



Mother of Perpetual Help PARISH

JANUARY
03
2021

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

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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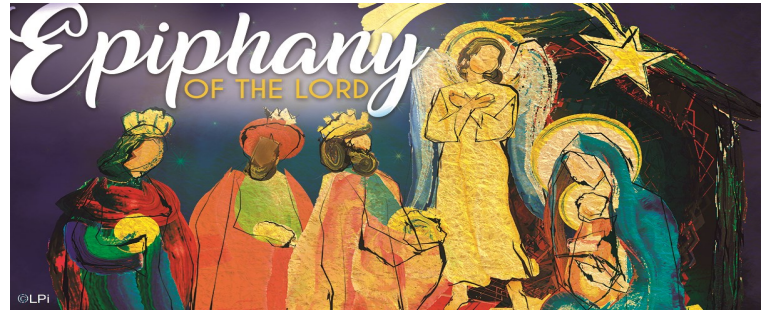


106TH STREET SITE
2322 S. 106th Street



116TH STREET SITE
1212 S. 117th Street

MASS INTENTIONS



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.)

MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021

8:00 AM † Donna Dombrowski (106 St.)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2021

8:15 AM † Frances Bongiorno (116 St.)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2021

8:00 AM † Agnes and Victor Stroit (106 St.)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2021

No Mass

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 2021

8:00 AM † Don Long (106 St.)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2021

4:00 PM Fr. Jeff Prasser (116 St.)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8:00 AM † Janet Hurst (106 St.)

9:30 AM † Tony Keil (116 St.)

11:00 AM † Joey Medrano (106 St.)

7:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of Our
Parish (92 St.)



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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 January 3, 2021

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
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8
[cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13
[cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and
15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15,
19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b
[cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/
Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/
Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11



GOD'S WORD

The Epiphany of the Lord/ January 3, 2021

First Reading:

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

Second Reading:

It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 2:5-6)

Gospel:

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. (Mt 2:10-11)

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

The Mary Candle at 106th St. Site are
burning this month
For the healing of Melissa Bennetts

The Chapel Candle at 106th St. Site are
burning this month
In Loving Honor of Ed Renner

The Immaculate Heart Votive Light at
116th St. Site is burning this month
In Loving Memory of Thomas J. Brown

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

January 3, 2021
The Epiphany of the Lord

"Where is that thing?" mumbled Bob as he searched frantically on his dimly lit desk for the current electric bill. "I know I put it right on top of these papers this morning!" Growing in frustration and bordering on anger, he flies stuff around, moves books and opines why simple tasks need to be so hard. Enter his wife, who calmly says, "Maybe it would help if you put the light on, dear." The desk light goes on and lo and behold, there is the electric bill right where Bob left it earlier. All it took was a little light!

We stubbornly refuse to turn on the lights! Either we are distracted, determined, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Or perhaps, we fail to do the obvious. We would rather live our lives with the dimmest of lights or even in total darkness. Why are we afraid to do something so that we can actually see? It might help us to find quicker and better answers to problems, the meaning of life, relationships, happiness, and what is ultimate truth. Yet, we stumble along, moving things from one side to the other, getting angry, feeling cheated, being unsettled, resigning ourselves to the agony of defeat once again.

"And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was." The light has come into the world in the person of Jesus Christ! We no longer have to fumble in the darkness. We have been gifted with the illumination we need to see our way through things and find what we really are looking for. All these years later, however, so many are still reluctant to accept him. Perhaps they are unconvinced, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Everyone has their own reason for not wanting to turn on the switch.

But there are so many answers to so many of our problems in this humble Child of Nazareth. A simple birth teaches us about God's tender wedded relationship with humanity. It speaks to the expanse of God's salvation across the globe, and the incarnate Divine wonders and blessings that are a part of our life moment to moment. It calls us to understand the design of world order God intended as found in the Beatitudes, the sacredness of every human life and all of creation and the meaning of things we struggle with most, like suffering and death. We have a lot of Good News to share, not just with a privileged few but with all the world. All races and creeds can receive God's healing word. God continues to manifest himself even now! Use the light to find what you are really looking for!

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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>



ROSARY

You are the glory of Jerusalem, the surpassing joy of Israel; you are the splendid boast of your people.
(Judith 15:9).

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. evening Rosary. 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. We will pray for the soul of our Nation, the soul of the Catholic church, the soul of MPH, our own personal intentions and an end to Covid 19.



MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

2019 - 2020

WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 20, 2020

Membership	\$36,553.00
Repair and Maintenance	1,982.00
Scholarship	382.00
Offertory	1,002.00
Holy Day	780.00
Christmas	4,365.00
Total	\$45,064.00

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

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HUMAN CONCERNS/OUTREACH

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



We hope that you and your family had a wonderful Christmas with your family and friends and are entering into the New Year (2021!!!) with eager anticipation and joyous thoughts! Blessings!

And

**Many Thanks for your generous donations to our 3 Advent Outreach Groups:
Capuchin Toy Drive, Barb's Baby Ministry & MPH Food Pantry**

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

DONATIONS for the
Reverse Advent Calendar for the
MPH Food Pantry
May be dropped off:

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8TH
FROM 10:00 AM-NOON

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Period of Restriction**

The Pantry is located in the building at
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



St. Ben's Covid-19 Update:

NO volunteer-made food or community meals in the dining room for the foreseeable future

Questions/volunteer:
contact Kathy Smith 414-453-0300 x25 or kathy@mphwa.org
BLESSINGS to all those so faithful to this ministry!



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.

MPH On-line Giving!

To help simplify parishioners' lives, our parish is offering an online contribution system. This system will allow parishioners to automate recurring and/or one-time contributions to the parishes.

How to create your online giving account.

It's as easy as 1-2-3 to create your account online right on our parish website.

- 1) Visit mphwa.org and click on the Online Giving Donation Button.**
- 2) Set up your account**
- 3) Choose a payment option and customize your donation.**

This system will offer a convenient payment method by eliminating the need to remember to write a check and bring the envelope to church.

Any questions or for help setting up your account, please contact Mary at the Parish Office 414-453-5192.



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		\$ _____

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Wise Men See God in the Simple Things

If you're on social media, you have probably seen a meme going around that features this quote: "God has a plan for your life. The enemy has a plan for your life. Be ready for both. Just be wise enough to know which one to battle and which one to embrace."

There were certainly two competing plans for the Magi: God's and Herod's. And, wise as they supposedly were, it wasn't entirely easy for the Magi to discern which was which.

After all, Herod posed as a friend. He offered the Magi hospitality and kindness. Though the Gospel doesn't say so, he probably flattered them and appealed to every moral weakness he could observe in them. In his palace, they must have felt great physical comfort — rest and tables of plenty on what was an otherwise long and treacherous journey.

But if the Magi were honest with themselves, I'll bet they would have admitted that, regardless of Herod's charm, they felt a gnawing sense of doubt while in his presence. When they looked upon the Christ Child, born in a stable without any of the comforts of the world or protections of wealth, they probably felt the opposite. They probably felt safe.

The Magi were lucky enough to have the right plan spelled out for them in a dream, but for the rest of us, it's enough to remember this: God's plan is often the one that leads us to places of great simplicity, great humility and great love. Let's have the wisdom to view power with suspicion, and innocence with admiration.

— 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

**"Let us adore Jesus Christ as our God; let us follow Him as our King. Let us offer Him all we have and all we are."
(St. John Vianney).**

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.

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. As we begin a new year, 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



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
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