

JANUARY MPH Newsletter

Happy New Year!

A year of Grace has begun for us at the new parish. We are grateful for the blessings of this past year as we turn the calendars over once again. A funny thing about Blessings; they inevitably bring about new challenges and developments. The challenge we face over the next few weeks is certainly our new Mass Schedule. This month we want to take a few moments to share some helpful information on accommodating the changes in times and sites.

Combining the 4:00 and 4:30 mass times at the 116th Street site may produce some parking and seating challenges. We would like to suggest that those who are willing, park on 116th Street. You may enter the building through the east glass doors and proceed down the stairs or take the elevator to the church level. The entrance is accessible via the outside ramp and was the main church entrance for many years. Regarding seating, at each church site, we would like to suggest that anyone who needs to remain seated to receive communion occupy the first row in each section. It is very difficult to move beyond the first or second row when the lines are moving forward. We must also be aware of those who need these seats and make them available. We also want to mention once again, that those who require gluten-free hosts tell the presider or deacon as you enter the church before mass so that we can accommodate you.

We will all need to move around a bit to accommodate larger groups coming for mass. Please remember the schedule has been designed to accommodate the projected numbers in attendance, so we can literally come together to make sure that all are comfortable. It may mean that we will have to move around a bit, but we will work it out together.

For those who will attend masses at the 106th street site, please be aware of the access available at the East end of the parking lot by the rectory garage. The distance from the lot to the East doors of the Church is level, accessible and shorter than some of the other ways into the Church building. You may also want to explore both lots to see which works out best for you. The 7:00 PM Mass time will remain at the 92nd street site as long as we operate the site.

We hope to have more information to share in the coming weeks about the current discussions taking place on several levels regarding future use of our sites, the future of the West Allis/West Milwaukee Catholic School and the developing plans for our current sites. In the next few weeks you will also receive your tax statement. Please remember that you will be receiving TWO STATEMENTS; one for January 1, 2018 thru June 30, 2018 and the other for the time after July 1, 2018.

May you all be blessed as the year unfolds. Please know that we continually thank God for having been given the honor to work with each of you in the past. Let us pray that God will continue this good work into the present and future of our New Parish Family.

Fr. Jeff. Fr. Thomas and the Pastoral Staff and Transition Team.