



# Mother of Perpetual Help PARISH

DECEMBER

12  
2021

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### MISSION STATEMENT

We are Catholics of Mother of Perpetual Help Parish in West Allis, Wisconsin. We encounter Jesus and grow as disciples through the Sacramental Life of the Church. We seek to proclaim the joy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through His life-giving and saving Death and Resurrection. We are called and sent to form new disciples through our worship, our service, and our witness, to share the joy of living the Good News in the world today.

### PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH

Mother of Perpetual Help, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.

Intercede for us now with your Son Jesus.

Help our parish to be an instrument in the hands of God.

Unite and guide us as people of Faith, to become more like Jesus.

May our worship give glory to God.

May our service find its model in your discipleship. Make us living witnesses of unfailing hope in our troubled world.

Mother of Perpetual Help, pray for us.  
AMEN



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## MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP SITES

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**MPH EAST**  
2322 S. 106th Street

### Mass Times

**Saturday:** 4:00 pm (MPH West)  
**Sunday:** 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am,  
7:00 pm (MPH East)  
**Week Days:** 8:00 am (Except Thursday)  
**First Saturday:** 8:00 am  
(MPH East)



**MPH WEST**  
1212 S. 117th Street

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## MASS INTENTIONS

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**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2021**  
4:00 PM † Bernice Brah (116 St.)

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

8:00 AM † Nancy and Keith Faber (106 St.)  
9:30 AM † Joyce Rebro (106 St.)  
11:00 AM † Fr. Jeff Prasser (106 St.)  
7:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of Our  
Parish (106 St.)

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2021**

8:00 AM † William Dowling, MD (106 St.)

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2021**

8:00 AM † Thomas J. Brown (116 St.)

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2021**

8:00 AM † Thomas M. Phillips, Jr. (106 St.)

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2021**

8:00 AM † Fr. Jeff Prasser (106 St.)

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2021**

4:00 PM † Joseph A. Wiesner (116 St.)

### *Prayer Chain*

If you, a loved one or someone you know is in need of prayers, or a Prayer Shawl, you can call Nell Lee 414-529-1642. *If there is no answer, please leave your prayer request on the machine.*



## PARISH OFFICE / STAFF

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## Celebrating the Sacraments

**Baptism** is celebrated at the 106<sup>th</sup> St. site on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. A Baptismal preparation class is required. Classes will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the Notre Dame Room at the 106<sup>th</sup> St. site. You must call the parish office to register for the class and the Baptism.

**Reconciliation (Confession)** is celebrated on the First Saturday of the month at 8:30 am.

**Anointing of the Sick** Anointing may be requested by calling the parish office or the pastor.

**Weddings** Please call the Parish office to make arrangements no later than 6 months prior to your anticipated date. A process of preparation including participation in an Archdiocesan Engaged Encounter is required of all couples seeking marriage in the church.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Readings for the week of December 12, 2021

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/  
Lk 3:10-18

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9  
[4]/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and  
23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12,  
13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a, and 13b  
[2a]/Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab,  
7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17

Saturday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19  
[cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25

Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/  
Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45



## GOD'S WORD

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent/ December 12, 2021

#### **First Reading:**

The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior; he will rejoice over you with gladness. (Zep 3:17)

#### **Second Reading:**

The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. (Phil 4:6)

#### **Gospel:**

The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?" (Lk 3:10)



### MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

The Mary Candles at 106th St. Site are burning this month  
**In Loving Memory of Thomas J. Brown  
And  
In Loving Memory of Robert P. Martin**

The Chapel Candle at 106th St. Site is burning this month for  
**In Loving Memory of Thomas and  
Mike Kelleher**



## A NOTE FROM FR. MATTHEW

### “Rejoice in the Lord Always” (Phil 4:4)

Today we celebrate “Gaudete Sunday,” the Third Sunday of Advent. The Latin word *Gaudete* means “Rejoice!” To signal this, rose vestments are worn by the celebrant, instead of the typical violet for Advent. We also light the rose candle signifying Joy on our Advent wreath. Today’s second reading calls us to “rejoice always.” Christian joy goes beyond a mere emotion. The joy we have in Christ can remain regardless of what challenges we are facing in life. That is because we know God is in control of our life. He is “faithful,” as Paul says. Therefore, we can “rejoice always” and “in all circumstances give thanks” because we have hope in God. Still, in order to experience the fullness of this joy, the Apostle Paul indicates that we must obey God. We must listen to the Spirit of God and “refrain from every kind of evil.” We are called to be “perfectly holy.” This is the true path to joy: sanctity. Following God’s will and allowing His grace to transform us leads to true happiness. Let us, therefore, seek Him, trust Him, and obey Him to find the deep joy that can only be found in God.

This week’s Gospel continues last week’s focus on John the Baptist and his role in preparing the way for Christ. Recall that last week’s reading described John’s appearance in the desert and calling everyone to repent and pray for forgiveness. John the Baptist is challenging the crowds who came to him and calling upon them to show evidence of their repentance. John tells his listeners that they cannot rely on their lineage as Israelites because children of Abraham can be raised up from stones. Repentance, rather, must be observable in one’s actions. Here, Luke is continuing to set up two important themes of his Gospel message: Christian faith is expressed in one’s actions, and the call to salvation is extended to everyone, Jews and Gentiles.

So how do we listen to the cry of John the Baptist and prepare the way for the Lord? Do we ask ourselves “what must we do then”? To receive the Lord into our lives, are we willing to set our lives according to God’s will? Change some of the ways that are not in conformity with God’s plan for us? Are we willing to take the risk like Mary and say, “Let thy will be done” even when I don’t understand it fully? Let us allow the grace of God to transform us so that we become a worthy dwelling place for the Word made flesh.

Fr. Matthew

### Advent Home Visits

Home visits to those who are not able to come to Mass have begun. Please encourage anyone you know who wishes to have a visit from the priests for sacramental care to call the parish office 414-453-5192. We will continue the visits until Christmas.

## Advent Reconciliation



### ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Friday, December 17th at 6:00 pm at 106th St.  
Followed by private confession

Saturday, December 18th at 3:15 pm at 116th St.  
Followed by private confession



### Mother of Perpetual Help Christmas Mass Schedule

#### Christmas Eve (Friday, December 24)

4:00 PM (106th St. West Site) - 3:30 pm Concert with  
the MPH Contemporary Choir  
11:00 PM (106th St. East Site) - Prelude

#### Christmas Day (Saturday, December 25)

8:30 AM (106th St. East Site) - with brass quintet  
10:30AM (106th St. East Site) - with brass quintet  
(No 7:00 PM Mass 106th St.)

#### New Years Day (Saturday, January 1)

9:00 AM (106th St. East Site)

### MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP 2020 - 2021 WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 5, 2021

Membership .....	\$17,310.50
Repair and Maintenance .....	662.50
Scholarship .....	135.00
Holy Day.....	125.00
Christmas Flowers .....	60.00
Offertory .....	1,503.42
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$19,796.42</b>

Our deep gratitude to parishioners and guests for their commitment to the ongoing work of Christ at Mother of Perpetual Help.

# MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP OF WEST ALLIS

## HUMAN CONCERNS/OUTREACH

Director: Kathy Smith 414-453-0300 ext. 25  
Kathy@mphwa.org.



Thank You for your Generosity!

We were able to deliver many coats for children, women and men along with some additional clothing items to Fr. Gene's Help Center.

In addition we delivered countless toys to Capuchin Community Ministries (both House of Peace and St. Ben's Community Meal Program) to help make many children happy this Christmas!

We will deliver all additional items from this weekend as well.

Advent blessings to all!!

### MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP ADVENT GIVING TREE

#### Holiday Toy Drive for Capuchin Community Ministries

Please donate one or more new, unwrapped toys to Capuchin Community Services. The friars will distribute toys at Christmas to families served at their two sites: House of Peace and St. Ben's Community Meal.

Please bring the items on or before: **December 12 - TODAY** to place under the trees at either the West or East site, or order online by going to [Christmas Toy Drive | Capuchin Community Services](#) and choose Target or Amazon (gifts are then delivered directly to House of Peace)

#### Coat Drive for Fr. Gene's Help Center

Donations of Children's Coats Sizes 18 mo.-Large; Men's Coats in all XL sizes and any Women's Coats are the ones the most needed. We will continue to deliver these through December.

**CAPUCHIN  
COMMUNITY  
SERVICES**

Milwaukee  
House of Peace  
St. Ben's Community Meal



**THANK YOU for  
Your Generosity!**

**St. Ben's Community Meal**  
**3rd Monday each month to plate—**  
**(Dec. 20 next)**

**MPH continues to provide food in the form of bag lunches on 3rd & 4th Fridays—**

The bags are prepared on the Thursdays before

**Next up is Dec. 16 (no 4th Fri. in Dec.)**

Sandwich prep 8am; food delivery 2-4pm (hard boiled eggs; desserts-2-4 cookies, bars or cupcakes in a sandwich bag; fruit- Cuties for Dec.; & other- small packaged treat); bag assembly 4:30pm

All (delivery & assembly) done at our East (106th St.) site

**Contact Kathy: additional details or donate**

**NEW VOLUNTEERS WELCOME**

Questions/volunteer:

Kathy Smith 414-453-5192x25 or kathy@mphwa.org

BLESSINGS to all those so faithful to this ministry!

## MQSCA SCHOOL

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



MQSCA will celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 14th.

MQSCA will pray the monthly Rosary on December 16th at 2:15pm. The Rosary is student-led. Masks are required.

MQSCA will not be doing a live Christmas Concert on December 21. A watch party via Zoom will be done for all families from their individual homes. A youtube link will be sent out after the Zoom watch party for all to view.

MQSCA will be out of school for Christmas break starting December 22nd, with students returning on January 4th.

MQSCA is still looking to fill a few after school positions with the after school camp program. Please email the school at [infomqscateacher.org](mailto:infomqscateacher.org).

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Director: Becca Bojarski 414-453-0300 ext. 26  
Becca@mphwa.org

DID YOU KNOW?

**December 12<sup>th</sup> is the  
Feast of Our Lady of  
Guadalupe (USA)**



In 1910 Our Lady of Guadalupe was declared Patroness of Latin America, and in 1945 Pope Pius XII declared Her to be the Empress of all the Americas. She appeared to an Indian convert named Juan Diego on December 9, 1531. She left a marvelous portrait of herself on the mantle of Juan Diego. This miraculous image has proved to be ageless and is kept in the shrine built in her honor, the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

### Our Lady of Guadalupe

"Hear me and understand well, my son the least, that nothing should frighten or grieve you. Let not your heart be disturbed. Do not fear that sickness, nor any other sickness or anguish. Am I not here, who is your Mother? Are you not under my protection? Am I not your health? Are you not happily within my fold? What else do you wish? Do not grieve nor be disturbed by anything."

— Our Lady to Juan Diego

There is a shrine dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe in OUR own "backyard"! If you live close to La Crosse, WI (5250 Justin Road, Zip: 54601) or you feel like making a day trip, visit the beautiful Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe; if not make a virtual visit by going to <https://guadalupe Shrine.org/>

## ATTENTION



### Current Eucharistic Ministers and those who have thought about getting involved

We would like to have quite a few more ministers, and especially need help during the 4 p.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Masses.

### TRAINING SESSION is scheduled for the following date:

Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in church at 106<sup>th</sup> St.

Please try to attend this meeting, which will last approximately 30 minutes.

If you are interested or have questions about this ministry, please call John at 414-541-0817 or Mary Margaret at 262-786-9542.

### *Women's Silent Retreat Jesuit Retreat House, Oshkosh April 21 - 24, 2022*

Registration is now available on line for all 2022 retreats at the Jesuit Retreat House in Oshkosh, Wisconsin including our annual woman's silent retreat scheduled for next April. The JESUIT RETREAT HOUSE lies on the shores of Lake Winnebago, Hwy 45 about 5 miles south of Oshkosh. This is a sacred and holy place that offers you the opportunity to deepen your relationship with God. Our director for the 2022 Woman's Silent Retreat will be **Ms. Susan Stabile**. All faiths are welcome to this silent, preached retreat in the Ignation tradition. All rooms come with a private bathroom. Amenities and delicious meals are included. The retreat house is handicapped accessible with elevators and has recently been extensively remodeled. This makes an **EXCELLENT GIFT** for someone you love. To register or to order gift certificates in any amount please contact Tanya at (920) 231-9060 or [office@jesuitretreathouse.org](mailto:office@jesuitretreathouse.org). For more information about these retreats or our director Susan Stabile call Beth at 414-545-1518, or you can e-mail Monica at [monicajmahler@hotmail.com](mailto:monicajmahler@hotmail.com).

### Just a Reminder:

To schedule Masses for the 2022 year, please stop in at the parish office. The parish secretary, Kelly Simkowski, handles the scheduling of Masses. If you are unable to stop at the parish office, you can call the office at 414-453-5192 and Kelly will be happy to assist you.

You can also sponsor a candle in memory of your loved one, by contacting the parish office at 414-453-5192.

Thank you!

### MPH is looking for Christmas Mass Greeters!

If you are a welcoming person or family, you are a perfect fit to help MPH share Christmas joy with members and visitors as they come for Mass. All that is required is a warm smile and an inviting attitude.

If interested, please email [Council@mphwa.org](mailto:Council@mphwa.org) or call the office 414-453-5192.



## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021

Christmas Cookie Sale after all Masses - Church (106 St.)

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2021

9:15 AM Sheepshead - PC 7 (106 St.)

6:00 PM WI Geological Society - Hall (116 St.)

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2021

8:30 AM Sandwich Ministry - Kitchen (106 St.)

2:00 PM Staff Meeting - PMR (116 St.)

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

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2021

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

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

9-11 AM Food Pantry - Bethany House (116 St.)

9:15 AM Sheepshead - PC 7 (106 St.)

6:00 PM Eucharistic Minister Training - Church (106 St.)

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

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2021

8:00 AM St. Ben's Sandwich assembly - Ki (106 St.)

1:30 PM Food Drop Off and bag assembly St. Ben's -  
Hall/KI (106 St.)

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

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2021

6:00 PM Reconciliation Service - Church (106 St.)  
(followed by private confession)

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2021

7:00 AM Men's Sunday Reading Study - PC 5 & 7  
(106 St.)

9:30 - 11:30 AM Food Pantry - Bethany House (116 St.)

3:15 PM Reconciliation Service - Church (116 St.)  
(followed by private confession)

### Adoration Chapel

Monday & Wednesday 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM

Tuesday 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM &

Thursday 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM

At the 106th Street location



You are most welcome to stop in church for a visit or a few minutes of prayer. If you have any questions, please call Grace Elliott, 262-786-3840.



# Christmas Cookie Sale

Sat. Dec. 11 after 4:00 pm mass to 5:30 pm

1212 S. 117th St. - Gathering Area



AND

Sun. Dec. 12 after 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am masses

2322 S. 106th St. - Lincoln Ave. Entrance

Home-made Christmas Cookies

Assorted in one pound clear boxes - \$12 each



## MPH Senior Social Club Christmas Party December 21, 2021

Doors will open at 11:30 am with lunch served around 12:00 noon. Catered by Bunzel's and we will have baked chicken, roast beef and gravy, green bean casserole, mashed potatoes, salad, pasta salad and rolls. We do need reservations and payment by **December 17th.**

The price is **\$12.50.**

Lunch will be followed by a fun time and end at 3:00 pm. Call Mary Margaret Marshall 262-786-9542 and send your payment to:

MPH Senior Social Club  
13900 W. Forest Dr.

## ROSARY



Tuesday 7:00 p.m. evening Rosary is held at the 106th Street site. Let us come before the Blessed Sacrament with our intercession to Mary, Our Mother for blessing and guidance as we go through this unprecedented time.

## SCRIP:

Scrip is a fundraising program where Mother of Perpetual Help sells gift certificates and prepaid cards that can be used at the participating retailers to purchase merchandise.

The retailers sell the cards to us at discounted rates and that is how Mother of Perpetual Help Parish makes money on the program. Scrip is sold at the Parish office.



Scrip makes wonderful Christmas gifts and you can help the parish too!

## Year-end Reminders:

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

All donations must be received no later than December 31 in order to be applied to your 2021 contribution records. Donations received at the January 1st Mass will be applied to 2022 even if they are in a 2021 envelope. Because of IRS rules we cannot make any exceptions.

If you are pre-paying in 2021 for 2022 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.

**Please help us spread the word as we seek a spirit-led candidate for an open staff position.**

***Could it be someone you know?***

We are seeking a vibrant, faith-filled person to join our staff in the capacity of **Choir Director/Worship Coordinator**. A brief job description is below:

**Choir Director/Worship Coordinator** assists in planning and implementing all aspects of the music for the traditional parish choir, hand bell ensemble and children's choirs. Organizes, directs, maintains, and schedules rehearsals for each choir. Helps coordinate and plan the music for our liturgies, special feasts, services, and functions such as weddings or funerals. In this position, the Choir Director will also work with the Director of Music to implement a cantor program and assist in the training of the cantors.

This is a part-time position and the full details and application can be found on the Archdiocesan website, [www.archmil.org/jobs](http://www.archmil.org/jobs) or at the following link from catholicjobs.com <https://www.catholicjobs.com/job/12647148102>

***We would love to have you join our team!***