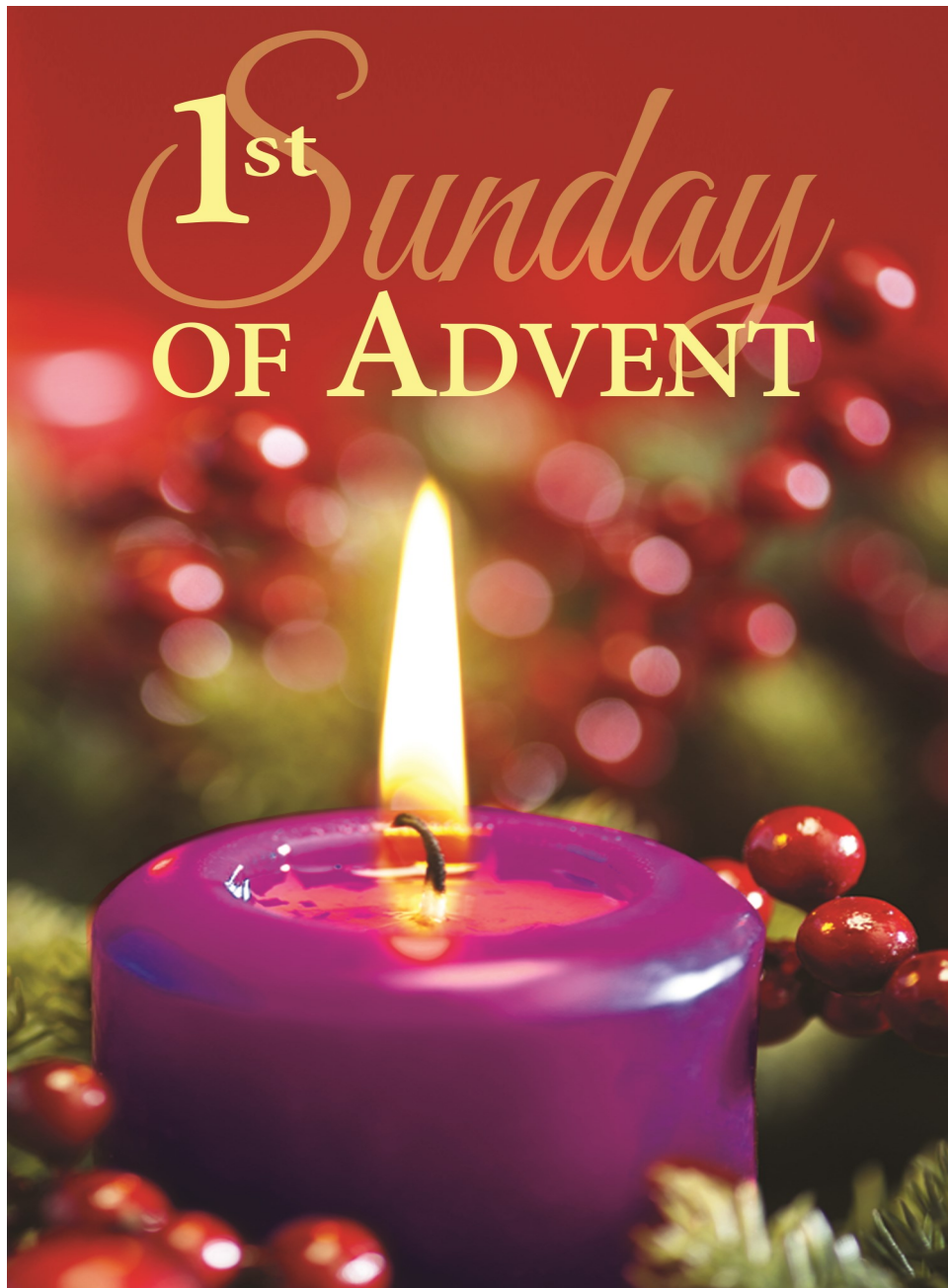


November 29, 2020

First Sunday of Advent

*Welcome to
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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 unending hope in
our troubled world.
Mother of Perpetual Help, pray for us.
AMEN

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92ND STREET SITE
1414 S. 92nd Street



106TH STREET SITE
2322 S. 106th Street



116TH STREET SITE
1212 S. 117th Street

MASS INTENTIONS



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2020

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 8:00 AM † Rose Marie Hauser
† Jennifer White (106 St.)
9:30 AM † Len Gaska (116 St.)
11:00 AM † Sandra Kolloge (106 St.)
7:00 PM In Thanksgiving - Don Falk and Family
(92 St.)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2020

- 8:00 AM † Arlene Haevers (106 St.)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2020

- 8:15 AM † George and Irene Jisa (116 St.)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2020

- 8:00 AM † Vivian Velasquez (106 St.)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2020

No Mass

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2020

- 8:00 AM † Sandra Kolloge (106 St.)

FIRST SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2020

- 8:00 AM † Theresa Wittwer (106 St.)
4:00 PM † Mary Shook (116 St.)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2020

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 8:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of Our
Parish (106 St.)
9:30 AM † Tony Keil (116 St.)
11:00 AM Health and healing of Jesse Welsch
(106 St.)
7:00 PM † Hank Martinez (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 November 29, 2020

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
Monday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/ Lk 10:21-24
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: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/ 2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8



GOD'S WORD

1st Sunday of Advent/November 29, 2020

First Reading:

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you. (Is 63:19b)

Second Reading:

God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (1 Cor 1:9)

Gospel:

“Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning.” (Mk 13:35)

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP



The Mary Candles at 106th St. Site are burning this month

For the deceased Gunderman and Hanson Families and

In Loving Memory of Victor Weitzer

The Chapel Candle at 106th St. Site is burning this month

For the Gunderman and Hanson Families

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

**November 29, 2020
1st Sunday of Advent**

You are at the eye doctor and it's time for the peripheral vision test. You know the one. It's where you put your head up to a contraption and have to click a switch every time you see a squiggly line. If you don't concentrate and maintain optimal focus, you will miss them and skew the outcome of the test. You can easily find yourself with a diagnosis that really isn't accurate! Concentration and focus are key to succeeding with this evaluation. They are also key to developing a healthy, vibrant spiritual life. If we do not bring our full consciousness to the task, concentrate with all our might, be watchful and vigilant, we are not going to see God's loving presence flashing before our eyes!

That's why we need Advent. Let's face it. We can easily get distracted, focus on nonessential and superficial things and lose touch with what really matters. Our attentions wander. We daydream and even become a bit overwhelmed and tired. All of the stresses and demands of life consume us and we find ourselves constantly trying to play catch up rather than relishing the moment of the now. "Now" moments are so fleeting. They flash before us like those squiggly lines on a screen. Present moments go as quickly as they come but it is important to discover them and rest in them as often as we can. Though gone in a flash, these now moments of encounter with God teach powerful lessons and offer a grounding in truth that can be found nowhere else. It's the grace of Advent to become watchful and attentive because we are never sure when God will surprise us.

God loves surprises and love thrives on them! God's now moments of surprises come as tender instants of intimate connection where I find profound peace, experience joy, and rest in love. These are Advent times reflective of the now moments when Christ first was born, when God surprises us during every time we care to watch and when the great surprise of Christ's second coming dawns upon us all. But, to discover the grandeur and experience the awe of these now times, we have to be ready. We have to want to be there. We have to believe. And, we have to have the desire to soak in as much as we can in the time we have before us.

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MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP
2019 - 2020
WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 22, 2020

The amounts will be posted within the next few weeks.
Thank you!

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



WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday and Wednesday 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.

Friday morning Mass at the 106th Street site will return in December.

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>

First Saturday Mass
December 5th at 8:00 AM
Reconciliation will follow after Mass
At
106th Street Site



ROSARY

Please Note: Due to the rise in Covid cases the Tuesday Evening Rosary at the 106th St. site will be cancelled for the month of December. It will resume on January 5th. Thank you!

Prayer for the Coronavirus Pandemic

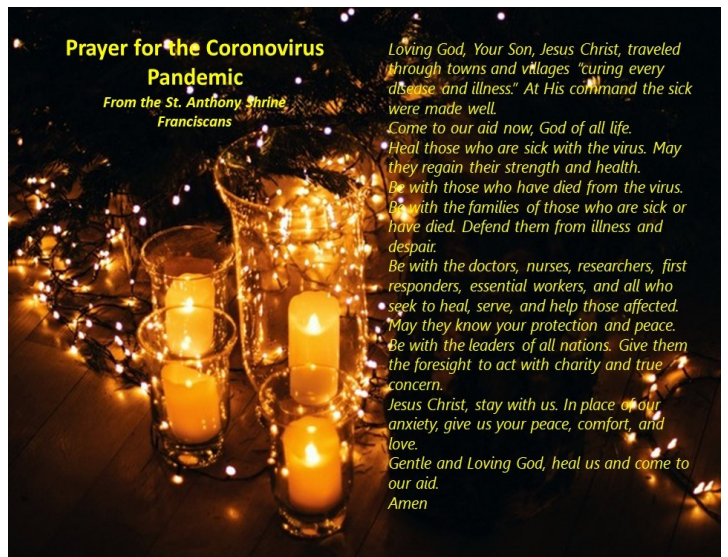
From the St. Anthony Shrine Franciscans

Loving God, Your Son, Jesus Christ, traveled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At His command the sick were made well.

Come to our aid now, God of all life. Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health. Be with those who have died from the virus. Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. Defend them from illness and despair.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers, first responders, essential workers, and all who seek to heal, serve, and help those affected. May they know your protection and peace. Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern.

Jesus Christ, stay with us. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace, comfort, and love. Gentle and Loving God, heal us and come to our aid. Amen



MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP OF WEST ALLIS

HUMAN CONCERNS/OUTREACH

Director: Kathy Smith 414-453-0300 ext. 25
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ADVENT OUTREACH 2020
House of Peace Toy Drive
(Capuchin Community Services)
at the 106th Street site only

Barb's Baby Ministry
At the 116th Street site only

Collections will run the first and second Sundays of Advent: (this weekend and next— Dec. 5, 6)
The Reverse Advent Calendar for the Food Pantry will run through Christmas to the New Year.
Thank you in advance for your generosity!!

CHILD AND YOUTH MINISTRY

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

**RE Sunday Pack Pick-Up: December 6th
January 10th**

(Anytime between 9 - 10 am at the 2322 S. 106th St. classroom building)



Blessings & Thanksgiving!

Thank you for all the turkey donations as well as the gift cards, financial donations and non-perishables that have been dropped off to the Pantry. Your generosity is Overwhelming!



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

“Before beginning prayer, seek a silent place that will help you to pray, preferably in a church or chapel in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Create silence within yourself, for God is the friend of silence. He is always

waiting for us in silence – to speak to us and to listen to us. ‘In the silence of our hearts, God speaks of His love; with our silence, we allow Jesus to love us.’”

(Mother Teresa {St. Teresa of Calcutta}).

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.

MQSCA SCHOOL

Principal: Jennifer Vega 414-476-0751
Vegaj@mqscateacher.org

When we opened our doors to in person learning in August, we made the promise to stay open as long as we were able to keep our school community safe. Unfortunately, with the rapid acceleration of community spread and the current positivity rate, we simply can't guarantee the safety of the school community. We have made the difficult decision to transition to remote learning beginning on November 30 and continuing until at least January 20. We will continue to provide excellent instruction remotely for all of our students and will do everything we can to keep our kids engaged and moving forward. Please keep our school community in your prayers as we make this transition. We hope and pray that the pandemic outlook has improved by mid-January so that we can resume in person learning.



Catholics and the Mystery of Death VI: Final Thoughts

Praying for Those Who Have Died: In the Apostles' Creed we proclaim our belief in 'the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, and the *communion of saints.*' Gabe Huck explains: "We speak and act as if there is a bond between we who live and those who have died." This is one of the implications of our belief in the communion of saints. Christians are "people who need people." During the month of November we emphasize these "family ties" in our liturgy to remind ourselves that we are united with those who have gone before us and that we can count on their prayers. We also pray in a special way for our beloved dead. We commend them to God's mercy and, at the same time, plead for them to intercede for us. The bonds of baptism that unite us to this Church of ours--to each other and to God--are strong, stronger even than death. We call this to mind this wonderful reality during our prayer this month.

Donation of Bodies or Body Parts: "To give the gift of life to others after we have no further use of our "earthen vessels" is most commendable and Christian. Therefore, donation of bodies or portions of bodies for transplant or medical research is encouraged..." In some cases the body will be available for funeral services. If the body is not available, a Eucharistic liturgy or a memorial service without the body present may be celebrated.

Genealogical Research and Catholic Cemeteries: Did you know if you have access to the Internet, you can find a wealth of information about family members and friends who are buried in a Catholic cemetery in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee? Simply go to www.cemeteries.org/genealogy.asp. Then type in a last name or part of the name and you will be directed to information concerning the deceased's dates of death and birth, burial location, home address, etc. This can be helpful for locating a gravesite or filling in blanks in a family's family tree.

ADVENT 2020

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR To Benefit the MPH FOOD PANTRY



**EACH DAY, add an item to a box,
Bring the box to the MPH Food Pantry after January 1**



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!

ADVENT, 2020

MPH BARB'S BABY MINISTRY Angel Tree Collection

Nov. 28-Dec. 6 Deliver to the 116th St. Site Church Gathering Area

Requested Items:

New clothing, NB-5T (boys or girls) Gently Used clothing 2T-5T (boys or girls)
New: Diapers NB-1 Wipes Teething toys Bibs NB towels
Pacifiers Bottles Stuffed animals (new only) Burp Cloths



Many thanks for your continued generosity!

*Financial contributions also welcome (checks payable to MPH,
Note "Barb's Baby Ministry" in memo section and/or on envelope*

ADVENT, 2020 HOUSE OF PEACE TOY COLLECTION

Toys will be collected
Nov. 28-Dec. 6; Deliver
to 106th Street Site

Church designated areas
UNWRAPPED PLEASE

Toy suggestions: No violence themes,
Playdoh Sets • Scooter • Hot Wheels Cars &
Track • RC Car or Truck • Music
Head/Earphones • Coloring Set & Easel •
Vetch Laptop • Avengers Action Figures •
Jumbo Character Stuffed Plush Animal • Etch-
A-Sketch • Basketball, Football, Baseball or
Soccer ball • Children's Books





Mother of Perpetual Help Christmas Flower Memorials

We will again be collecting donations for our
Christmas plants and decorations.

Your memorials will be listed in the bulletin after
Christmas.

Please place this form and your donation in an
envelope and return to the parish office or drop in
the basket at Mass no later than December 17th.

Large potted poinsettias for the church,
8-12 flowers at \$35.00 a piece

Donation towards other decorations: \$_____

For: Please print the names below, and if the person is deceased,
please put a + in front of the name

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