adoration in the Raphael Center Chapel (10 am on Fridays through 4pm on Saturdays), you are invited to join us for a special form of Adoration called a Festival of Praise (FOP). This form of Adoration includes praise and worship music, times of silence, opportunity for spoken prayer, and sacred readings. The FOPs are open to all so please bring your children, your parents, your siblings, friends and neighbors. Jesus is waiting for you to come!

Please join us for a Festival of Praise from 7-8pm in the Church on:

Sunday, August 14th, 2011

Sunday, October 9th, 2011

Sunday, December 11th, 2011

Sunday, February 12th, 2012

Sunday, April 15th, 2012

Sunday, June 10th, 2012