

*Welcome to
Mother of Perpetual Help Parish
West Allis*

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

second 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

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP SITES



92ND STREET SITE
1414 S. 92nd Street

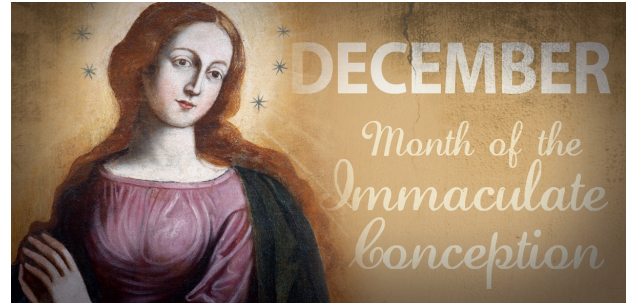


106TH STREET SITE
2322 S. 106th Street



116TH STREET SITE
1212 S. 117th Street

MASS INTENTIONS



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 8:00 AM † Mary K. Nawrocki (106 St.)
9:30 AM † Lois Rios (116 St.)
11:00 AM † Thomas Rakowski (106 St.)
7:00 PM † Casey, Gladys and James Carney (92 St.)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2019

- 7:00 AM † Judy Price (106 St.)
8:00 AM † Dorothy Terrian (116 St.)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2019

- 8:10 AM † Maria Ausonio (92 St.)
9:00 AM Penance Service (116 St.)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2019

- 8:00 AM † Michael Iannantuoni (116 St.)
7:00 PM Penance Service (106 St.)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2019

- 7:00 AM † Robert Galusha (106 St.)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2019

- 7:00 AM † Mary McCarthy (106 St.)
8:10 AM † Elizabeth Prata (92 St.)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2019

- 4:00 PM † Caroline Pintar (116 St.)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 8:00 AM For the Elliott children and grandchildren (106 St.)
9:30 AM † Mary Ann Zaja (116 St.)
11:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of the Dawydowycz Family (106 St.)
7:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of our Parish (92 St.)

Mother of Perpetual Help Choir will sing at the following Masses

- December 15, 8:00 AM (106 Site)
December 22, 9:30 AM (116 Site)
January 5, 8:00 AM (106 Site)
Saturday, January 11, 4:00 PM (116 Site)

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GOD'S WORD

First Reading:

Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide, but he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted. (Is 11:3b-4a)

Second Reading:

Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God. (Rom 15:7)

Gospel:

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"
(Mt 3:1-2)

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 2019, 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 8, 2019

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 19 [cf. 7]/
Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac,
11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and
10/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab,
16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16,
18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/ Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 [Is 35:4]/
Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11



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 Balistrieri 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

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

2nd Sunday of Advent December 8, 2019

What does it mean to be worthy? There are a few different ways to approach this question. Today's Gospel highlights two: the way of the Pharisees and the way of John the Baptist. Our faith values good works and discipleship. Perhaps, then, we "earn" our worth by adhering to the right doctrines and following the right pious practice. The Pharisees thought they were worthy. Due to their religious pedigree and proper procedures, they were self-satisfied. John the Baptist's words to them are strong. "Do not resume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.'" Of course, Jesus (and John) don't omit the responsibility for moral behavior. John gives the Pharisees quite a strong warning in that regard. "Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance ... every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."



It's a question of attitude. Of disposition. It's a matter of the heart. If anyone would be worthy in this scenario, it's John the Baptist. Jesus himself will name him the greatest of prophets and a great man. John, however, recognizes his own lowly place in the grand scheme of things. "The one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals." The Pharisees take pride in being "better" than others. John embraces humility in Christ being "better" than him. We don't self-generate our own worthiness. We receive it as a gift from God.

In a few short weeks, we'll celebrate the birth of Christ. Bishop Ven. Fulton Sheen wrote about the Nativity in his "Life of Christ": "Because [Jesus] was born in a cave, all who wish to see Him must stoop. To stoop is the mark of humility. The proud refuse to stoop and, therefore, they miss divinity." God invites us to prepare our hearts this Advent. When you consider your own life, where are you looking for your worth? This Christmas, are you prepared to stoop?

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MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

2018 - 2019

WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 24, 2019

November 24, 2019

Membership	\$7,965.00
Offertory Collection.....	1,740.22
Repair and Maintenance	384.00
Scholarship	187.00
Total	\$10,276.22

December 1, 2019

Membership	\$22,182.45
Offertory Collection.....	1,961.93
Repair and Maintenance	1,686.00
Scholarship	243.00
Christmas	1,575.00
Christmas Flowers	1,098.00
Festival Donation.....	150.00
Total	\$28,896.38

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 8, 2019

9:15 AM	Book Chat - PC 8 (106 St.)
11:00 AM	Rel. Ed. Family Event /Pageant - Gym/Ki (106 St.)
11:00 AM	Model A Club (MAFCA) - GH (92 St.)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2019

8 AM-9PM	Eucharistic Adoration - Church (106 St.)
9:00 AM	Cookie Bake - Hall/Ki (116 St.)
9:30 AM	Senior Meal Program - GH (92 St.)
10:30 PM	Rejoice Advent Small Group - BH (116 St.)
5:30 PM	WI Geo Society - Hall (116 St.)
6:30 PM	SVDP Meeting - BH (116 St.)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2019

8 AM-9PM	Eucharistic Adoration - Church (106 St.)
9:00 AM	Sandwich Ministry - Ki (106 St.)
9:30 AM	Senior Meal Program - GH (92 St.)
6:00 PM	Bach Chamber Choir - Church (116 St.)
6:00 PM	Singles Square Dancers Lessons - Hall (116 St.)
6:30 PM	Rosary - Church (106 St.)
7:00 PM	Hearts of Harmony - GH (92 St.)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2019

8 AM-9PM	Eucharistic Adoration - Church (106 St.)
9:00 AM	MPH Helping Hands - BH (116 St.)
9:00 AM	SVDP Food Pantry - BH (116 St.)
9:00 AM	Exploring the Sunday Readings - ND (106 St.)
9:30 AM	Senior Meal Program - GH (92 St.)
3:30 PM	All About Learning Dance Recital - Gym (106 St.)
5:30 PM	Human Concerns Meeting - BH (116 St.)
6:00 PM	Sheepshead - PC 7 (106 St.)
7:00 PM	Singles Square Dancers - Hall (116 St.)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2019

7:00 AM	W.A. Retirees Assoc. Mtg. - Gym (106 St.)
8 AM-9PM	Eucharistic Adoration - Church (106 St.)
9:30 AM	Senior Meal Program - GH (92 St.)
10:30 AM	Alcoholics Anonymous - B1/B2 (92 St.)
6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal - Church (106 St.)
6:30 PM	KC Dartball League - GH (92 St.)
7:00 PM	SNPJ Badgers Lodge Mtg. - ND (106 St.)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2019

9:30 AM	Senior Meal Program - GH (92 St.)
4:30 PM	Fish Fry - Hall (116 St.)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2019

7:00 AM	MPH Men's Scripture Group - BH (116 St.)
9:30 AM	Food Pantry - BH (116 St.)
4:00 PM	Cookie Sale - Hall (116 St.)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019

7:30 AM	Cookie Sale - Hall (116 St.)
9:15 AM	Book Chat - PC 8 (106 St.)
10:30 AM	Hospitality Sunday - Hall (116 St.)
5:30 PM	Confirmation Dinner/Class - ND, PC (106 St.)

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP OF WEST ALLIS

ADULT AND FAMILY

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



A Blessed Second Sunday of Advent

We hope **St. Nick** was good to you!!

CHILD AND YOUTH MINISTRY

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

December 8th:	Family Event & Mass (Pageant)
January 5th:	Sunday Morning Class 9:15 am (No Confirmation Teens)

It's the time of year for giving THANKS!

The MPH St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry would like to thank all of the generous people who donate food and money to help those less fortunate in our community. We collected \$2550 in the Fall Meijer Simply Give Campaign, and every week we collect food from all 3 sites to be given out at the pantry. Thank you from our SVP Conference and thank you from the hundreds we serve each month.
Advent blessings to ALL!

Senior Social Club Christmas Party December 17th (116th St. Hall) 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

This year we will have it catered by Bunzels. The menu will be baked chicken, Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, green beans and a salad. A reservation and fee of \$11 is required by December 12th for anyone interested in attending. We will have some fun and door prizes. Please call Mary Margaret at 262-786-9542.



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

Thursday, December 19th Christmas Concert at MPH on 116th Street (6:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.)

PARISH NEWS

Mother of Perpetual Help Advent Giving Projects

At 92nd Street our giving efforts this year will benefit the **Food Pantry** at that site. Any time before Christmas, you may bring non-perishable food items to the Church. The maroon baskets will be available in the Baptismal area behind the pulpit. There will also be envelopes available if you wish to make a monetary donation to turn in at offertory time during the December masses.

At 106th Street our giving efforts will benefit the **Capuchin Community Services**. The Twelve Days of Christmas Toy Drive will begin **December 1 and go through December 12**. You are invited to bring toys or a monetary donation that will be distributed to children who are in need in the Milwaukee Area. On December 1, you will hear from the Capuchin Friars about this year's effort. Please remember that all toys must be brought to the 106th St. church by December 12th to insure they reach the children for Christmas.

At 116th Street we will once again have the **Giving Tree** set up in the Gathering space. You may choose a tag (or tags) from the tree and bring the items with you to Church. Please attach the tag to the gift so that we know what the package contains. ALL giving tree items must be in Church by **DECEMBER 12th** for them to be distributed in time for Christmas.

Jesus says: "Whatever you do for the least of my Sisters and Brothers, you did it for me" *Matt 25:41*.

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.

MORNING BOOK CHAT

At 106th Street Site

Next Book Chat is **December 15th**
(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.



Advent Penance Service

Tuesday, December 10th at 9:00 a.m. at 116th St. Site
Wednesday, December 11th at 7:00 p.m. at 106th St. Site

Mother of Perpetual Help Parish Fish Fry

At the 116th St. Site

Friday, December 13th

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.



St. Ben's for DECEMBER

3rd Friday, Dec. 20th, 4th Friday, Dec. 27th

Potato delivery by **Wednesday Dec. 18th**
& *****Monday, Dec. 23rd*** (due to Christmas)**

Washing on **Thursday, 19th & 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!

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 woman'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 Woman'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 monica.jmahler@hotmail.com.

Adoration Chapel (106th Street Site) Monday-Thursday 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM



"O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly. I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference by which He is offended. By the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg the conversion of poor sinners."

(Angel of Peace Prayer taught to the 3 Children in Fatima during the Angel's apparition to them in fall of 1916).

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.

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.

The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

Is in need of soup, soda cracker and cereal donations!

Please use the boxes in the Gathering Area at 116th St. and the west entryway at 106th St. or bring them to the parish office.

Monday - Thursday 8:30-4:30
Thank You!



THANK YOU AGAIN:

To Jeanette Rasque and her army of helpers at Village at Manor Park and several other places, who have donated a multitudinous number of flannel, cotton, and fleece blankets and burp cloths (a few are above) to our Barb's Baby Ministry AGAIN. They have made SO many families very happy, kept them warm inside and out, and shown that love can be shared in so many ways.

MPH Christmas Cookie and Craft Sale
 Cookies are assorted, pre-packaged, in 1 pound clear boxes
 and will be sold at all 3 sites on
 Dec.14 & 15 after the masses



We need donations of your
 favorite fancy, small, homemade Christmas cookies.
 Bring to the Parish Office Dec.9-12 or to the 116th site Hall Dec.14 after 1 pm

Want to sell Crafts? Call Mary Margaret to reserve a table
 262.786.9542

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**Please Note:** For your convenience, for those of you who give weekly, we are submitting a contribution form that you may submit with your weekly payment. You may also find slips in each of the church sites. Filling out the slip will ensure your contribution will be credited to your account. Thank you!

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