

During the month of January/February, we presented evenings on the topic of Eucharistic Adoration for all students in grades 1 through 12. Parents were invited to attend the sessions along with their student(s). These sessions took place during the regular time of Religious Education class. The idea for the parent/child Eucharistic Adoration sessions began with the Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration offered by Archbishop Jackels for the middle school and high school students. We thought it would be good to educate all our students (at the own level) about the topic of Eucharistic Adoration. The three weeks of sessions began with grades 6-12 attending the evening presented by Archbishop Jackels, followed by our parish team of faith formation leaders presenting the sessions for grades 1 and 2 the second week, and grades 3, 4 and 5 the third week.

The sessions for the elementary students included learning vocabulary words such as transubstantiation, consecration and monstrance. After being able to touch and feel the monstrance (without the Luna inside), the students created their own monstrance with paper and painted handprints (Catholic Icing: <http://www.catholicicing.com/?s=Monstrance>). A short video was also included that demonstrated to the students how they were to act during the experience of Eucharistic Adoration (see attached lesson plan for titles of videos). We also gave students/parents a chance to write down specific intentions they wanted to pray for during Eucharistic Adoration, and then we ended the evening with a brief 5 minute time of silent prayer in church before the Blessed Sacrament.