



Mother of Perpetual Help PARISH

West Allis

DECEMBER
24/25
2023

MPH EAST
2322 S. 106th Street



MPH WEST
1212 S. 117th Street

Merry Christmas



Dear Beloved Parishioners,

As we celebrate the great feast of Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ, may the Joy of His birth fill your hearts with Peace, Hope and Love. May the gift of God's own Son inspire us to share compassion, kindness, and love with one another, just as God has shown His immense love for us. May our parish and all our homes be a beacon of love and support for our community.

May the Blessings of Christmas be with you and your families, bringing warmth, comfort, and the true spirit of the season. Wishing you a **Merry Christmas** filled with the love of God, the joy of family, and the hope for a Blessed New Year.

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Pastor**

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MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP



The Immaculate Heart Votive Light at 116th St. Site is burning this month
**In Loving Memory of
Thomas J. Brown**

The Mary Candles at 106th St. Site are burning this month
**In Loving Memory of
Thomas Kelleher and Mike Kelleher
And
In Loving Memory of Joe Diliberti**

The Chapel Candle at the 106th St. Site is burning this month
In Loving Memory of Lee and Marilyn Grassel

MASS INTENTIONS



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2023
4:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of
Our Parish (West Site)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023
8:30 AM † Harry Marmurowicz (East Site)

CHRISTMAS EVE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023

4:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of
Our Parish (East Site)
6:30 PM Living and Deceased Members of
Our Parish (East Site)

CHRITMAS DAY MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2023

9:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of
Our Parish (East Site)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2023
No 8:00 AM Mass

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2023
8:00 AM † Ronald Kirmsse (East Site)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2023
8:00 AM 50th Wedding Anniversary - Bernie
and Kathy Hintzke - (East Site)
11:00 AM Memorial Mass: James G. Krolikowski

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2023
4:00 PM Rebecca Matthews and Family
(West Site)

Prayers



We extend our sympathy to the Ray family on the death of **Melvin Ray**. May he rest in peace and be risen to eternal glory!

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 8:00 am (MPH West)



REFLECTIONS FROM FR. MATTHEW

Christmas

Emmanuel, “God-with-us”, Ultimate Expression of God’s Love - **Jesus Christ**

As we celebrate another Christmas, the story of God becoming man, it often strikes us as almost too good to be true. Why, we might ask, would an all-powerful God choose to walk among us, to feel our pain and share in our human experience? This divine mystery reflects the profound depth of God’s love for us. **In the Incarnation, we find the ultimate expression of this love: Jesus Christ, God made flesh.** This act of humility and solidarity shows us that we are not mere creations but deeply cherished children of God. Christ’s birth is a testament to the unbreakable bond between Creator and creation.

The Incarnation of Christ is not just a historical event to be remembered; it’s a reality to be lived. The solidarity of God with His creation through Jesus Christ is a powerful reminder that we are never alone, never forgotten. This truth should **fill our hearts with enduring hope.** In every challenge, in every moment of despair, we must remember that God is here with us. Christ’s presence in our world is a beacon of hope, guiding us through the darkest times. The knowledge that we are God’s beloved should empower us to face life’s trials with courage and resilience.

This divine companionship invites us to transform the way we view ourselves and the world around us. It calls us to **see each person through the lens of God’s love,** fostering a spirit of compassion, understanding, and unity. As we embrace our identity as God’s children, our interactions become reflections of His grace, building bridges of empathy and kindness in a world often divided.

Christmas is more than a season; it’s a call to live in the reality of God’s love and to share this love with the world. The birth of Christ is a promise of **God’s unwavering presence in our lives.** Let us, therefore, live with hope, knowing that in Christ, God is ever-present. As His beloved children, let us walk in the light of His love, reflecting His grace and truth to a world in need of hope.

Merry Christmas, and may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts now and always.



EUCHARIST REVIVAL

“The coming of Jesus at Bethlehem brought Joy to the world and every human heart. The same Jesus comes again and again in our hand during Holy Communion. He wants to give the same Joy and Peace.” *Mother Teresa*

“Jesus wants to come into the world through you. This Christmas and every day, take Jesus in your arms, in your heart, in your home, and let Him fill you and your family with wonder, tenderness, peace, joy, and love.”

Julian Paparella

“May your soul, like a mystical bee, never abandon the Little King, and may everything within it be for Him.”

St. Francis de Sales



**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**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Readings for the week of December 24, 2023

- Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38
- Monday: *Vigil:* Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/
Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 *Night:* Is 9:1-6/Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/
Lk 2:1-14 *Dawn:* Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/
Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
- Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/
Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17
Mt 10:17-22
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/
Mt 2:13-18
- Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35
- Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40
- Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40



Please Note:

Parish Office will be closed: Monday, December 25th & Tuesday, December 26th. Also, Friday, December 29th and Monday, January 1st.

Adoration will be closed: Monday, December 25th and Tuesday, December 26th and Monday, January 1st.

Tuesday, December 26th 8:00 am Mass is cancelled.

HUMAN CONCERNS/OUTREACH

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Kathy@mphwa.org.

To all of the many Angels who contributed toys and coats this Christmas, may YOU have a

Blessed Christmas!

May the Light of the World find a home in your heart, and bring you and yours hope, joy, and health this Christmas.

Year-end Reminders:

A few "business" things to remember as we approach all the festivities associated with Christmas and the end of the year:

According to IRS rules, contributions must be dated and received no later than December 31, 2023.

Contributions received starting January 1, 2024 will be reported for the 2024 tax year.

If you are pre-paying in 2023 for 2024 be sure to clearly mark your check, your stewardship form and/or your envelope.

The parish office will be open very limited times through the holiday season, if you are planning on dropping off your year-end donation in the office, please call first to be sure there will be someone available.



3+ SUV loads of coats were already delivered to Fr. Gene's Help Center!
THANK YOU ANGELS OF M.P.H. !



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.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY, December 25, 2023 (Christmas Day)
Parish Office Closed
Eucharistic Adoration Closed

TUESDAY, December 26, 2023
Parish Office Closed
Rosary Cancelled

WEDNESDAY, December 27, 2023
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.)

THURSDAY, December 28, 2023
8:00 AM St. Ben's Sandwich Assembly - Ki (106 St.)
8:30 AM Monthly Letter - Conference Rm. (106 St.)
2:00 PM St. Ben's Sandwich Delivery - Ki (106 St.)

FRIDAY, December 29, 2023
Parish Office Closed
1:45 PM Rosary (Crossroads Kitchen)- BH (116 St.)
2:30 PM Crossroads Kitchen food prep/serve - BH (116 St.)

SATURDAY, December 30, 2023
9:30-11:30 AM MPH Food Pantry - BH (116 St.)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Come celebrate the Holy Mass with your family on the Feast of the Holy Family next Sunday, December 31st.

January Classes are:
Sunday, January 7th
Sunday, January 14th
Sunday, January 21st





CHRISTMAS 2023

“And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.” Luke 2:12

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It's no accident that when Jesus was born, he was placed in a manger. Think of it – the Son of God, born among us in absolute poverty, and placed in a trough meant for animal food. He became our Bread of Life. “This King of Kings came to us as food, feeding a starving humanity ‘with his tender love,’” Pope Francis once said. How true, and that continues today with the ultimate gift we receive at every Mass – Jesus in the Eucharist.

This Christmas, we are in the second year of the Eucharistic Revival, a special time in our Church when we are called to renew our devotion to the Eucharist. Jesus is truly present, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, and is there to sustain us in all that we do. Come and receive Him at Mass, and never go hungry. Sit with Him in Adoration and find comfort in the love He has for you, today and always.

As we look to resolutions for the new year, I suggest you resolve to make this extra effort to deepen your relationship with Christ. What an amazing opportunity to focus on the Eucharist as the Source and Summit of our faith – for it is through the Eucharist that we are united with Christ and with one another.

May peace and joy be with you and your family this Christmas, and throughout the New Year.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Jerome E. ListECKi

Most Reverend Jerome E. ListECKi

Archbishop of Milwaukee