



Mother of Perpetual Help PARISH

West Allis

JANUARY

7

2024

MPH EAST 2322 S. 106th Street
MPH WEST 1212 S. 117th Street

The Epiphany of the Lord



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When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:1-2

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OUR PARISH MISSION

We are a dynamic faith community, truthful to Catholic teaching, spiritually nourishing, united in the Eucharist, reaching out and accompanying one another through engaging ministries, witnessing the gospel through the example of our lives.

Mass Times

Saturday: 4:00 pm (MPH West)

Sunday: 8:30 am, 10:30 am,
7:00 pm (MPH East)

Week Days: 8:00 am (MPH East)
(Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and First Saturdays)
Tuesdays (School Year)
8:00 am (MPH West)

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Celebrating the Sacraments

Baptism call the parish office to register for Baptism.

Reconciliation (Confession) is celebrated on the First Saturday of the month at 8:30 am and on Wednesdays after the 8:00 am Mass.

Anointing of the Sick Will be celebrated the last weekend of the month after all Masses. Also, you may request anointing by calling the pastor or the parish office.

Weddings Please call the Parish office to make arrangements no later than 6 months prior to your anticipated date.



Please Note:

If you would like to sponsor a candle in memory of your loved one at one of the sites, please contact the parish office at 414-453-5192.

Thank you!



MASS INTENTIONS



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

FIRST SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2024

8:00 AM Robert Harrits (East Site)
4:00 PM †Carolyn Cindric (West Site)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024

8:30 AM † Robert Ullerich (East Site)
10:30 AM † Sammie Blagg (East Site)
7:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of Our Parish (East Site)

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024

8:00 AM † Agnes and † Victor Stroik (East Site)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024

8:00 AM † Ronald Kirmsse (West Site)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024

8:00 AM † George Wilkowski (East Site)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2024

8:00 AM † Gaye Pellant (East Site)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2024

4:00 PM † George Wilkowski (West Site)



**Mother of Perpetual Help
Adoration Chapel
2322 S. 106 St. West Allis**

Mondays and Wednesdays
9:00 AM - 8:00PM
Tuesdays and Thursdays
8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Prayers

We extend our sympathy to the families of the following people who have died. May they rest in peace and be risen to eternal glory!

**George Strnad
Marion (Balistreri) Gaeth
Joseph Russo
Eugene Wojciechowski**





REFLECTIONS FROM FR. MATTHEW

Led by the Star to Jesus

The Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord commemorates when Jesus Christ was revealed as the Messiah. The Gospel of Matthew recounts that three wise men from the East visited our savior after his birth and acknowledged him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh representing kingship, priesthood, and death.

The readings today tell of the revelation of Jesus Christ to all people. The first reading tells of a light in Jerusalem which all nations are drawn to. The psalm foretells kings bringing gifts. The second reading explains how God's grace is now known to all generations and the whole world. The gospel recalls how the Magi came from afar to worship the child Jesus.

The Magi travel towards Bethlehem. Their pilgrimage speaks also to us, who are called to journey towards Jesus, for he is **the North Star that lights up the sky of life and guides our steps towards true joy.** The Magi set out because of a deep desire which prompted them to leave everything and begin a journey. It was as though they had always been waiting for that star. The Magi set out at the rising of the star. They teach us that we need to set out anew each day, in life as in faith, for *"Faith is not a suit of armor that encases us; but a fascinating journey, constant and restless movement, ever in search of God"* (Pope Francis). Like the Magi, believers are led by faith to seek God in the most hidden places, knowing that the Lord waits for them there.

The Feast of the Epiphany, through its readings, also invites us to reflect on the universality of Jesus' mission and the radical nature of God's kingdom. It calls us to recognize the light of Christ that shines for all peoples and to embrace the transformative power of this revelation in our lives and communities. As the disciples of Christ, we are called to reveal the light of Christ to others, sometimes in unexpected ways, echoing Isaiah's prophecy and the narrative of the Magi. Let us bring the light of Christ to the lives of people and manifest God's plan of salvation for all.

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD



"Epiphany not only signifies the calling of the chosen few, like the Wise Men, but it also is an invitation to anyone and everyone around the world to follow Christ. For the first time, God was physically present for people on Earth through His Son, no longer just a voice in the wilderness."

(National Shrine of St. Jude)

"This Eucharistic Jesus, the fruit of her womb, she would present to the wise men for adoration, to the priest in the Temple for consecration, and to the Father on the Cross for our salvation."

(Stephen Snyder – Cor Fidelis)

Spiritual Adoption Month 4

Well, your little baby now weighs 6 ounces. He has fingernails and eyelashes. He has his own unique fingerprints which will remain unchanged throughout his life. His tastebuds are working. His sense of hearing is present at 14 weeks. There are no major bodily developments anymore. Your spiritually adopted baby is already well-formed, internally and externally. All he needs now is time to gain weight and grow strong.

Prayer cards are available at all entrances. Please continue to pray for an unborn child who is at risk of abortion, name your unborn child pray daily for them.

***I love you very much.
I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby
that I have spiritually adopted***

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Readings for the week of January 7, 2024

- Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/ Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
- Monday: Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3)/1 Jn 5:1-9/ Mk 1:7-11
- Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/ Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45
- Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/ Mk 2:13-17
- Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42



Our Gratitude ...

It takes many people to put together all of our Christmas season liturgies, so we extend a big "thank you" to our... environment team, greeters and ushers, servers, sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers, lectors, Sunday evening contemporary choir, Sunday morning traditional choir, cantors, and instrumentalists.



Your time and talents are much appreciated and a blessing to our parish. **Happy New Year.**

St. Ben's Community Meal

January dates: Serving Monday, 15th (even though it is a holiday)

*Sandwich Making/Bagging Thursdays
18th & 25th at 8AM at 106th Kitchen*

*Food Delivery Thursday dates 8-9:30 AM or
2-3:30 PM to 106th Kitchen*

Contact Kathy: to donate/serve

Questions/volunteer:

Kathy Smith 414-453-5192x125 or kathy@mphwa.org
Blessings to all who help with this ministry!

HOMEBOUND CONNECTION

Our distant but not forgotten and truly appreciative Homebound sisters and brothers send their deepest gratitude for all the festive gifts and warm visits. They want you to know how much they miss being able to celebrate Mass with you. They also want to let you know how much they appreciate your prayers, and are sending their prayers and blessings to you, too, with wishes for a Blessed Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!!

On behalf of our Homebound Family and MPH Human Concerns Committee: **"THANK YOU!!!"** to all who helped: personalize individual Christmas cards for every Allis Care Center resident, purchase/donate/cut out/bake/decorate and/or box cookies/treats, and still others who helped deliver these goodies while personally connecting our parish with our HOMEBOUND Families--THANK YOU!! Know that your efforts made a HUGE difference in the lives of our cherished, but distant sisters and brothers, and will not soon be forgotten by those whose Christmas you brightened in a truly unique way!! God's blessings, Always!



Ham and Rolls will be sold after masses next weekend, **January 13th and 14th.**



**Our
Parish Festival
is Coming
Back!**

**The Weekend of
June 21, 22, 23**

**Live Entertainment – Food Trucks –
Cash Raffle**

**MORE INFORMATION
COMING SOON!**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

January Classes are:

Sunday, January 14th

Sunday, January 21st

WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, January 7, 2024

9:40 AM Faith Formation Classes - All PC, ND

MONDAY, January 8, 2024

9:00 AM Sheepshead - PC 9 (106 St.)

6:30 PM Pastoral Council Mtg. - ND (106 St.)

TUESDAY, January 9, 2024

9:00 AM Sandwich Ministry - Ki (106 St.)

12:00 Noon Stock Box Distribution - Gym (106 St.)

1:00 PM Christian Women Mtg. - ND (106 St.)

5:30 PM Social Committee Mtg. - ND (106 St.)

7:00 PM Rosary - Church (106 St.)

WEDNESDAY, January 10, 2024

8:45 AM Sunday's Scripture Session - ND (106 St.)

9:00 AM MPH Helping Hands - BH (116 St.)

9-11 AM MPH Food Pantry - BH (116 St.)

9:00 AM Sheepshead - PC 9 (106 St.)

7:00 PM Dartball - Gym (106 St.)

THURSDAY, January 11, 2024

5:30 PM Human Concerns Mtg. - ND (106 St.)

6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal - Church (106 St.)

SATURDAY, January 13, 2024

(Ham and Roll sale after Masses)

8:30 AM SVDP Meeting - BH (116 St.)

4 9:30-11:30 AM MPH Food Pantry - BH (116 St.)

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HUMAN CONCERNS/OUTREACH

Director: Kathy Smith 414-453-5192 ext. 125
 Kathy@mphwa.org.

THANK YOU!

This is a special personal shout-out to our MPH volunteers & staff who help our parish and all the communities we serve every day.

To our Pastor Fr. Matthew - for his leadership, patience, & willingness to listen to all of us.

To Deacon Keith, and our entire staff - for their overwhelming dedication to our parish and community, amazing listening ability & endless patience, all held together with love and great senses of humor.

To Beth Mouradian & Carrie Gorski - for their wonderful ideas, bottomless patience, & countless hours of guidance & leadership, as the Co-Chairs of the Human Concerns Committee.

To our many volunteers - for always saying yes when we ask for help. Without all of you, we can do nothing. With you, we can do anything & everything we need to do!

May 2024 be the best year ever!!

MQSCA SCHOOL



Principal: Nick Lee 414-476-0751
 leen@mqscateacher.org

Catholic Schools Week

January 28 - February 3

MQSCA Open House

Thursday, February 1, 2024
 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Christian Women Meeting

The Christian Women will have a meeting on **Tuesday, January 9th** in the Notre Dame Room at the 106th Street Site (East Site) starting at 1:00 PM. There will be a guest speaker.



The Social Committee of Mother of Perpetual Help Parish invites you to join us at the upcoming event:

'Save the Date'

Saturday, February 24, 2024

- Trivia Night -

As always, watch the bulletins for details of upcoming events. Please put these dates on your calendar and we hope to see you there.



HUNGER TASK FORCE

FREE & LOCAL

Park in the Parish Center Parking Lot Southwest spaces past the cones
 Paperwork inside the Parish Center, bring ID
 Pick-up is drive-up by the Truck

Every 60+ year-old household member is eligible to receive their own monthly food package.

SENIOR STOCK BOX

TUESDAY, JAN. 9

A-L: 1:00-2:00 PM

M-Z: 2:00-3:00 PM

Household Size	Monthly Income
1	\$1,580
2	\$2,137

Use total gross income – before taxes and deductions – of ALL household members.

Ministry Schedules for January 14, 2024 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Saturday, January 13 4:00 pm Mass	Sunday, January 14 8:30 am Mass	Sunday, January 14 10:30 am Mass	Sunday, January 14 7:00 pm Mass
Lector	Barbara Schwellinger	Laurie Gomez John Gomez	Marie Ullerich Dave Shook	George Berger
Eucharistic Ministers	John Weber Mary Daniel, SSSF Rachel Formolo Barb Schwellinger Alfreda Mariani	Colleen Weber James Weber Mary Maberry Diana Barthel Laurie Cosson John Gomez	Deb Stenz Cecilia Huang Monica Blagg Sue Harrits Carol Schroeder	Karen Barnes Don Falk
Ushers	Tom Cannek Maggie Cannek	Gary Streicher Mary Gawronski Ann Gawronski Bernie Hintzke Kathy Hintzke	Susan Scharmach Ray Ciszewski Don Pederson	Rick Raetz Tom Healy Allan Muckerheide Joe Kujawa Bob Lewicki