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“Are you Longing for the Lord to come to your home this Christmas?”

Dear...

I wish you all wonderful Thanksgiving gatherings with your families and loved ones. Let us give thanks to God for all the blessings we have been receiving throughout this year. I am very grateful to each one of you for welcoming me into our parish family and supporting me with your prayers and generosity.

We have been going through a very difficult time due to the pandemic and its impact on our normal lives. It has affected our physical, social, emotional and spiritual lives in unimaginable ways. Our faith life, usually nourished and strengthened by the sacraments, especially the weekly Eucharist with our parish community, also suffered in a big way during this pandemic. Many of us are still afraid to come to Church to worship.

We are now entering into the beautiful season of Advent to prepare and welcome Jesus into our lives and homes. I was asking in this context what would Jesus have done if we could not go receive him and the grace of the sacraments in the church? He would surely come to our homes and hearts when we are not able.

Therefore, in discussing with our parish leadership, I would like to propose a plan to come to visit your homes and bring you sacraments of reconciliation and Eucharist, especially to those who have not been able to come to the Church. Please call our parish office (414-453-5192) or check the return slip at the bottom of this letter and I will come and visit you at home. Fr. Johnson from my community also agreed to help me to make these home visits. We will also arrange a Reconciliation day at the parish during Advent to prepare spiritually to welcome Jesus at Christmas. I am also hoping to re-start our tradition of bringing communion to those who are not able to attend Mass on Sundays through our “neighborhood Communion ministers”.

Let us welcome Christ with enthusiasm during this Christmas season to fill our lives with more joy and hope. May He fill our hearts and our parish with a renewed faith and love for Him.

May the Lord Bless us all,
Fr. Matthew Perumpil, MI