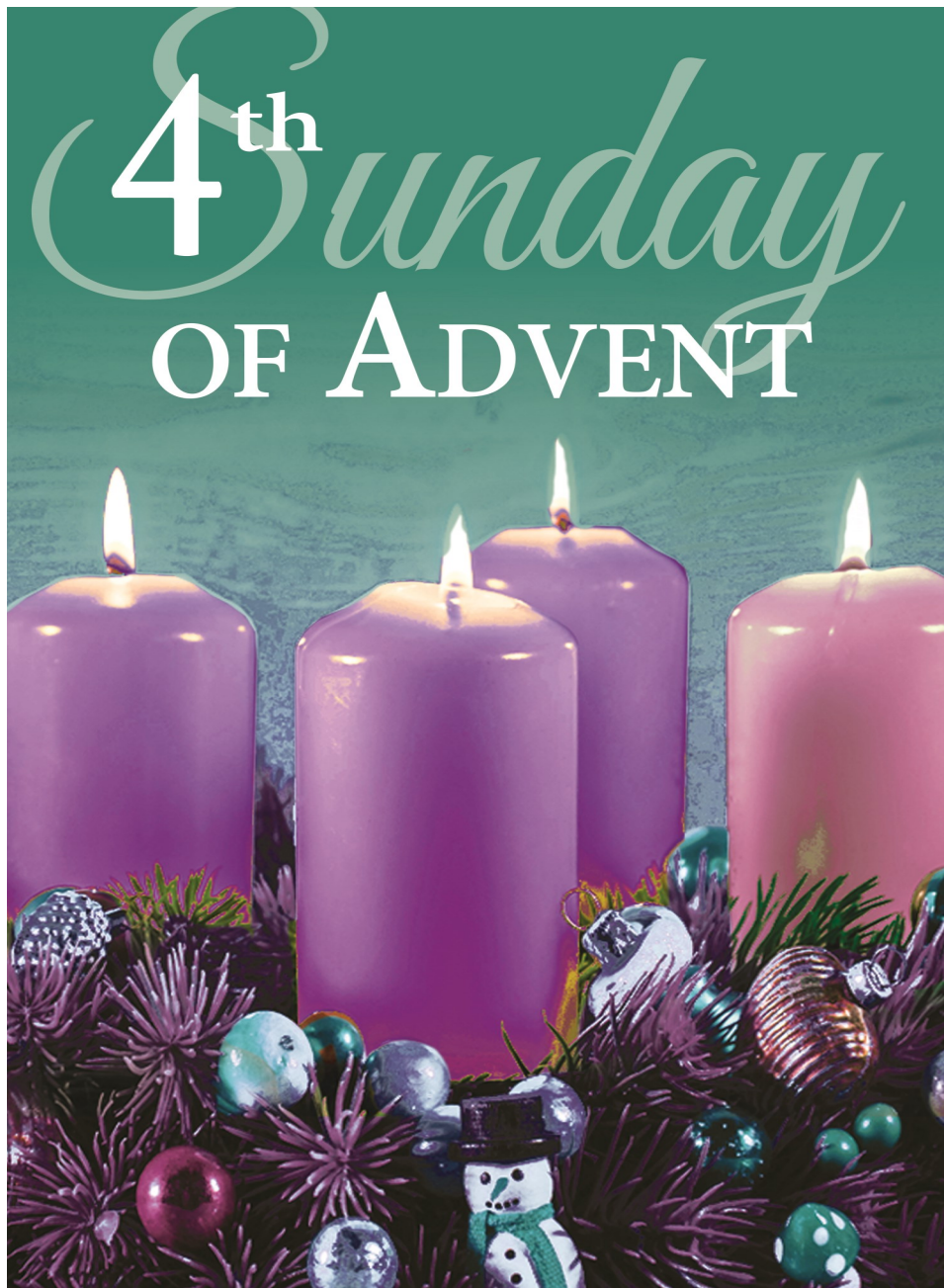


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West Allis*

*Website: www.mphwa.org
(414) 453-5192*



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 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.)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2020

8:00 AM † Alice and Bill Selner (106 St.)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2020

8:15 AM † Carol Kartz (116 St.)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2020

8:00 AM † Kathy Schendzielos (106 St.)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2020 (Christmas Eve)

4:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of Our
Parish (116 St.)

4:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of Our
Parish (106 St.)

4:30 PM Living and Deceased Members of Our
Parish (92 St.)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2020 (Christmas Day)

9:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of Our
Parish (106 St.)

10:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of Our
Parish (116 St.)

11:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of Our
Parish (92 St.)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2020

4:00 PM † Rose Wiza (116 St.)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2020

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

8:00 AM † Nancy and † Keith Faber (106 St.)

9:30 AM Living and Deceased Members of Our
Parish (116 St.)

11:00 AM † Marian Stanly (106 St.)

7:00 PM Rebecca Matthews and Family (92 St.)



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GOD'S WORD

4th Sunday of Advent/December 20, 2020

First Reading:

"When your times comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will establish his kingdom firm." (2 Sm 12)

Second Reading:

According to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God. (Rom 16:25b-26a)

Gospel:

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High." (Lk 1:31-32a)

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 20, 2020

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
Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56
Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66
Thursday: *Morning:* 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79
Friday: *Vigil:* Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/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 [Lk 2:11]/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 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22
Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/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



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

Dear Members of Mother of Perpetual Help,

As we approach Christmas this year, I am sure that many of us will have experiences that are new and unfamiliar. There are many reasons for this, too numerous to mention! What remains constant for us, however, is the "reason for the season", our yearly reminder of the Birth of Jesus Christ.



The world's current experiences of loss, illness and uncertainty are NOT stronger than the love that our God has for us as we come to know it through faith, hope and love. We believe, even in the sight of testing and pain. We believe because God keeps His Word. We believe, because not to do so causes us to give in to doubt and fear as a way of life. We believe that the Miracle of the Christ child's birth is reflected in the miracles and wonders of life. What better time to remember this than at Christmas time?

The other day I heard a song which reminded me that God has touched me in so many ways over these past months. As I see so many people looking for answers to their prayers, I try to be open to whatever lies before me. The first three verses of the song are the following:

Miracles All Around Us

On a Starry night in Bethlehem
A Child was born to bring light to men
and our faith wade, our eyes grew dim
In a candle's light, we found hope again

There are miracles all around
miracles yet to be found
Hid in every heart is an answered prayer
Like a candle's flame, hope will lead us there

When the darkness comes, let the light shine through
A spark of faith will ignite in you
In a candle's glow, a virgin's womb
in a simple prayer, in the empty tomb

Candace Lee

This Christmas, may you find answers to all your prayers, peace to calm all your fears and joy in your heart as we remember the Gift, we have all been given.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Fr. Jeff

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

2019 - 2020

WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 13, 2020

Membership.....	\$10,602.50
Repair and Maintenance	402.50
Scholarship	75.00
Holy Day	233.00
Other.....	350.00
Offertory	986.00
Total.....	\$12,649.00

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



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.

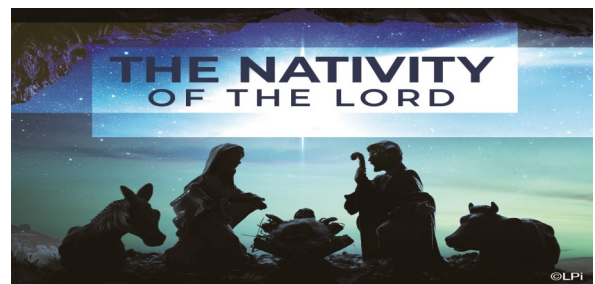
First Saturday morning Mass followed by confessions has returned to the 106th Street site.

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>



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 Ensemble)

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)

Please Note:

The Parish office will be closed Thursday, December 24th Christmas Eve and Thursday, December 31st New Years Eve.

Merry Christmas!



MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP OF WEST ALLIS

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Director: Kathy Smith 414-453-0300 ext. 25
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**ADVENT
OUTREACH 2020**
*Collections have ended
except for the*
Reverse Advent Calendar for
the Food Pantry which will
run to the New Year.

Thank you for your generosity!!

A special thanks to all who have dropped off contributions of toys and baby items to our 116th Street site. There was no giving tree in the Gathering Area this year to mark the spot, but that didn't stop you! Thank you so much.

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



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

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Eucharistic Adoration the week of December 21 - 24. Adoration will resume on Monday, December 28 at 9:00 AM. A reminder that there will be no Adoration on New Year's Eve, Thursday, December 31.

"We are as privileged in being called to adore Him today as were Mary, Joseph, the Shepherds and Magi then, because here Jesus continues His incarnation on earth. Here Jesus loses His Heart to us in love. Love expresses itself to the object of its affection; the Eucharist is the continual expression of God's perfect, unselfish love for man. The Word again becomes flesh and dwells among us, veiled under the Species of the Sacred Host, where the same Jesus born two thousand years ago as a little Babe in Bethlehem is truly, really, bodily, and personally present to us in this Most Blessed Sacrament."

(Mother Teresa {St. Teresa of Calcutta})

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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PLEASE NOTE: EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



There will be no Eucharistic Adoration the week of December 21 - 24. Adoration will resume on Monday, December 28 at 9:00 AM. A reminder that there will be no Adoration on New Year's Eve, Thursday December. 31. Merry Christmas!

Prayer Chain

If you, a loved one or someone you know is in need of prayers you can call Nell Lee at (414) 529-1642.



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 2020 contribution records. Donations received at the January 1st Mass will be applied to 2021 even if they are in a 2020 envelope. Because of IRS rules we cannot make any exceptions.

If you are pre-paying in 2020 for 2021 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.



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.

ADVENT 2020

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR To Benefit the MPH FOOD PANTRY

1 Cereal	2 Peanut Butter	3 Cake Mix	4 Frosting	5 Mac & Cheese	6 Canned Fruit
7 Canned Tomatoes	8 Canned Tuna	9 Jello	10 Canned Applesauce	11 Pancake Mix	12 Syrup
13 Lg. Can Soup	14 Soda Crackers	15 Package Rice	16 Instant Oatmeal	17 Package of Pasta	18 Spaghetti Sauce
19 Chicken Noodle Soup	20 Tomato Soup	21 Canned Corn	22 Canned Peas	23 Canned Green Beans	24 Box or can Potatoes

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

**The MPH Food Pantry
Will be CLOSED on
Saturday, December 26**

**But open on Wednesday, December 30
(6-7:30 PM) & Jan. 2 (9:30-11:30 AM)**



MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO DONATED THIS ADVENT TO OUR MPH BARB'S BABY MINISTRY

Each month we help over 20 families with clothing, toiletries, blankets and at least one toy for their newborn babies, together with clothing, a blanket and a toy for the baby's siblings. It is impossible to describe their joy and sincere appreciation. It takes a village, or in this case, **a parish community**.
Thank You!

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:



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!



CHRISTMAS 2020

What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. (John 1:4-5)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When we pray the Nicene Creed we profess, "I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man."

These familiar words echo the prologue of John's Gospel, which is read at Christmas. John proclaims, "What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:4-5) I draw your attention to the Creed and John's Gospel to emphasize the profundity of describing God as Light and Life. Out of the infinite ways to describe Christ, light and life are given to us as preeminent and essential descriptions.

The key to understanding this is the celebration of the Incarnation. The Son of God did not become man to prove a point, become rich, powerful and popular, or punish the wicked. It is all too easy to look at the life of Christ in these terms because of our human tendencies to want to be rich, famous or powerful. In doing so, the Gospels become a biography among many other great people who did great things.

However, that is not why God became man; He became man to save us from the darkness of sin and the punishment of death. When we profess this truth, we allow Christ to reorient our lives. No longer is He just another great person to listen to or admire; He becomes the Light and Life of our lives.

Whatever you have faced this year, from the joyous occasions to suffering and sadness, I pray that you will entrust them to Christ at Christmas. May the Light and Life you receive be the gifts you share with your family and loved ones this year. I trust in God. I trust in His Word. Merry Christmas!

With a heart full of gratitude for your faithfulness, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Jerome E. ListECKi

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