

Mother of Perpetual Help PARISH



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

second sunday of ADVENT



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Mother of Perpetual Help Sites



MPH EAST 2322 S. 106th Street

Mass Times

- **Saturday:** 4:00 pm (MPH West)
- Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 7:00 pm (MPH East)
- Week Days: 8:00 am (Except Thursday)

First Saturday: 8:00 am (MPH East)



MPH WEST 1212 S. 117th Street

MASS INTENTIONS



FIRST SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2021 8:00 AM † Nancy Gerike (106 St.) 4:00 PM † Robert P. Martin (116 St.)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 AM † Thomas Kelleher (106 St.)
9:30 AM † Gary Mueller (106 St.)
11:00 AM † Richard Ballard (106 St.)
7:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of Our Parish (106 St.)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2021

8:00 AM For all those affected by Covid (106 St.)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2021

8:00 AM *†* John and Frances Putchinski (116 St.)

6:00 PM **†** Fr. Jeff Prasser (116 St.)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2021 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9:00 AM † Arlene Volkert (106 St.) 6:00 PM † Margaret Shanahan (106 St.)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2021 8:00 AM † Patricia Thompson (106 St.)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2021 4:00 PM † Bernice Brah (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 2^{nd} 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 5, 2021

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6 Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26 Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 Tuesday: [cf. Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14 Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/ Wednesday: Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38 Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, Thursday: 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15 Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Friday: [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13 Zep 3:14-18a/Is12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/ Next Sunday: Lk 3:10-18

GOD'S WORD

2nd Sunday of Advent/ December 05, 2021

First Reading:

For God will show all the earth your splendor: you will be named by God forever the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship. (Bar 5:4)

Second Reading:

And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ. (Phil 1:9-10)

Gospel:

The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God. 3 (Mk 7:37)

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A Note From Fr. Matthew

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. (Lk 3:4)

John the Baptist, was the prophet chosen by God to prepare the people of Israel to receive the Savior of the world. God chose this one man for a mission. He had sent His beloved Son into the world, and John was selected to be the person who cried out in the desert to lead people to God. He was to prepare the way for Jesus. And the starting point was repentance. "John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins" (Lk 3:3).

And he wasn't supposed to do it halfheartedly. He was to cry out and boldly proclaim the coming of the Lord to everyone he encountered. Everyone needed to be ready to hear the Good News. It wasn't an easy mission for John the Baptist. People were not receptive. They were not open to the Word of God. They were not ready to return to the way of the Lord. There were too many mountains and valleys in their lives that prevented them from letting God enter their lives.

We all have Mountains and Valleys in our lives. These are obstacles which make it difficult for us to return to the Lord. It could be a mountain like pride or a valley like comfort. Think about our personal mountains and valleys that hinder our journey through this Advent to let the Lord come in. May this Advent season be a time of introspection for us. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus, we too are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by repentance and reform of our lives. One of the ways we can prepare is to receive the sacrament of reconciliation and renew our hearts with God's healing love.

We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives the coming of the Lord, as John did. Like John the Baptist, God has a mission for us. Right here and right now. We are living in a time and place where somebody needs to be ready to encounter Jesus. We don't have to go out to the desert or wear crazy clothes or let our hair go wild. But we do need to be bold. We need to cry out God's invitation to return to the Lord. There are opportunities in our lives to help those around us see Jesus.

Have a prayerful Advent Journey.

Fr. Matthew

Advent Home Visits

Home visits to those who are not able to come to Mass have begun. Please encourage anybody you know who wishes to have a visit from the priests for sacramental care to call the parish office 414-453-5192. We will continue the visits until Christmas. Mass Schedule Holy Day of Obligation Immaculate Conception of

the Blessed Virgin Mary December 8th

Vigil - Tuesday, December 7th6:00 PMWest Site - 116th Street

Wednesday, December 8th

9:00 AM East Site -106th Street 6:00 PM East Site - 106th Street





ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

Friday, December 17th at 6:00 pm at 106th St. Followed by private confession

Saturday, December 18th at 3:15 pm at 116th St. Followed by private confession.

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



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.

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP 2020 - 2021

WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 28, 2021

Membership	\$10,801.00
Repair and Maintenance	
Scholarship	
Holy Day.	
Offertory	
Christmas Flowers	
Total	\$13,102.44
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HUMAN CONCERNS/OUTREACH

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



REMEMBER THE POOR **THIS SECOND** SUNDAY OF ADVENT **Our Advent Giving Trees are**

up at each of our sites. Please consider taking a tag or two.

We request all items must be returned this weekend but will accept through Dec. 12 Unwrapped (toys may be in gift bag) We are helping: Fr. Gene's Help Center/Coats House of Peace/Toys you can still use the online option at their website

St. Ben's Community Meal 3rd Monday each month to plate— (Dec. 20 next) **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 is Dec.16 (no 4th Fri. in Dec.) Sandwich prep 8am; food delivery 2-4pm (hard boiled eggs; desserts-2-4 cookies, bars or cupcakes in a sandwich bag; fruit-Cuties for Dec.; & 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

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP ADVENT GIVING TREE Holiday Toy Drive for Capuchin Community Ministries

Please donate one or more new, unwrapped toys to Capuchin Community Services. The friars will distribute toys at Christmas to families served at their two sites: House of Peace and St. Ben's Community Meal.

Please bring the items on or before: December 12 to place under the trees at either the West or East site, or order online by going to Christmas Toy Drive | Capuchin Community Services and choose Target or Amazon (gifts are then delivered directly to House of Peace)

Playdoh Sets

- Scooter
- Hot Wheels Cars & Track • RC Car or Truck
- Music Head/Earphones
- Coloring Set & Easel
- Action Figures
- Jumbo Character Stuffed Plush Animal
- Etch-A-Sketch
- Basketball, Football, Baseball or Soccerball Children's Books
- Other toys for children birth to 10 years of age Thank you for supporting our outreach to help families in need celebrate Christmas.



CAPUCHIN COMMUNITY

SERVICES

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MQSCA School



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

A huge Thank You to all who donated to the Soles for Catholic Education Walk. You helped MOSCA raise \$2,855. Congratulations to Ashlynn Jaques who won our iPad Raffle.

From November 1st through November 23rd we collected items for the food pantry. Those items were dropped off at the food Pantry on November 30th. The school estimates over 1000 pounds of food was collected! MQSCA is blessed to have families so generous.

MOSCA will celebrate the Immaculate Conception Mass on Tuesday December 7th, and Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 14th.

MQSCA will pray the monthly Rosary on December 16th at 2:15pm. The Rosary is student led. Masks are required.

MQSCA will not be doing a live Christmas Concert on December 21. A watch party via Zoom will be done for all families from their individual homes. A youtube link will be sent out after the Zoom watch party for all to view.

MQSCA will be out of school for Christmas break starting December 22nd, with students returning on January 4th.

Religious Education

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

St. Nicholas

Feast Day: Dec. 6

Tradition holds that children who leave their shoes by the door on Dec. 5, wake up to find them filled with candy and treats in honor of generous St. Nicholas.

Did you know?

• His name means "victory of the people." Because of the many miracles attributed to him, he is sometimes called Nikolaos the Wonderworker.

• Historians believe Nicholas was barely 5 feet tall and had a broken nose.

saints in Eastern Orthodox iconography. Many Eastern churches display his portrait along with Jesus, Mary, Peter and Paul.

Teaching Catholic

KIDS

ATTENTION



Current Eucharistic Ministers and those who have thought about getting involved

We would like to have quite a few more ministers, and especially need help during the 4 p.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Masses.

<u>TRAINING SESSIONS</u> are scheduled for the following 2 dates:

Thursday, December 9th at 6:00 p.m. in church at 106th St. Wednesday, December 15th at 6:00 p.m. in church at 106th St.

Please try to attend one of these two meetings, which will last approximately 30 minutes.

If you are interested or have questions about this ministry, please call John at 414-541-0817 or Mary Margaret at 262-786-9542.

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.



WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2021

9:30 AM	Rel. Ed. Family Mass - Church
10:30 AM	Rel. Ed. Christmas Pageant & Classes - All
	PC, Gym and ND

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2021

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2021

6:00 PM	Christian	Women	Potluck Dinn	ier -	Gym/Ki	
					(106 St.)	

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2021

8:45 AM	Sunday Scripture Session - PC 8 (106 St.)
9:00 AM	MPH Helping Hands Cookie Baking - Ki/gym
	(106 St.)
9-11 AM	Food Pantry - Bethany House (116 St.)
9:15 AM	Sheepshead - PC 7 (106 St.)
7:00 PM	Dartball - Gym (106 St.)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2021

6:00 PM	Eucharistic Ministers Training Session - Church
	(106 St.)
6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal - Church (106 St.)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2021

4:30 PM Fish Fry - Hall (116 St.)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2021

7:00 AM	Men's Sunday Reading Study - BH (116 St.)
9:30 -11:30 AM	Food Pantry - Bethany House (116 St.)
10:00 AM	Baptism Prep Class - ND (106 St.)
1:00 PM	Christian Women boxing Christmas Cookies -
	Hall (116th St.)
5:00 PM	Christmas Cookie sale after 4 pm Mass -
	Church (116 St.)

MPH Advent, 2021

In Advent, we begin a new liturgical year and this year we are beginning some new MPH traditions. For our *Parish Advent Giving*, we will have an "Angel Tree" at both our East and West Sites, each with 2 sets of tags.

- 1. For new or gently used coats (men, women and children) for Fr. Gene's Help Center
- 2. For toys for the Capuchin Community Ministries Holiday Toy Drive benefiting House of Peace and St. Ben's Community Meal Program guests.



All Donations Due by Dec. 12



We are excited to be able to help both of these worthy causes and thank all of you in advance for your generosity. Toys and coats may be in gift bags but unwrapped with the tag attached. Toys may also be ordered through Amazon & Target via the Capuchin Community website (so that they are delivered directly to them)



Sat. Dec. 11 after 4:00 pm mass to 5:30 pm 1212 S. 117th St. - Gathering Area



AND

Sun. Dec. 12 after 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am masses 2322 S. 106th St. - Lincoln Ave. Entrance

Home-made Christmas Cookies Assorted in one pound clear boxes - \$12 each





Christian Women Christmas Party A reminder to members of the Christian Women Society that the annual Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday, December 7th at 6:00 PM at the 106th Street Site (East Site) in the Gym.



Do you like baking cookies? We will be baking cookies on Wednesday, December 8th at the 106th St. Site from 9:00 a.m. - ?

We will also be boxing up the cookies

on Saturday, December 11th From 1:00 - 5:00 pm at the Hall on 116th St. You can still bring cookies to the hall until 4:00 pm. Any questions please call Mary Margaret at 262-786-9542.





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 <u>Choir Director/Worship Coordinator</u>. 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, <u>www.archmil.org/jobs</u> or at the following link from catholicjobs.com <u>https://</u> www.catholicjobs.com/job/12647148102

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