

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH TABERNACLE

5/8/23

## To all our Parishioners:

In anticipation of the final approval from Bishop Richard Henning with the support of our Parish Council and parishioners, the tabernacle will be moved from the right side of the church to the back of the altar under the crucifix.

The are a number of reasons for doing this. The most important reason is that this will promote reverence and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. Currently, its placement near the entrance at the side of the Church is not the best place to promote reverence for the Blessed Sacrament.

People are going and coming all the time not fully aware that they are walking by the Blessed Sacrament. By moving the tabernacle in back of the altar in the center, it will make people more aware of the Eucharistic presence of the Lord and be more inclined to genuflect.

Also, having a visual alignment of the tabernacle and altar, it emphasizes best both reverence for the Holy Eucharist and the significance of the sacrifice of the Mass. The sacred hosts that remain from the celebration of Mass are placed directly in the tabernacle to be consumed later at another Mass.

In an age of doubt and disbelief we need to do all we can to make known the presence of our Lord within our Church.

God Bless, Fr. Al Ranallo