

*Welcome to
Mother of Perpetual Help Parish
West Allis*

*Website: www.mphwa.org
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Fourth Sunday of
ADVENT



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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

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MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP SITES



92ND STREET SITE
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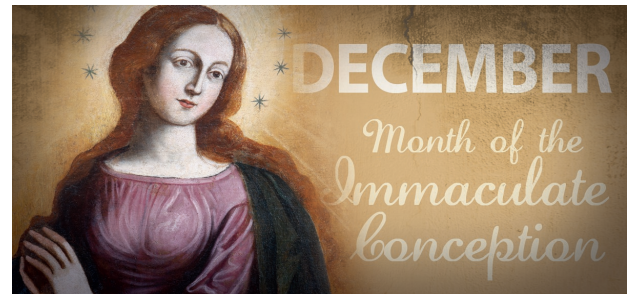


106TH STREET SITE
2322 S. 106th Street



116TH STREET SITE
1212 S. 117th Street

MASS INTENTIONS



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2019

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

9:30 AM Thanksgiving for God's Blessings (116 St.)

11:00 AM † Nancy Faber (106 St.)

7:00 PM † Stephen and Florence Soik (92 St.)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2019

7:00 AM † June Jafuta (106 St.)

8:00 AM † Ralph Dolata (116 St.)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2019 - Christmas Eve

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

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

11:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of our Parish (106 St.)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2019

The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas Day

9:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of our Parish (116 St.)

10:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of our Parish (106 St.)

10:30 AM Living and Deceased Members of our Parish (92 St.)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2019

7:00 AM † Mamie Wendt (106 St.)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2019

7:00 AM † Michael T. Murphy (106 St.)

No 8:10 AM (92 St.)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2019

4:00 PM † John Crayne (116 St.)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2019

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

8:00 AM † Thomas Kelleher (106 St.)

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

11:00 AM † Angeline and Alvin Herden 106 St.)

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

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GOD'S WORD

First Reading:

Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel. (Is 7:14)

Second Reading:

Through him we have received the grace of apostleship, to bring about the obedience of faith. (Rom 1:5a)

Gospel:

“Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus.” (Mt 1:20b-21a)

Celebrating the Sacraments

Baptism is celebrated during or after Mass on the second and fourth Sunday of the month. Other times may be arranged by calling one of the priests. A Baptismal preparation class is required. Classes will be held quarterly in 2020, so it is recommended you schedule a class early, possibly before your child is born. Please 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 at the 92nd Street site and at 3:00 pm on the 116th Street site.

Anointing of the Sick is celebrated communally on the First Saturday of the month after the evening mass at the 116th Street site. Individual anointing may be requested by calling one of the parish priests.

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 22, 2019

Sunday: Is 7:10-14/ Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1-7/
Mt 1:18-24

Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/
Lk 1:57-66

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3,
4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

Wednesday: 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

Midnight: 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

Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and
17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22

Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/ Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or
3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23



MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

The Chapel Candle at 106th St. Site is burning this month

In Loving Memory of Michael, Thomas and Tommy Kelleher

And In Loving Memory of Walter and Gloria Keller
The Mary Candle at 106th St. Site is burning this month

For the Balistriero Family

And In Loving Memory of Tess Flanagan



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

In Loving Memory of Gloria Keller

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

In Loving Memory of Dorothy Terrian

FROM THE PASTORS' DESK

**“Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests”
(Lk: 2; 14)**



Hello friends,

Time flies and you know what, it is time for us to wish you all a joyful and peaceful Christmas. Let us walk through the Advent trying to see Jesus in our family members, neighbors, whomever we see and be ready to welcome HIM. We never know in which form and shape He appears before us each and every day. As we come to celebrate Mass on Christmas, He may whisper in our heart, when you did that for another you did it for me. Let us not hear the contrary. Let Him find a cradle in our hearts.

We have received many blessing for which to be grateful. Let us cherish them all these days. When we remove sorrow and sadness from our hearts, Jesus finds the right place in each of us to be born. He will enter and make his home with us, never to leave us.

Fr. Jeff and I are so grateful to you for all the support and love you give us. That means a lot to us. We really appreciate everything you do; whatever be the areas of your help, to make our parishes welcoming, vibrant and a best place of worship. To each and every one we would like to extend our sincere thanks. Keep up the good spirit; we need them in the coming years too.

I know you all are looking forward to having some family fun during this season. Yes, I am also going to see my family, back in India. So I will be leaving for India after Masses on December 29th and be back at the end of January. Definitely, I need your prayers for my safe trip too. Well, time to stop. You are also busy right? Let us not forget to make sure that Jesus is present in all we do during this holy season. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Merry Christmas,

Fr. Jeff and Fr. Thomas

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP
2018 - 2019
WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 15, 2019

Membership	\$21,568.20
Offertory Collection.....	1,733.23
Repair and Maintenance	600.00
Scholarship	54.00
Christmas	826.00
Christmas Flowers	35.00

Total \$24,816.43

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

WEEK AT A GLANCE

KEY

<u>Sites</u>	<u>Rooms</u>
92nd Street Site - (92 St.)	ND—Notre Dame Rm
106th Street Site - (106 St.)	GH - Gonzaga Hall
116th Street Site - (116 St.)	BH - Bethany House
	PC - Parish Center
	PMR - Parish Meeting Room

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2019

9:15 AM Book Chat - PC 8 (106 St.)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2019

8 AM-9PM Eucharistic Adoration - Church (106 St.)

9:30 AM Senior Meal Program - GH (92 St.)

10:30 PM Rejoice Advent Small Group - BH (116 St.)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2019

Christmas Eve

Closed Eucharistic Adoration - Church (106 St.)

Closed Senior Meal Program - GH (92 St.)

Closed Rosary - Church (106 St.)

9-11 AM Food Pantry - GH (92 St.)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2019

Christmas Day

Closed Eucharistic Adoration - Church (106 St.)

Closed SVDP Food Pantry - BH (116 St.)

Closed Senior Meal Program - GH (92 St.)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2019

8 AM-9PM Eucharistic Adoration - Church (106 St.)

8:00 AM Potato Washing - Hall/Ki (116 St.)

9:30 AM Senior Meal Program - GH (92 St.)

10:30 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - B1/B2 (92 St.)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2019

9:30 AM Senior Meal Program - GH (92 St.)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2019

7:00 AM MPH Men's Scripture Group - BH Living Rm
(116 St.)

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2019

9:15 AM Book Chat - PC 8 (106 St.)

Mother of Perpetual Help Choir will sing at the following Masses

January 5, 8:00 AM (106 Site)
Saturday, January 11, 4:00 PM (116 Site)
January 19, 8:00 AM (106 Site)
January 26, 9:30 AM (116 Site)

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP OF WEST ALLIS

ADULT AND FAMILY

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



**A Blessed Fourth Sunday of Advent
Today and A most Blessed
Christmas to All on
Wednesday!**



*We hope that you and your family
have enjoyed this season of joyful preparation for
the celebration of our Savior's birth and are able
to celebrate this joyous Christmas with your
family and friends!*

*Be sure to put your Christmas magnet gift on your refrigerator or
other metal kitchen appliance as a daily reminder to be
thankful for all your blessings!*



The Adult Formation Committee

CHILD AND YOUTH MINISTRY

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

January 5th: Sunday Morning Class
9:15 am (No Confirmation Teens)

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. Gift cards make nice Christmas gifts!

Mother of Perpetual Help Parish Fish Fry At the 116th St. Site

Friday, January 3rd

Serving from 4:30-7:00 PM in the church hall.

Come join us for fried or baked cod, fried shrimp, parsley buttered potatoes, French fries, potato pancakes, mac & cheese, green beans, rye bread, dessert, coffee or milk. All this for \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids 5-11, kids under 5 eat free. Have a family member who hates fish? Alternates are available with a slight wait. Come and meet old friends, make new friends and enjoy a great meal.



Attention:

May we have an hour of your time? If you are looking for a rewarding experience, we are looking for a Eucharistic Minister to distribute Holy Communion to new mothers every Thursday morning from 9-10 AM at West Allis Memorial Hospital. "Job-sharing" is possible. Questions? Contact John Weber at 262-424-7497. Thank you!

MQSCA SCHOOL

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

Our state report card came in. We are proud to say that we have the highest rating of any school in West Allis! I'm incredibly proud to be part of such a loving, committed, and high performing Catholic community.



PARISH NEWS

*It's the time of year for giving
THANKS to ALL of YOU!*

The MPH St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, Barb's Baby Ministry, the Guest House, Hope House, Ronald McDonald House, Capuchin Community Services and the 92nd Street Food Pantry would like to thank all of the generous people who donated to our designated charities for Christmas. We also thank you for your year-round donations, thoughts, prayers and volunteer hours.

YOU ARE ALL AMAZING, and we are blessed.

Advent & Christmas blessings to ALL!



Year-end Reminders

A few "business" things to remember as we approach the end of the year:

- All donations must be received no later than December 31 in order to be applied to your 2019 contribution records. Donations at the December 31st Mass will count toward 2019, donations at the January 1st Mass will be applied to 2020. Because of IRS rules we cannot make any exceptions.
- The parish office will be open limited times through the holiday season. If you are planning on dropping off your year-end donation please call to be sure there will be someone available.

MORNING BOOK CHAT

At 106th Street Site

Next Book Chat is December 29th

(9:15-10:45 a.m.) Parish Center 8

The new book is "Not a fan – becoming a completely committed follower of Jesus" by Kyle Idleman

All are welcome!

Coffee, tea and snack provided.



Mother of Perpetual Help Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve (Tuesday, December 24)

4:00 PM (116th St. Site)
 4:30 PM (92nd St. Site) **4:00 PM Christmas Concert**
By the Contemporary Choir
 11:00 PM (106th St. Site) **10:30 PM Choir Prelude**

Christmas Day (Wednesday, December 25)

9:00 AM (116th St. Site)
 10:00 AM (106th St. Site)
 10:30 AM (92nd St. Site)
 (No 7:00 PM Mass at 92nd St. Site)

New Year's Eve (Tuesday, December 31)

4:00 PM (116th St. Site)

New Year's Day (Wednesday, January 1)

Holy Day of Obligation

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

Please Note:

With your December Monthly Letter you should have received a Christmas Flower Memorial sheet. Please fill out as you wish and return to the parish office by December 23rd.

Women's Silent Retreat

Jesuit Retreat House, Oshkosh

April 23-26, 2020

Registration is now available on line for all 2020 retreats at the Jesuit Retreat House in Oshkosh, Wisconsin including our annual women'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 2020 Women's Silent Retreat will be **Sr. Kerry Larkin, OSM**. 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 the Jesuit Retreat House at 800-962-7330 or by e-mail at

www.jesuitretreathouse.org. For more information about these retreats or Sr. Kerry call Beth at 414-545-1518, or you can e-mail Monica at monicajmahler@hotmail.com.

Adoration Chapel

(106th Street Site)

Monday-Thursday

8:00 AM to 9:00 PM

PLEASE NOTE:

The Adoration Chapel will be closed on **Tuesday, December 24th** and **Wednesday, December 25th**, for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.



"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}).

URGENT EMAIL SCAM ALERT

Some parishioners have notified us that they received scam emails appearing as if they are coming from Fr. Jeff. Many who have received these emails have found them suspicious enough to inquire before moving forward.

If you receive an email from Fr. Jeff or Fr. Thomas that does not have the email or phone number listed in the bulletin, DO NOT reply or open the link.

St. Ben's for DECEMBER

4th Friday, Dec. 27th

*****Monday, Dec. 23rd*** (due to Christmas)**

Washing on **Thursday, December 26th** at 8AM
 In the 116th St. Kitchen

Questions/volunteer:

contact Kathy Smith 414-453-0300 x25 or kathy@mphwa.org

New Serving Volunteers always welcome & needed!

BLESSINGS to all those so faithful to this ministry!

GIVE A SPECIAL GIFT THIS CHRISTMAS TO YOUR SPOUSE!

- ◆ The Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a gift filled with romance and excitement!
- ◆ Put a little Christmas into your marriage!
- ◆ Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on **January 24-26 in Brookfield, WI; February 14-16 in Geneva, IL or March 13-15 in Madison, WI.**
- ◆ Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: alifetimeoflove.org or call (888) 574-5653.
- ◆ Para un fin de semana en español por favor llamen a Candelario y Emilia al 815-375-4250





Christmas 2019

*And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory,
the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. John 1:14*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This verse from John's Gospel beautifully depicts the wonder, awe and joy of Christmas, for God has *made his dwelling among us*. What we celebrate is truly remarkable. Our God is not distant, removed, or even unfamiliar to us. Rather, our God is personal, interested and devoted to each one of us.

The scene at Bethlehem on that first Christmas night may appear to be quite different from the Christmas scenes you and I will celebrate with family and friends, but little has changed in 2,000 years. Our world is still marked by suffering and pain; people are still swept away from believing by doubt and despair; and the busyness and distractions of this life still offer little room for faith and devotion. Yet, God still dwells among us; we still see *his glory ... full of grace and truth*. Each Christmas, our hearts become the little manger in Bethlehem, welcoming God in the most humble of surroundings.

There is not a more worthy place for God to dwell than in a heart fully given to Him. This is the greatest "gift-exchange" imaginable: He offers us His life and we offer Him our love. During this blessed Christmas season, I pray that all of us, together, can more fully enter into this exchange. Let us approach the sacraments with new fervor and devotion. Let us reach out of our comfortable lifestyles and give to those less fortunate. Let us, united in the love of Christ, seek to share that love with those who have yet to encounter it. May God bless you and your families this Christmas.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Jerome E. Listecki
Archbishop of Milwaukee