

Welcome to Mother of Perpetual Help Parish West Allis

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THE HOLY FAMILY

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

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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 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.)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2020

8:00 AM Rita and Ida (106 St.)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2020

8:15 AM † Theresa Wittwer (116 St.)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2020

8:00 AM † Mary Will (106 St.)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2020

(New Year's Eve)

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2021 (New Year's Day)

9:30 AM Living and Deceased Members of Our
Parish (106 St.)

FIRST SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 2021

8:00 AM Mass followed by reconciliation

4:00 PM † Frances Bongiorno (116 St.)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2021

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of Our
Parish (106 St.)

9:30 AM † Frank Dombrowski (116 St.)

11:00 AM † Maria Martinez (106 St.)

7:00 PM † Mary Patricia Frederiksen (92 St.)



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GOD'S WORD

The Holy Family/December 27, 2020

First Reading:

The Lord took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be." (Gn 15:5)

Second Reading:

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go. (Heb 11:8)

Gospel:

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. (Lk 2:40)

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 27, 2020

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

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

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Friday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28

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



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 27, 2020

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Tragedy and disappointment are inevitable. What sees you through this? There will be challenges, changes, unexpected circumstances, interrupted plans, hurts, and injustices experienced by every human being at some point in their lives. We will be asked to adjust our plans, change course, and even encounter suffering and death. Where do we learn all of the lessons we need to live life well? Some of them we learn along the way but much of what we bring to life, positive and negative, comes from our early beginnings, our families. This is our early world and provides the blueprint for how we see the bigger, more inclusive world, which unfolds before us.

Our families of origin can be sources of grace, heartache or a combination of both. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication, and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave. They can also determine whether we have an accessible and healthy relationship with God. Many of life's challenges can literally bring us to our knees and require that we possess a strength of character that resides well beyond the superficialities of our world. At some point we will all need three coping gifts that can be given to us only by God: faith, hope, and love. Our families help us learn that we are not the ones responsible for their creation, but God!

Our experience of early family life colors all of our relationships and what we expect to achieve from life in general. Resolving conflicts, dealing with difficulty and suffering, celebrating accomplishments, prioritizing our needs, listening to God's call, understanding relationships, understanding disappointment, learning about the virtues and living a centered focused life are all lessons our families either succeed in teaching or do not. To succeed, as God has designed and ordered our world, is to discover his presence and then trust that Presence. The Holy Family can teach even the most dysfunctional family how to best use God's gifts of faith, hope, and love to find him and do his will. Their simple humble example is always before us, showing us the way. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

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MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

2019 - 2020

WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 20, 2020

Contributions will be reported in the next bulletin.



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.

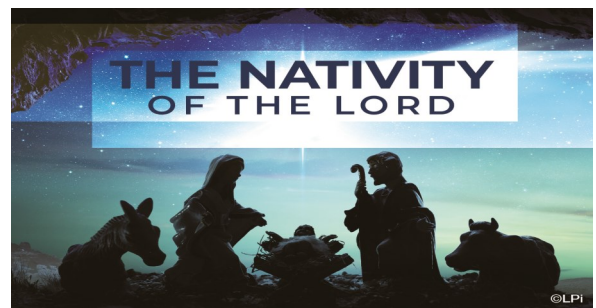
First Saturday morning Mass followed by confessions has returned to the 106th Street site.

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

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)

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.



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 OF WEST ALLIS

HUMAN CONCERNS/OUTREACH

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



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!

MQSCA SCHOOL

Principal: Jennifer Vega 414-476-0751
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Every year at this time, rather than get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the season, and believe me, this year has been quite busy, I force myself to pause and reflect on all that has transpired. There is no shortage of grievances we have experienced in 2020; from the pandemic to the social injustice and the political strife to the loss and hardships of so many! But rather than blame, complain or anger, I look for the silver linings. There are many bright spots, even in the darkness that sometimes overwhelms. I've had the privilege of leading a group of teachers as they mastered how to teach in an environment they never dreamed of, I see eager children engage in learning through my computer screen, and I've experienced the massive outpouring of kindnesses of our school community in every way possible. Kids reaching out to each other, longing to stay connected, parents expressing their immense gratitude and teachers and staff demonstrating their love and passion for the students and school community. And the brightest spot of all is the joy, hope, and peace that the birth of Jesus brings us. A reminder that we are all loved so much that God gave us His only Son, the greatest gift of all. I wish all of our parishioners serenity, peace and love this Christmas season.

Enjoy the photo below of our giving tree and all of the gifts donated to our Christmas gift program. Each year, Cheryl Flood organizes this program for members of our community who could benefit from kindness and support. We are blessed to have her on our staff. As a gesture of gratitude, I ask that we all continue to spread kindness and love in our communities.

Merry Christmas!

Jen Vega



**The MPH Food Pantry
Will be OPEN**
on Wednesday, December 30 (6-7:30 PM) &
January 2 (9:30-11:30 AM)

A Note to our Parishioners:

We have just celebrated the Birth of Our Lord. What more Joyous occasion is there?

We, at Mother of Perpetual Help Parish, have experienced the joy of Adoration for many years. Soon a new year begins, and we are called to bring this heartfelt joy to the many parishioners who have yet to experience it. If you have not experienced Adoration, how about making it your New Year's Resolution to come and give it a try? Once you feel the peace and safety of talking to Our Lord one on one you may want to make it a regular stop in your week. He waits for you Monday through Thursday; just check the bulletin for hours. Whether you have 1 hour or 15 minutes, it really is worth your while to see what I am talking about. However long you spend in prayer, in front of the Blessed Sacrament, you will be surprised at the many blessings you receive.

Please consider joining our Adoration family. Everyone is entitled to receive the blessings Adoration brings. May God bless all of you.

Grace Elliott

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.



Eras
SENIOR NETWORK

**Faith in Action-
Milwaukee County
Outreach Program**

Volunteer and Put a Smile on a Senior's Face!

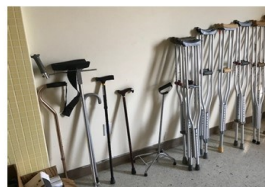
We have an urgent need for **Volunteer Drivers** to take seniors in your neighborhood to their medical appointments or the grocery store. Eras has provided supportive service for older adults since 1991 based on the Neighborhood Outreach Program (in our neighborhood, formerly West Central Interfaith) and continues to do so under CDC Guidelines.

Please call (414) 488-6500 to learn more about the volunteer opportunities to help seniors in our community. Volunteering is flexible – choose when, where, and how you'd like to serve.

Older adults are very grateful for the assistance!

Eras continues to do the following:

- Transportation to medical appointments
- Grocery shopping for clients and delivery of groceries or food pantry stock boxes
- Seasonal yard clean up
- New client assessments over the phone
- Weekly wellness calls
- Mailing hand decorated birthday and holiday cards to our clients



If you have questions, wish to borrow or donate items, contact the parish office: 414-453-5192



Items include all those pictured as well as a variety of men's and women's incontinence products & other miscellaneous items

Did you know?

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH

Has a "Medical Closet"

filled with a variety of items that you may borrow or use for free? You are also invited to donate clean, in good working shape, your own items that you no longer use.



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 # _____
Address _____	Date: _____
Check # _____	Parish/Stewardship \$ _____
Cash _____	Building Maintenance \$ _____
	Scholarship \$ _____
	Holy Day \$ _____
	Other \$ _____
	TOTAL \$ _____

The Gift of Family

What a year it has been! How will we speak of these times a decade from now? As time goes by, our impressions of this past year will certainly change. How we feel today about dealing with a killer virus and all the chaos surrounding that is still fresh for all. I would assume that most of us right now are also holding those we love a little closer and hugging them a little harder. Hopefully, even if the fears and concerns of 2020 dissipate in the future, the way we feel toward our family should never leave us.

Stewardship is certainly about everything. God has given us so much, great and small, profound and common. One of the greatest gifts that all have received is family. Families take all shapes and sizes and some look very different than others. For some, family is a caretaker or temporary guardian. For others it is a friend when everyone else seems to have vanished. The bottom line is that, to quote a song from many years ago, "people need people."

When God gave the world His only Son, the Incarnation did not come on a cloud or with a flash of light. He was born into a family. Jesus understood the gift of family all his life. Do you think that if having a family wasn't important God would have still included this in the plan of salvation?

As this year draws to a close, remember your stewardship many days begins and ends with the people closest to you. Don't misuse or take for granted this precious gift. God gives us gifts on purpose, even to His only begotten Son.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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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: Adoration will be closed on Thursday, December 31st for New Year's Eve.

"Let every knee bend before Thee, O greatness of my God, so supremely humbled in the Sacred Host. May every heart love Thee, every spirit adore Thee and every will be subject to Thee!"

(St. Margaret Mary Alacoque).

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.

First Saturday Mass

January 2nd at 8:00 AM

Reconciliation will follow after Mass

At

106th Street Site

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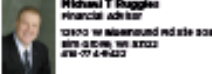


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