



Mother of Perpetual Help

PARISH

NOVEMBER
28
2021

FIRST 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



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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



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2021
4:00 PM † Jennifer White (116 St.)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2021

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 8:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of Our
Parish (106 St.)
- 9:30 AM † Thomas C. Shanahan (106 St.)
- 11:00 AM † Lyle Karis (106 St.)
- 7:00 PM † Fr. Jeff Prasser (106 St.)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2021

8:00 AM † William Dowling, MD (106 St.)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2021

8:00 AM † Judy Ebert (116 St.)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2021

8:00 AM † George and Irene Jisa (106 St.)

FIRST FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2021

8:00 AM William and Karin Hacker (106 St.)

FIRST SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2021

8:00 AM † Nancy Gerike (106 St.)
4:00 PM † Robert P. Martin (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 at 414-529-1642. *If there is no answer, please leave your prayer request on the machine.*



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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 2nd 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 November 28, 2021

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/
Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21,
25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]
Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4,
5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35—
10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next 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



GOD'S WORD

1st Sunday of Advent/ November 28, 2021

First Reading:

I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land. (Jer 33:15)

Second Reading:

Strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. (1 Thes 3:13)

Gospel:

Stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand. (Lk 21:28)

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP



The Mary Candles at 106th St. Site are burning this month
**In Loving Memory of Art Stueck
And
In Loving Memory of Robert P. Martin**

The Chapel Candle at 106th St. Site is burning this month for
**Deceased members of Gunderman and
Hanson families**



A NOTE FROM FR. MATTHEW

Stay Awake And Pray

This first Sunday of Advent reminds that Christmas is just around the corner. We all have our hopes and aspirations for Christmas. These four weeks of Advent are our annual season of waiting in hope for Christ. This season of Advent waiting reminds us that everything is not quite right with our world. Our world is somewhat broken and needs fixing. The world is broken because it does not pay attention to Christ or put Jesus first. The only way to fix our broken world is to mend and repair it with Christ. Christ is the solution to our broken world.

Jeremiah in our first reading, looked to the future, to Christ. We too during Advent look to the future, and during this early part of Advent our liturgy looks forward to the Second Coming of Christ. Jesus himself talks about his Second Coming in the Gospel today (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36). After describing the cosmic signs before his Second Coming Jesus warns, “be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man”. (Luke 21:36) Jesus says we are to stay awake and pray, we are to prepare to meet him. So, during this Advent we are to prepare not only for Santa Claus coming to town but above all we are to prepare for Jesus coming to town, coming to our personal lives.

There is really only one gift at Christmas and that gift is Jesus coming to us. We can make a return gift to Jesus, a return gift of our lives pleasing to him. The second reading today encourages us to prepare our hearts for Jesus this Advent, “... may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all...so as to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus...” (1Thes 3:12-13)

What better gift can we give to Jesus at Christmas than to have lived Advent in union with him? What better gift can we give to Jesus at Christmas than to have removed from our lives this Advent anything and everything that keeps us apart from Jesus? What better gift can we give Jesus at Christmas than to be able to say to him, “During Advent I reformed my life because I love you as my Lord”? If there is anything therefore in our lives that is not pleasing to Jesus, we can use this time of Advent to break with sin and leave sin behind so that we can stay awake and pray waiting for Jesus. We want to give Jesus this gift of our lives because just as Jeremiah looked to Jesus as God’s promise, we also look to Jesus this Advent as God’s promise in our lives.

I wish you all a very fruitful and prayerful Advent Season to welcome Jesus to our hearts once again.

Fr. Matthew

WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2021

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2021

9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry - BH Living Rm (116 St.)
6:30 PM MQSCA Finance Meeting - ND (106 St.)
7:00 PM Rosary - Church (106 St.)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2021

8:45 AM Sunday Scripture Session - PC 8 (106 St.)
9:00 AM MPH Helping Hands - BH (116 St.)
9-11 AM Food Pantry - Bethany House (116 St.)
9:15 AM Sheepshead - PC 7 (106 St.)
6:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group - BH (116 St.)
7:00 PM Dartball - Gym (106 St.)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2021

6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal - Church (106 St.)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2021

7:00 AM Men’s Sunday Reading Study - BH (116 St.)
9:30 –11:30 AM Food Pantry - Bethany House (116 St.)
11:00 AM Pageant Rehearsal - Church, Gym, ND (106 St.)

First Saturday Mass
December 4th at 8:00 AM
Reconciliation will follow
after Mass at
106th Street Site

Advent Wreath

Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, three candles are purple, and one is rose, but white candles can also be used.



The purple candles symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and goods works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass. Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over, and they are close to Christmas.

The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord’s first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead.

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP OF WEST ALLIS

HUMAN CONCERNS/OUTREACH

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



**REMEMBER THE POOR
THIS FIRST SUNDAY
OF ADVENT**
Our Advent Angel Trees
are up at each of our sites.

Please consider taking a tag or two.
All items must be returned by Dec. 5
unwrapped (toys may be in a gift bag)

We are helping:
House of Peace/Toys
Fr. Gene's Help Center/Coats

St. Ben's Community Meal

**We now provide volunteers to plate food for the
3rd Monday each month (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 sand-
wich 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
BLESSINGS to all those so faithful to this ministry!



MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP FISH FRY

**December 10th
4:30-7:00pm**

*MQSCA School Building Cafeteria
Entrance is on S. 117th Street*

Baked or fried cod,
fried shrimp,
French fries,
parsley buttered
potatoes, green
beans, rye bread,
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Adult dinners —> \$12.00
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Principal: Nick Lee 414-476-0751
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infomqscateacher.org.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Director: Becca Bojarski 414-453-0300 ext. 26
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Why Celebrate Advent?

It felt like we had just cleared the Thanksgiving turkey from the table when our 2-year-old started asking, "When is Santa coming, Mommy?" And our 4-year-old chimed in, "How many presents am I getting?" No matter what was asked, their questions had one general theme: What's in it for me?

My heart sank. Christ was slipping away from being the focus of our Christmas season. A few weeks later, the holiday hustle and bustle ended just as quickly as it had begun, leaving behind two exhausted parents and a ton of shredded wrapping paper. I felt like nothing was gained.

My husband, Kevin, and I wanted more for our two boys. We began to ask ourselves, When our sons are grown, how will they remember Christmas? We wanted their memories to hold insights into Jesus, not a blur of insignificant toys and games.

The following autumn, we made deliberate choices about how we would celebrate the season. In the weeks before Christmas, we read the Nativity story together, talked about it and allowed our sons to play with kid-friendly figurines from a Nativity scene. Our daily devotional time was short and simple, but it worked as a countdown to Jesus' birth, and it allowed Kevin and me to be with our children and model what was important to our family. This time together became an opportunity to talk more about Jesus in our home.

The change was noticeable. What used to be a time of counting down the days until presents arrived shifted to a celebration of Christ's coming.

—Courtney Roberts

I think all parents can relate to this brief article from focusonthefamily.com With today being the first Sunday of Advent, you have plenty of time to make a plan about how you will celebrate Advent (4 weeks) with your children this year.

Happy Advent!
Becca

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
before Dec. 5



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)

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.

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



"I keep up the Holy Hour. . .to grow more and more into His likeness. . . We become like that which we gaze upon. Looking into a sunset, the face takes on a golden glow. Looking at the Eucharistic Lord for an hour transforms the heart in a mysterious way." (Venerable Fulton J. Sheen quoted in Jeanette Flood's book, *Eight Ways of Loving God*, Ignatius Press and Saint Joseph Communications, 2020).

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.

THE GIFT OF SUNDAY *Advent Missions*



**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2021
7:00-8:30 PM**

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee is excited to host Advent Missions at 18 parishes throughout southeastern Wisconsin. This Mission is based on The Gift of Sunday, a theological reflection issued by Archbishop Jerome Listcki. Join us for a beautiful prayer service and presentation that encourages everyone to come to Mass and rediscover Jesus' presence in the Eucharist — this Advent Season and beyond!

For questions, please connect with Susan McNeil,
mcneils@archmil.org | 414- 758-2214





Christmas Cookie Sale

Sat. Dec. 11 after 4:00 pm mass to 5:30 pm

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