



Mother of Perpetual Help PARISH

West Allis

DECEMBER
31
2023

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

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



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)

Office Mailing Address

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8:30 - 4:30 pm Monday - Friday 1:00 pm

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Just a Reminder:

To schedule Masses for the 2024 year, please stop in at the parish office. The parish secretary, who handles the scheduling of Masses, can help you. If you are unable to stop at the parish office, you can call 414-453-5192 and we will be happy to assist you over the phone.

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



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2023

4:00 PM Rebecca Matthews and Family
(West Site)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023

8:30 AM † LaVerne Richter (East Site)
10:30 AM † Fr. Jeff Prasser (East Site)
7:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of
Our Parish (East Site)

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024

8:00 AM For the MPH Parish (East Site)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024

8:00 AM † Gaye Pellant (West Site)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024

8:00 AM † Beth Varela (East Site)

FIRST FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2024

8:00 AM Maria Hunt (East Site)

FIRST SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2024

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

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.

Feast of the Holy Family

After celebrating the great Feast of incarnation, we are so blessed this week to celebrate the **Feast of the Holy Family**. God decided to live within an ordinary human family. The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph exemplifies our true home, guiding us to live as God's chosen and beloved children.

In the readings today, we encounter a profound invitation to transform our homes into sanctuaries of God's love and faithfulness. The Gospel of Luke, detailing the presentation of Jesus in the Temple, not only showcases the devotion of the Holy Family to religious observance but also underscores their deep-seated obedience to God's will. This narrative is a vivid portrayal of a family wholly committed to God, where each action and decision is rooted in faith and love. This example sets a high standard for us: to make our families not just units of societal function but embodiments of divine love, where every interaction is steeped in the virtues of faith and obedience exemplified by Mary, Joseph, and Jesus. Are we, like the Holy Family, putting obedience to God's will at the forefront of our family life? These readings thus serve as a blueprint, urging us to build our domestic churches on the firm foundation of love, faith, and obedience to God, much like the Holy Family did.

The Feast of the Holy Family invites us to a deeper contemplation of family, urging us to look beyond our biological connections. The Gospel of Luke (2:22-40) presents the Holy Family not merely as a model of domestic virtue, but as an icon of the larger spiritual family God calls us to be part of. This narrative, where Jesus is presented in the Temple, symbolizes the integration of the individual family into the broader religious community.

The Temple, as a place of gathering, teaching, and worship, prefigures the Church. In this light, the Church emerges not just as a place of worship, but as a familial space where we, like Jesus, are presented and nurtured in faith. The interaction with Simeon and Anna demonstrates this connectedness. This redefinition of family challenges us to see our relationship with the Church in a new, familial light. As we celebrate this feast, it becomes imperative to nurture both our biological families and our spiritual family – the Church. Just as Jesus, Mary, and Joseph lived their lives centered around the Temple, signifying their commitment to the wider community of believers, we too are called to invest in our church community.

Fr. Matthew

Eucharistic Revival Feast of the Holy Family

“As God entered our world through a family, maybe now more than ever this is where we will hear and experience God today – in our own ‘holy family.’ God is in the bits of every day – and every family.” (*The Oblates*)



“The Eucharist is the link that binds the Christian family together. Take away the Eucharist and you have no brotherliness left.”

St. Peter Julian Eymard

Happy New Year
GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

New Year's Prayer: 2024

Heavenly Father, as we stand on the threshold of a new year, we want to express our deepest gratitude for the blessings of the past year. Thank you for your faithfulness, your love, and your constant presence in our lives. We acknowledge your sovereignty over the days gone by and the days yet to come.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Readings for the week of December 31, 2023

- 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
- Monday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7
/Lk 2:16-21
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab,
3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4,
5-6/Jn 1:29-34
- Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/
Jn 1:35-42
- Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51
- Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/
Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38
- Next 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



MPH 2023 Holiday Toy Drive for House of Peace

(Capuchin Community Services)



Thank YOU to all MPH Angels!



So many happy children & parents!!

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.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY, January 1, 2024 (New Year’s Day)

Parish Office Closed

Eucharistic Adoration Closed

TUESDAY, January 2, 2024

10:00 AM Book Buzz - BH (116 St.)

6:30 PM Prayer Group - ND (106 St.)

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

WEDNESDAY, January 3, 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.)

THURSDAY, January 4, 2024

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

FRIDAY, January 5, 2024

4:30 PM Fish Fry - MQSCA Hall

SATURDAY, January 6, 2024

7:00 AM Men’s Scripture Study - BH (116 St.)

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

January Classes are:

Sunday, January 7th
Sunday, January 14th
Sunday, January 21st

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP OF WEST ALLIS

HUMAN CONCERNS/OUTREACH

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

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



PLEASE NOTE:

Parish Office Closed Monday, January 1, 2024
 Eucharistic Adoration will be closed
 January 1, 2024

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP FISH FRY



Friday, January 5th

4:30-7:00pm

MQSCA School Building
 Cafeteria

Entrance is on S. 117th Street
 (Live Music provided by
 Jim Madritsch)

Baked or fried cod,
 fried shrimp,
 French fries,
 parsley buttered
 potatoes, green
 beans, rye bread,
 homemade desserts
 and more!

Adult dinners — \$15.00
 Kids ages 5 to 11 — \$5.00
 Kids 4 and under eat free
 Take-outs available!
 Credit Cards Accepted

St. Ben's Community Meal

January dates: Serving Monday, 15th
 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!

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.

Ministry Schedules for January 7, 2024 The Feast of The Epiphany

	Saturday, January 6 4:00 pm Mass	Sunday, January 7 8:30 am Mass	Sunday, January 7 10:30 am Mass	Sunday, January 7 7:00 pm Mass
Lector	Neil Peterson	Grace Elliott Jack Schickert	Paul Johnson Trish Schickert	Margaret/Allan Muckerheide
Eucharistic Ministers	Dennis Jabonski Rachel Formolo Barb Schwellinger Mary Daniel, SSSF Alfreda Mariani	Mary Grassel Lori Wulf Elaine Schrader John Gomez Janis Lloyd Mary Maberry	Sue Harrits Devan Gracyalny Deb Morgan Carol Schroeder	Karen Barnes Carrie Gorski
Ushers	Tom Cannek Maggie Cannek	Ed Kuske Rich Barthel Mark Lancour Bernie Hintzke Kathy Hintzke	Rick Stenz Ray Ciszewski Gil Van Blaricom Susan Scharmach	Rick Raetz Tom Healy Allan Muckerheide Joe Kujawa Bob Lewicki