

*Welcome to
Mother of Perpetual Help Parish
West Allis*

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



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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 2:10-11a

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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

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MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP SITES



92ND STREET SITE
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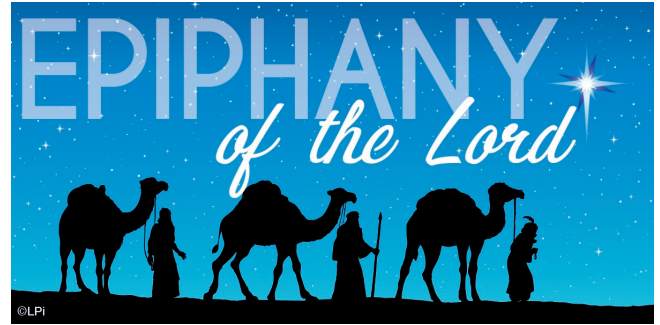


106TH STREET SITE
2322 S. 106th Street



116TH STREET SITE
1212 S. 117th Street

MASS INTENTIONS



SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2020

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

- 8:00 AM † Samantha Blagg (106 St.)
9:30 AM † Vincent Azzolina (116 St.)
11:00 AM † Julie Karis (106 St.)
7:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of our
Parish (92 St.)

MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2020

- 7:00 AM † Florence Jansky (106 St.)
8:00 AM For the sick and elderly (116 St.)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2020

- 8:10 AM † June Jafuta (92 St.)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2020

- 8:00 AM † Mary McCarthy (116 St.)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2020

- No 7:00 AM (106 St.)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2020

- 7:00 AM † Rosanne Probst (106 St.)
8:10 AM For the parish merger process (92 St.)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2020

- 4:00 PM † Cecilia Burgad (116 St.)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2020

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

- 8:00 AM † Mary K. Nawrocki (106 St.)
9:30 AM † Dorothy Kizewski (116 St.)
11:00 AM In Thanksgiving - Fr. Thomas
Vathappallil (106 St.)
7:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of our
Parish (92 St.)



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MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

The Immaculate Heart Votive Light at
116th St. Site is burning this month
For the Krygiel Family

The Mary Candles at 106th St. Site are burning this
month
**In honor of Edward Renner
and
In Loving Memory of Frances, Claudia and Jean
Renner**

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 2020, 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 January 5, 2020

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/Mt 3:13-17



GOD'S WORD

The Epiphany of the Lord/January 5, 2020

First Reading:

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

Second Reading:

The Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:6)

Gospel:

They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. (Mt 2:11b)

FROM THE PASTORS' DESK

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

The Epiphany of the Lord January 5, 2020

We may walk many roads when we search for God, and He leads us all the while. The men we honor today were not Jews. The Messiah wasn't coming for *them*, not in the minds of Jesus' contemporaries. These men were astrologers. They were adept at reading portents in the sky, a practice condemned in the Mosaic covenant. Still, to the best of their knowledge and awareness, they were seeking the truth. This truth led them to journey from their own homeland to honor a king they'd never met, one they couldn't be sure truly existed. "*We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.*" Who do you know seeks God so tenaciously?

"*Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem,*" the Gospel tells us. Who are the seekers in your own life? Maybe it's your cautiously curious co-worker, the neighbor who unexpectedly found peace on a yoga retreat, or your desperately angry child who has chosen, for now, to go their own way. Perhaps they're not overtly headed for Jesus now, not yet. But they may well be seekers of truth in ways we didn't expect. Our invitation is to listen, inquire, and give directions when appropriate.

The magi and modern-day seekers can inspire us as well. When is the last time you sought God's truth so tenaciously? As believers, it can perhaps be easy to become desensitized to the Christmas season and to the miraculous reality we recently celebrated. Mass may have been lovely, but so was the succulent roast beef, the crisp smell of evergreen, and the warm glow of family. Consider asking yourself, "God, do I know you as well as I should? Would I journey as far as the magi to meet You, if I could? Do I journey to meet You daily in prayer? What do those answers say about me, and about our relationship?" Perhaps we, like the magi, can once again be "*overjoyed*" at seeing the Light of the World.

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MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

2018 - 2019

WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 22, 2019

Membership	\$10,207.00
Offertory Collection.....	2,116.65
Repair and Maintenance	206.00
Scholarship	65.00
Christmas	683.00
Christmas Flowers	320.00

Total \$ 13,597.65

The December 29th contributions will be reported in the next week's bulletin.

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

Sites	Rooms
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, JANUARY 5, 2020

- 9:15 AM Religious Education Classes - Gym/ND/All PC - (106 St.)
- 9:15 AM Book Chat - PC 8 (106 St.)

MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2020

- 8 AM-9PM Eucharistic Adoration - Church (106 St.)
- 9:30 AM Senior Meal Program - GH (92 St.)
- 1:30 PM Introduction to Mass DVD Review - PC 7 (106 St.)
- 6:30 PM MPH Pastoral Council Mtg. - ND (106 St.)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2020

- 8 AM-9PM Eucharistic Adoration - Church (106 St.)
- 9:30 AM Senior Meal Program - GH (92 St.)
- 6:00 PM Bach Chamber Choir - Church (116 St.)
- 6:30 PM Rosary - Church (106 St.)
- 7:00 PM Hearts of Harmony - GH (92 St.)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2020

- 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.)
- 9:30 AM Senior Meal Program - GH (92 St.)
- 5:30 PM Human Concerns Mtg. - BH (116 St.)
- 6:00 PM Sheepshead - PC 7 (106 St.)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2020

- 7:00 AM West Allis Retirees 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.)
- 1:30 PM Divine Mercy Cenacle - PC 7 (106 St.)
- 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal - Church (116 St.)
- 7:00 PM SNPJ Badgers Lodge - ND (106 St.)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2020

- 9:30 AM Senior Meal Program - GH (92 St.)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2020

- 7:00 AM MPH Men's Scripture Group - BH (116 St.)
- 9:30 AM SVDP Food Pantry - BH (116 St.)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2020

- 6:00 AM Wis. Sports Collectors Assn. - GH (92 St.)
- 9:15 AM Book Chat - PC 8 (106 St.)
- 11:00 AM MAFCA Meeting - Cafeteria (92 St.)

Mother of Perpetual Help Choir will sing at the following Masses

- Saturday, January 11, 4:00 PM (116 Site)
- January 19, 8:00 AM (106 Site)
- January 26, 9:30 AM (116 Site)

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP OF WEST ALLIS

ADULT AND FAMILY

Director: Kathy Smith 414-453-0300 ext. 25
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We hope that you and your family had a wonderful Christmas with your family and friends and are entering into the New Year (2020!!!) with eager anticipation and joyous thoughts! Blessings!

**For future planning:
Ash Wednesday Morning of Reflection**

Returns in 2020

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

9:00 AM Mass 116th St. Site with Breakfast, Reflection and Stations of the Cross to follow in the Hall

CHILD AND YOUTH MINISTRY

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

January 5th: Sunday Morning Class
9:15 am (No Confirmation Teens)



~ Thank You ~

Mother of Perpetual Help
Parishioners!

Your generous donations of stocking stuffers made it possible for our Religious Education students to fill the 75 stockings that they made for families in the downtown Milwaukee area through the City on a Hill non-profit organization.

We received the following note from City on a Hill:

On behalf of City on a Hill, I would like to thank you for your generosity in donating 25 green Christmas stockings, 25 red Christmas stockings and 25 blue Christmas stockings. What a blessing!

Your contribution will help us advance our mission to serve and love families living in poverty in Milwaukee. It's a great encouragement to see others partnering with us in service to the community. We so appreciate your generosity and kindness.

Sincerely,
Brian Schmid
Support Services Manager



MQSCA SCHOOL

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MQSCA Open House will be on **Tuesday, February 4th** from 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

PARISH NEWS



HOLY Loomers Group

Each year a devoted group of our parishioners affectionately known as the *HOLY Loomers*, looms, knits, crochets and sews hats, mittens, and scarves in all shapes, sizes and colors to donate to various groups. Here they are distributing their creations a few weeks

ago (before Christmas) to patrons of our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry (along with homemade eatable goodies they brought to share). The group meets once a month in the Bethany Living Room (116th St. site) to create, chat and snack together. They also make items on their own time when they have spare time! New members are always welcome and free teaching/training and mentoring is always available with no previous experience required, just a joyful attitude!!

Contact Judy Johnson via Kathy Smith in the Parish Office for more information or to join!

The next meeting is Monday, January 27 at 6:00 pm.

MORNING BOOK CHAT

At 106th Street Site

Next Book Chat is January 12th
(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.



MPH Parish Book Buzz

Book Buzz will be meeting on January 14th at 10 A.M. at Bethany House in the living room. We will discuss the book entitled "The Call of the Wild" by Jack London.

Here's is a short summary.

Based on London's experiences as a gold prospector in the Canadian wilderness and his ideas about nature and the struggle for existence, *The Call of the Wild* is a tale about unbreakable spirit and the fight for survival in the frozen Alaskan Klondike.

Any questions please call Clara Weinberger at 414 321-3363.

Association of Religious Instruction, Special Education



Are you looking for a 1:1 or small group religious program geared for children, teens and adults with disabilities?

ARISE offers specialized and adaptive instruction in First Communion, Reconciliation, Confirmation, Bible Bingo with Brian and Learning the Rosary. The classes are held on Mondays from 6:30-7:30pm at St. Gregory the Great Parish (60th and Oklahoma Avenue). The session runs from October-April for 24 weeks with holiday breaks.

Check out our webpage for more information www.stgregsmil.org/ARISE

Contact us at 414-810-3702 or ariseprogram@gmail.com. Thank you!

Tom and Sue Klawien, ARISE Coordinators

At The Advertisers

LOOK Supporting Our Church Bulletin

Attention! Attention! Attention!

Attention Business Owners, Professional and Self Employed: If you would like to sponsor an ad on the back of your Mother of Perpetual Help bulletin or would like more information, please contact Liturgical Publication 1-800-950-9952 ext. 2588.

Individuals may want to consider sponsoring an ad for their Favorite Charity or "In Memoriam" ads for departed loved ones.

We would like to thank our present advertisers for renewing their ads and thereby continuing their support of Mother of Perpetual Help Parish.

Keep in mind; the advertising on the back of the bulletin helps defray the cost of printing.



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!



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



"God does not despise these hidden struggles with ourselves, so much richer in merit because they are unseen: 'A patient man is better than a warrior, and he who rules his temper, than he who takes a city.' (Prov. 16, 32). By our little acts of charity practiced in the shade we convert souls far away, we help missionaries, we win for them abundant alms, and by that means build actual dwellings both spiritual and material for our Eucharistic Lord."
(St. Therese of Lisieux).

HOSPITAL EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP

Do you have 45 minutes to spare, to bring our Eucharistic Lord to patients at Aurora West Allis Hospital on **one** Sunday a month? MPH has been involved with bringing the Eucharist to patients at West Allis Hospital for over 25 years on the last 2 Sundays of the month. We have an opportunity for 2 volunteers to join us, after the 8:30 Mass, at each of the Sundays mentioned above, 1 person needed for each Sunday.

If you are interested in joining us in this rewarding ministry, or would just like more information, please call Grace Elliott, 262-786-3840 (after 5:00 pm).

St. Ben's for JANUARY

3rd Friday, Jan. 17th, 4th Friday, Jan. 24th

Potato delivery by Wednesday Jan. 15th & 22nd
Washing on Thursday, Jan. 16th & 23rd 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!

Please Note:

Due to Fr. Thomas being gone during the month of January, there **will not** be a 7:00 a.m. morning Mass on Thursdays. There will be a communion service.

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- ◆ The Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a gift filled with romance and excitement!
- ◆ Put a little Christmas into your marriage!
- ◆ Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on **January 24-26 in Brookfield, WI; February 14-16 in Geneva, IL or March 13-15 in Madison, WI.**
- ◆ Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: alifetimeoflove.org or call (888) 574-5653.
- ◆ Para un fin de semana en español por favor llamen a Candelario y Emilia al 815-375-4250





MOVIE NIGHT

Free Family Event for EVERYONE

Mother of Perpetual Help
106th Street Parish Center
2322 South 106th Street in West Allis

Doors open at 5:30pm with pre-feature 'movie shorts' at 6PM

Saturday January 18th 2020 at 6 pm

featuring

"ALADDIN" 2019 VERSION WITH WILL SMITH

RATED PG for PARENTAL GUIDANCE

*Hot Dogs, Popcorn, Licorice, Water and more provided
You may bring a dish to pass, but it's not required.*

*Bring your own camping chairs, blankets, sleeping bags
You may also bring your own snacks and beverages!!*

Kids, Parents, Grandparents, Friends and Neighbors are all WELCOME!

