

Mother of Perpetual Help



CHRISTMAS/THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



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.





THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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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. - Jn 1:14

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MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP SITES



MPH EAST 2322 S. 106th Street

Mass Times

4:00 pm (MPH West) Saturday:

Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am,

7:00 pm (MPH East)

8:00 am (Except Thursday) Week Days:

First Saturday: 8:00 am

(MPH East)



MPH WEST 1212 S. 117th Street

MASS INTENTIONS



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2021 Christmas Day 8:30 AM Living and Deceased Members of Our **Parish (106 St.)** 10:30 AM Living and Deceased Members of Our **Parish (106 St.)**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

8:00 AM † Sammie Blagg (106 St.)

9:30 AM Living and Deceased Members of Our

Parish (106 St.)

† Joyce Rebro (106 St.) 11:00 AM

7:00 PM Rebecca Matthews and Family (106 St.)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2021 8:00 AM † Fr. Jeff Prasser (106 St.)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2021 No 8:00 AM Mass

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2021 8:00 AM † Mary Will (106 St.)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2021 8:00 AM For the health and healing of Marge Narlock (106 St.)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2022 Solemnity of Mary Mother of God † William Dowling, MD (106 St.) 9:00 AM 4:00 PM For health and healing of Sharon Huber (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.



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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

Celebrating the Sacraments

Baptism is celebrated at the 106th St. site on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. A Baptismal preparation class is required. Classes will be held on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the Notre Dame Room at the 106th 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 26, 2021

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/ Sunday:

Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf.

5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/

Jn 20:1a, 2-8

1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/ Tuesday:

Mt 2:13-18

1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/ Wednesday:

Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10

[11a]/Lk 2:36-40

1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, Friday:

13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/ Saturday:

Lk 2:16-21

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

God's Word

The Holy Family / December 26, 2021

First Reading:

"I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD." (1 Sm 1:27-28)

Second Reading:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. And so we are. (1 Jn 3:1)

Gospel:

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. 3 (Lk 2:46)





"TODAY IS BORN OUR SAVIOR -CHRIST THE LORD"

Merry Christmas!!!

We have been preparing for this great day of Christmas during the four weeks of Advent reflecting each week on the themes of Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. Each week we lit a candle reminding ourselves of the gifts that were awaiting us.

The First week we reflected on **Hope...**Second week we prayed for **Love...**In the Third week we longed for **Joy....**In the fourth week we desired **Peace...**

Each of these virtues we longed for and prayed for is granted to us by God *wrapped in swaddling clothes in the manger*. As we gaze at the child born to us, we celebrate God's love for humanity. God's love for you and me. We join the shepherds and come to Bethlehem and sing with angels, "Glory to God in the highest". We worship the savior of the world who will lead us from darkness to light.

Today, we celebrate **Hope** because, Christ's birth has brought hope to all who sincerely believe in him. This means that there is hope, even in the midst of uncertainties like wars, hunger, oppression, injustice, and even natural disasters.

Today, we celebrate **Love**. So, we must be ready to extend God's love this season. Therefore, this is a season we must be ready to offer ourselves positively in love to others. As Christ has reached out to us, we too must be ready to reach out to others.

Today is a day of **Joy**. So, let us sing psalms to the Lord with harp. With the sound of music, let us acclaim Christ our Lord and King, who is with us.

Today we celebrate **Peace** in a world torn by turmoil and violence; peace only God can bring to our world and our lives.

The joy we celebrate should not be for us alone, but should be extended to our family, and to others in need of our love, care and prayers. Let's have a smile on our face and be the reason why others will rejoice today. As we celebrate this great feast of Christmas, we join the multitude of angels as we read in the gospel, to sing the heavenly song: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among all with whom he is pleased!" (Lk 2).

This weekend we also celebrate the Feast of Holy Family. We entrust all our families into the care and protection of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. May the Holy Family bless all our families to become the haven of love.

I wish you once again the Blessings and Joy of Christmas!!! May the Infant Jesus fill your hearts with love and joy.

Fr. Matthew

WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2021

Parish Office Closed

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

6:30 PM St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. - BH (116 St.)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2021

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2021

8:45 AM Sunday Scripture Session - PC 8 (106 St.) 9:00 AM MPH Helping Hands - BH (116 St.)

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

6 - 7:30 PM Food Pantry - Bethany House (116 St.) 7:00 PM Dartball - Gym (106 St.)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2022

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

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.

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

"Our times are critical and the Sacred Heart is among us. He is granting special power. He is coming with the same overt grace that the Virgin has displayed at places like Fatima. It is the time of the Eucharist. When we spend time in front of the Blessed Sacrament, we feel a power similar to that during Elevation of the Host. We encounter a holiness second only to Mass. While nothing is more powerful than the liturgy, Adoration comes in second. During Adoration, which keeps the Blessed Sacrament right there before us, prayers are heard and answered." (Michael H. Brown, Secrets of the Eucharist, Queenship Publishing Company, 1996).

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.

Please Note:

Contributions will not be reported this week due to the early transmission of the bulletin for the Christmas season.

Thank you.

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 and they picked up, countless toys including bikes, to Capuchin Community Ministries (both House of Peace and St. Ben's Community Meal Program) to help make many children happy this Christmas!

Enjoy the Angel Thank You Trees and Christmas blessings to all!!

St. Ben's Community Meal

3rd Monday each month to plate—
(Jan. 17 next with carpool)
Contact Kathy to volunteer

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 are Jan. 20 & 27

Sandwich prep 8am; food delivery 2-4pm (hard boiled eggs; desserts-2-4 cookies, bars or cupcakes in a sandwich bag; fruit– grapes (sandwich bag 1/2 full) for Jan.; & 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!

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

Have you ever thought about being a Eucharistic Minister? If you have, now is the time.

We desperately need help, if interested please call John at 414-541-0817 or Mary Margaret at 262-786-9542.

The Masses we are in need of help are the 4:00 pm, 9:30 am and 11:00 am.

Training will be provide. We hope to hear from you.

MQSCA SCHOOL

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

Students will return from Christmas break 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 infomgsca@mgscateacher.org.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

Merry Christmas to you and your families!







CHRISTMAS 2021

The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people." Luke 2:10

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

Imagine being a lowly shepherd, watching over your sheep on a typical night, and then suddenly, your life changes forever. A bright light and a multitude of angels appear, proclaiming that "great joy" is to be had. While the message was one of celebration and awe, I can't help but think that if it were me, I too would be a little more frightened than overjoyed in the moment.

How many times have we been struck with fear in our lives? During the past year, many of us faced the fear of a worldwide pandemic, a serious health diagnosis and possibly a job loss. During difficult times, it can be hard to "fear not," as the angels assured the shepherds.

No matter where you find yourself this Christmas – perhaps back to Mass for the first time in a long time, or in the same pew you've been sitting in for years – please know that Jesus loves you and wants to be in a relationship with you.

This coming year, I encourage you to reconnect, rediscover, and renew your relationship with Jesus and his Church. Here in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, you'll discover a multitude of opportunities to encounter the love of Jesus and deepen your spiritual life.

Together, let us not fear but rejoice in the "good news of great joy!"

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Jesome E. Kistecki

Most Reverend Jerome E. Listecki Archbishop of Milwaukee



ALL Parishioners in Need

The M.P.H. St. Vincent de Paul **FOOD PANTRY** is OPEN

> Many Thanks to all of our "regular" donors!

the far South end of the parking lot 1212 S. 117th St., West Allis **EVERY SATURDAY 9:30-11:30 AM** LAST WED, of the month 6:00-7:30 PM ALL OTHER WED. 9-11:00 AM For emergencies please call 211

Save the Date

Trivia Night is back! Saturday, February 26, 2022





Wisconsin Catholic Charities/Afghan Project

Catholic Charities agencies are mobilizing personnel, volunteers, and resources to provide refugees with a welcoming atmosphere, a break from the confines of temporary housing, and relief from their difficult journey. Among the services provided are on-base legal assistance, social engagement for women and children, and learning centers. The women's centers provide a quiet and clean place for mothers to bond and play with their children and develop friendships. The children's area is a place for children to gather and create arts and craft projects, build puzzles, play games and be sociable. Volunteers are crucial to keep the centers running smoothly and safely.

The USCCB and Catholic Charities are seeking more volunteers to aid in this mission. Volunteers will spend time at one of the three Women and Children Centers, two Sewing Center or Learning Center. Each of the centers requires between 6-10 volunteers to operate. Individuals must be able to commit to at least a week of volunteering, though longer commitments are preferred.

For information about volunteer opportunities or donations, contact:

Andrew Ruesch, Afghan Project Coordinator, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee: aruesch@ccmke.org / 414-769-3543

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.

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP FISH FRY



January 14th

4:30-7:00pm MOSCA School Building Cafeteria Entrance is on S. 117th Street

Baked or fried cod, fried shrimp, French fries, parsley buttered potatoes, green beans, rye bread, homemade desserts and more!

Adult dinners —> \$12.00 Kids ages 5 to 11 -> \$5.00 Kids 4 and under eat free Take-outs available! Credit Cards Accepted

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 or at the following link from catholiciobs.com https:// www.catholicjobs.com/job/12647148102