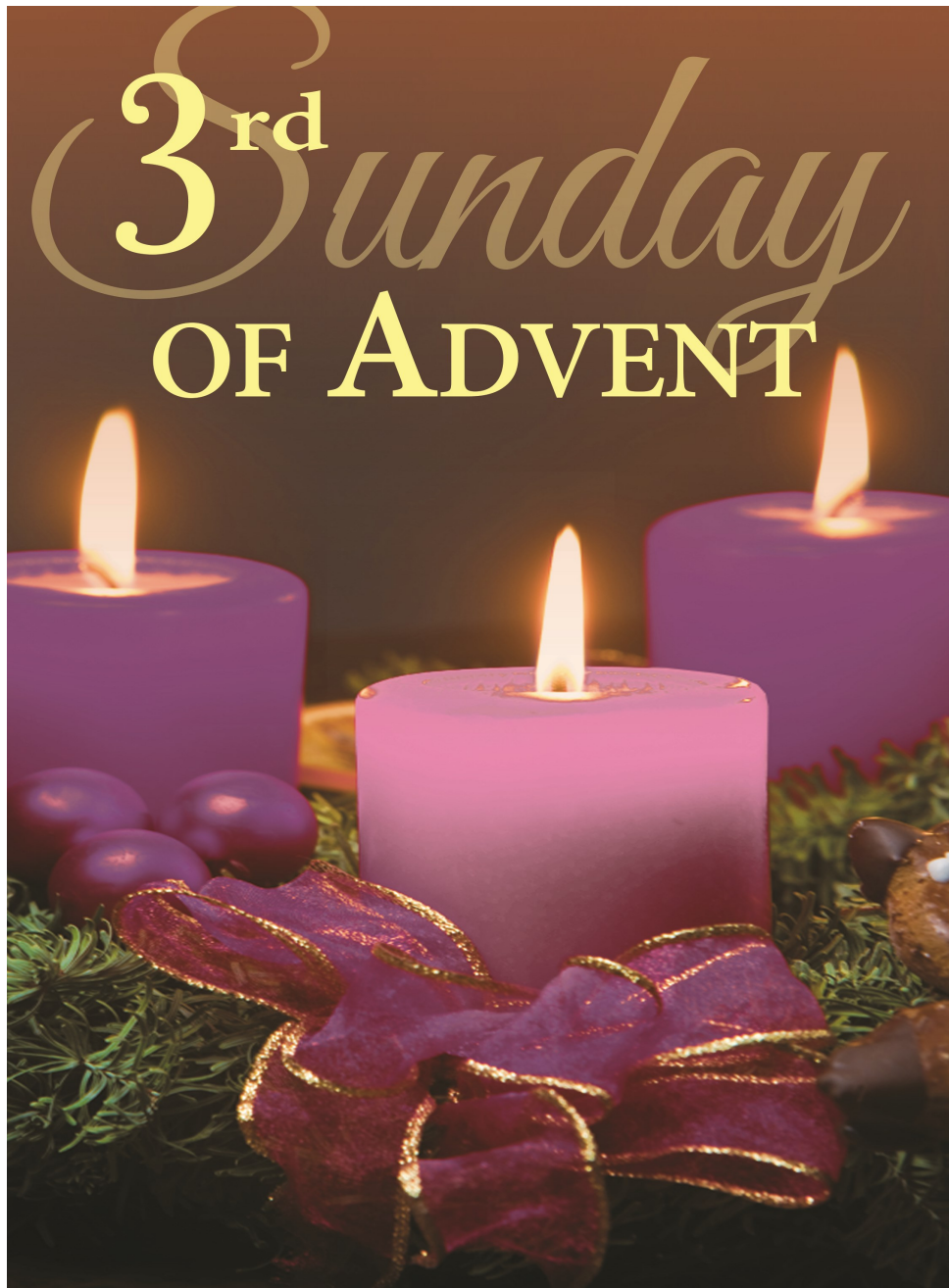


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West Allis***

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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

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP SITES



92ND STREET SITE
1414 S. 92nd Street



106TH STREET SITE
2322 S. 106th Street



116TH STREET SITE
1212 S. 117th Street

MASS INTENTIONS



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2020

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 AM † Carl and Marge Peterson (106 St.)

9:30 AM † Len Gaska (116 St.)

11:00 AM † Rosemary Vaughan (106 St.)

7:00 PM † Irene Scardino (92 St.)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2020

8:00 AM For the health of Janet, Jim and Michael
(106 St.)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2020

8:15 AM † Marie Mc Cutchin (116 St.)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2020

8:00 AM † Thomas J. Brown (106 St.)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2020

No Mass

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2020

8:00 AM † Frank Dombrowski (106 St.)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2020

4:00 PM † Lincoln Damask (116 St.)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2020

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 AM † Sandra Kolloge (106 St.)

9:30 AM † Thomas J. Brown (116 St.)

11:00 AM † William Dowling, MD (106 St.)

7:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of Our
Parish (92 St.)



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Celebrating the Sacraments

Baptism is celebrated during or after Mass on the second Sunday of the month. Due to current restrictions, all baptisms will take place after Mass until further notice. A Baptismal preparation class is required. Classes will be held quarterly in 2020/2021, so it is recommended you schedule a class early, possibly before your child is born. You must call the parish office to register for the class and the Baptism.

Reconciliation (Confession) At this time reconciliation is by appointment only. Please call the pastor to set up an appointment. A regular schedule for monthly Confession will be announced when available.

Anointing of the Sick Until further notice, individual anointing may be requested by calling 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 13, 2020

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54
[Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

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

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

Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17
[cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27,
29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38



GOD'S WORD

3rd Sunday of Advent/December 13, 2020

First Reading:

I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul.
(Is 61:10a)

Second Reading:

May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thes 5:23)

Gospel:

"I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'Make straight the way of the Lord.'" (Jn 1:23)



MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

The Mary Candles at 106th St. Site are
burning this month

**In Loving Memory of
Thomas and Mike Kelleher
And**

For the healing of Melissa Bennetts

The Immaculate Heart Votive Light at
116th St. Site is burning this month

In Loving Memory of Art Stueck

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

**December 13, 2020
3rd Sunday of Advent**

Did you ever stop and realize that there is no earthly gain that can ever really satisfy us? Think of winning the Lotto. On this side of the winning ticket, it's all about the money, the new car, house, vacations, bank accounts, and infinite pleasures. The possibility of acquiring all of these earthly securities brings us back again and again to the purchase of a ticket. Then, one day we win! Our dreams are fulfilled, and happiness is on the horizon. Then one day, we wake up and realize that nothing has really changed, and I am not as satisfied as I thought I was or would be. I find myself living in my incompleteness and with my profound sorrow and grief. I did not find joy.

Glimpses of joy are possible but not by material means. They are brought to us through incredible experiences of connection that bring us face to face with real and authentic faith, hope, and love. And, they are glimpses and do not last. The moment we find ourselves looking back at them, they are gone, and we find ourselves remembering the moment in memory. To carry joy within us is to realize that it is not something I create, manufacture or even acquire. It is not able to be purchased. It is a gift. My need for joy mirrors my need for eternity, for a Creator who has a claim on the very essence of who I am and desires a home within me. As C. S. Lewis discovered, joy is a surprise that speaks to my very soul and is given as gift by the God who loves me.

The beauty of Advent is found in discovering the beauty of the gift of joy. God has visited his people for no other reason than to show them where and how to find joy! All of our human and earthly joy experiences are always only glimpses. They never satisfy us, sustain us or fulfill us. It is only God who is the joy of my soul. Real, Divine experiences of joy catch us off guard, make us stop and become aware, bring a feeling of awe and rightness and have an eternal Otherness about them. Nothing created by humans can ever come close to this. We probably will not fully realize the truth of all of this until we actually meet God face to face in heaven one day. Then, in that sacred moment when our hearts leap for joy we will understand what we have been tirelessly searching for all along. Intense gratitude will most surely follow.

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WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning Mass will be celebrated at 8 AM at 106th Street site. Tuesday Mass will be at 8:15 AM at the 116th Street Site and at various times throughout the year we will be joined by the school children.

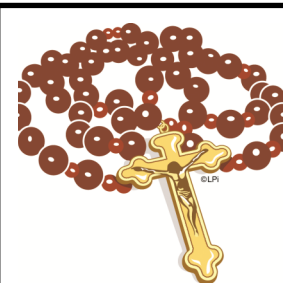
First Saturday morning Mass followed by confessions has returned to the 106th Street site.

MASS ON VIDEO

Thanks to all who have made the availability of a video Sunday Mass possible. You can access the video from our website at www.mphwa.org - simply click on the link at the top of the homepage.

You may also access these YouTube videos directly using the following link:

<http://www.youtube.com/c/MPHWACatholicChurch>



ROSARY

Please Note: Due to the rise in Covid cases the Tuesday Evening Rosary at the 106th St. site will be cancelled for the month of December. It will resume on January 5th.

Thank you.

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP 2019 - 2020

WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 29, 2020

Membership	\$2,716.00
Repair and Maintenance.....	93.00
Scholarship.....	50.00
Total	\$2,859.00

WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 6, 2020

Membership	\$6,285.00
Repair and Maintenance.....	233.00
Scholarship.....	8.00
Offertory	840.10
Total	\$7,366.10

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



ADVENT OUTREACH 2020

Collections have ended except for the Reverse Advent Calendar for the Food Pantry which will run through Christmas to the New Year.

Thank you for your generosity!!

CHILD AND YOUTH MINISTRY

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

RE Sunday Pack Pick-Up:

January 10th
February 7th

(Anytime between 9 - 10 am at the 2322 S. 106th St. classroom building)

Confirmation - Day Retreat: January 3rd, 10 am - 3 pm.
Classrooms at 106th Street

MQSCA SCHOOL

Principal: Jennifer Vega 414-476-0751
Vegaj@mqscateacher.org

Remote learning at MQSCA continues to go well. I'm incredibly impressed at the continued level of engagement of our students and the commitment our families have to assisting their children. There are a few exciting things happening at school, even without having students in the building. Cheryl Flood, the office manager organizes the Christmas gift program each year. This year we are supporting 30 kids with Christmas gifts and hope to make their Christmas morning a bit more festive. We are also happy that we are continuing to offer meals to our families while they are learning from home. Meals are available for pick up twice per week for families that signed up. Lastly, the final Chromebooks have arrived and are now in the hands of our K4 students. It was worth the wait, as they now have the touch screens that they need to navigate online. We are proud to say that ALL of our students now have the necessary technology. They can now connect with their teacher and classmates remotely.

I want to end with a quick note to the gentlemen who met weekly for cards at our old school site. I miss our weekly chats and miss having you in the building. I hope you and your families are healthy and safe and I look forward to connecting with you as soon as it is safe to do so. I'm still holding you to the offer to teach me how to play!

In peace,
Jen Vega

Thank You

From our MPH St. Vincent de Paul
Conference
And All Those We Serve!!

Due to YOUR generosity over the past several months,
we were able to donate:

1. \$5,000 to the SVDP Crossroads Meal Program
2. \$4,500 to Hunger Task Force
3. \$2,500 to SVDP Needy Conferences
4. \$1,500 to SVDP National Disaster Services
5. \$1,000 to the Harambe Meal Program
6. IN ADDITION to serving countless families and individuals at our MPH Food Pantry

Each and Every One of You is living out Jesus' Gospel Message:



LOVE

A Constant Companion

As Christians, we are called to a life of prayer. This is not just during seasons like Advent, but all year long. When we talk about being prayerful everyday stewards, we are speaking about cultivating an awareness of God being with us at all times. Each day we begin by offering God the entirety of our day. Each night we rest in Him and hope that the hours that passed gave Him glory.

During this busy time of Advent, it is hard to cultivate this life of prayer, but without it we can too easily lose sight of the reason for the season. It is during this time of year we need to heed the words of St. Paul more than ever when he wrote to the Thessalonians, "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing." This is how we will be able to avoid the pitfalls of consumerism and secularism and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.

Bring Jesus with you into the office Christmas party. Take him with you shopping for gifts in the department store. Be aware of him when you sit down to watch television specials you have seen every year of your life. Give him all your time and let his presence fill your every moment. By striving to be connecting with Jesus at all times, you will bear greater fruit and the joy you experience will be much greater than you could imagine. You might even spend a few less dollars and spend more time with those you love, particularly the one who loves you the most, the Incarnation himself.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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St. Ben's Covid-19 Update:

NO volunteer-made food or community meals in the dining room for the foreseeable future

Questions/volunteer:

contact Kathy Smith 414-453-0300 x25 or kathy@mphwa.org
BLESSINGS to all those so faithful to this ministry!

ADVENT 2020

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR To Benefit the MPH FOOD PANTRY



**EACH DAY, add an item to a box,
Bring the box to the MPH Food Pantry after January 1**



Please Note: For your convenience, for those of you who give weekly, we are including a contribution form that you may submit with your weekly payment. Thank you!

Name _____		Envelope # _____
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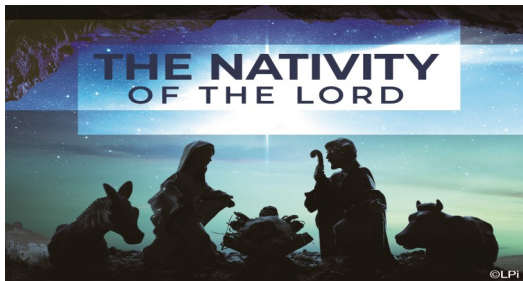
Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Soon, you will receive a large postcard with information regarding our Christmas Masses.

- * We will have 6 masses, three on Christmas Eve and three on Christmas Day. It also lists the location for each celebration.
- * As space is limited, it will be necessary for you to call in to the office to reserve your space(s), and to tell us which mass you will attend. Our capacity per Mass is 150 people at 116th and 106th and 200 at 92nd Street.
- * The usual safeguards will remain in place. +To enter any of the buildings YOU MUST wear a face covering. They are available at the entrances of each building if you do not have one. +Members living in the same household may sit together. +Seating areas in each Church are clearly marked as they have been. Hand sanitizer is also available.
- * The 4 PM mass will be recorded and broadcast shortly after on the Parish YouTube channel for those who are unable to attend mass because of personal circumstances/health concerns.
- * If you are unable to be with us, consider making one of the broadcast masses part of your Christmas celebration alongside your planning for the day.
- * These are, as we so often say, challenging times, but we must always remember that God is on our side. No more so than when we remember the greatest gift we have ever been given; the birth of His Only Begotten Son, His Holy Church, the Sacraments and the gift that we are for one another.

Peace,

Fr. Jeff



Mother of Perpetual Help Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve (Thursday, December 24)

4:00 PM (116th St. Site)
4:00 PM (106th St. Site)
4:30 PM (92nd St. Site - 4:00 p.m. Christmas Concert
by the Contemporary Choir)

Christmas Day (Friday, December 25)

9:00 AM (106th St. Site)
10:00 AM (116th St. Site)
11:00 AM (92nd St. Site)
(No 7:00 PM Mass at 92nd St. Site)

New Years Eve (Thursday, December 31)

4:00 PM (116th St. Site)

New Years Day (Friday, January 1)

Holy Day of Obligation

9:30 AM (106th St. Site)



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

Jesus asks you to love Him in return by spending one quiet hour with Him each week in the Blessed Sacrament. "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." (Matthew 6:21).

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.

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