



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival



Interview with Liz Krueger

My name is Liz Krueger and I have been a part of St. Nicholas Parish since around 1970.

What has your experience been with the Eucharist?

The Catholic Church has always been part of my life as I was baptized a couple days after my birth with five nuns present praying for me. They came to the parish every summer for two weeks to give catechetical instruction and prepare us for the Sacraments. In our home, no matter how tired my parents were after a hard day of farm work, we all gathered to pray the rosary around the family table. Seeing my parents in prayer had a huge impact on my life as they lead us in our faith by example. I attended a Catholic girls' boarding school 8th – 12th grades where Mass was celebrated every morning and we had an hour of Adoration every Friday afternoon. My time in Adoration was often spent with a meditation book called "My Other Self" which helped me to be aware of Christ within me. No dramatic experience, but just an awareness of Christ within me. The chapel was attached to our dormitory and classrooms, so it was easy to pop in for a visit to the Blessed Sacrament several times a day. Even now I am very much aware of the comforting Presence of Jesus as I walk into Church. My awareness of Christ within me continues to deepen every day. The Eucharist is a source of strength. I can only do what I do because of His strength. Jesus emptied himself out for me and I have to keep that in mind as I care for 2-3 babies almost every day. At the end of the day, often 11:30 PM or later, I am very empty! He leads me by example.

Do you have a favorite Eucharistic miracle?

I love to read about Eucharistic miracles. The one I remember the most occurred in Lanciano, Italy around 750 A.D. A priest had some doubts about the real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. As he said the words of consecration, the host of bread turned into flesh and the wine into blood. A monstrance containing the Host and a relic containing the Blood can still be viewed today. In 1970, the Archbishop of Lanciano requested a scientific examination of the Host and the Blood. The finding confirmed the flesh is living myocardial tissue (heart muscle) and the blood type is AB, the same as found on the Shroud of Turin (the burial cloth that covered Jesus in the tomb). We actually eat and drink the Body and Blood of Christ. So many people continue to not believe, yet we have to remember that Jesus is God and nothing is impossible for Him. Please pray for all priests because without them, we can't have the Eucharist. Google: www.therealpresence.org