

SJF CLOSING OF JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY WITH 40 HOURS DEVOTION

**Thursday, November 17th – Saturday, November 19th
at St. John Fisher Church**

You are all invited to come join us and participate in this holy devotion and spend time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Please sign up to adore on the schedule provided at the back of the church. Invite your friends and family members to come.

Thursday, Nov. 17....at 7pmOpening Mass
Thursday..... 8pm to midnightAdoration
Friday, Nov. 18..... 12am to 7amAdoration
Friday at 7-8am Mass, Rosary, Devine Mercy
Friday 8am to midnight.....Adoration
Saturday, Nov. 19 ... 12am to 7amAdoration
Saturday..... at 7-8am Mass, Rosary, Devine Mercy
Saturday..... 8am-4pmAdoration
Saturday..... 4:15pmBenediction
Saturday..... 4:30pmMass



40 Hours with Jesus Christ

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The Importance of Eucharistic Devotions

Although the Mass is central to Catholic life, devotions to the Eucharist are also important. Through them we can adore Jesus, pray in his presence, express our sorrow for sin, and experience a oneness with him that leads us to participate in the Mass.

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