



# Mother of Perpetual Help PARISH

JANUARY

2

2022

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### 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.

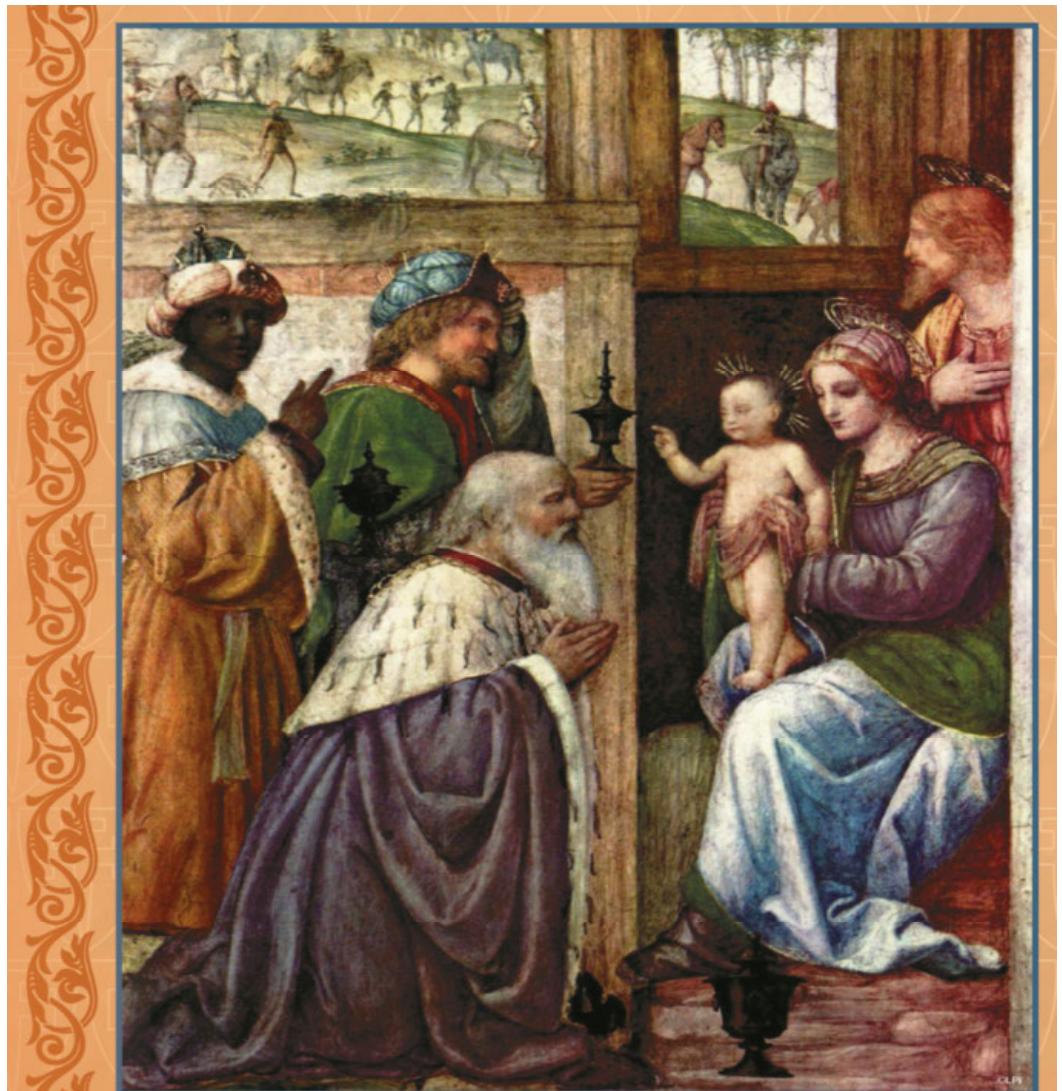
Help our parish to be an instrument in the hands of God.

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*

*"Since from you shall come a ruler,  
who is to shepherd my people Israel."* · Mt 2:6b

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## MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP SITES

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**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

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## MASS INTENTIONS

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**SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2022**

**Solemnity of Mary Mother of God**

**9:00 AM** † William Dowling, MD (106 St.)

**4:00 PM** For health and healing of Sharon Huber  
(116 St.)

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022**

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**8:00 AM** † Fr. Jeff Prasser (106 St.)

**9:30 AM** † Marilyn Grassel (106 St.)

**11:00 AM** Ed Renner and † Frances Renner (106 St.)

**7:00 PM** Living and Deceased Members of Our  
Parish (106 St.)

**MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2022**

**8:00 AM** † Genevieve Berger (106 St.)

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2022**

**8:00 AM** In Thanksgiving - Clara Weinberger  
(116 St.)

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2022**

**8:00 AM** † Fr. Jeff Prasser (106 St.)

**FIRST FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 2022**

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

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 2022**

**4:00 PM** † Julie Karis (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 414-529-1642. *If there is no answer, please leave your prayer request on the machine.*



## PARISH OFFICE / STAFF

### Administrator:

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Deacon Keith Marx

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(414) 453-5192

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## Celebrating the Sacraments

**Baptism** is celebrated at the 106<sup>th</sup> St. site on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. A Baptismal preparation class is required. Classes will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the Notre Dame Room at the 106<sup>th</sup> 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 January 2, 2022

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/  
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/  
Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15,  
19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and  
6a and 9b/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/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5,  
9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/  
Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



## GOD'S WORD

### The Epiphany of the Lord/January 2, 2022

#### 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 3:5-6)

#### Gospel:

“Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.” (Mt 2:2)



### MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

The Mary Candles at 106th St. Site are burning this month  
In Loving Memory of Terry Cindric



## A NOTE FROM FR. MATTHEW

### Epiphany

#### “Now the Work of Christmas Begins”

Christmas season this year is very short. Soon after we celebrated the Christmas day and the Feast of Holy Family on Sunday, this weekend we are celebrating the Feast of Epiphany. The intensity of these three great feasts helps us to focus beyond the festivity and ponder on the real meaning and significance of what we are celebrating. Epiphany does precisely that – leading us to live the meaning of Christmas through our daily lives, throughout the New Year.

Epiphany means manifestation. What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem, He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. The Gospel tells of the faith of the Magi divinely guided; how this faith manifested itself in action by their seeking instruction from priests, by prostrating their very beings and offering their best treasures before the frail babe in Mary’s arms: **Gold** in homage to his new kingship, symbol of their hearts offering love; **Incense** in homage to his divinity, symbol of their minds offering adoration; **Myrrh** in homage to His Humanity, symbol of their bodies offering to do penance.

Like the Magi, we too, are invited to bring Christ to others, revealing Him and his salvific mission. We become the Angels, the Shepherds and Magi of the Christmas story to make Christmas become alive in the lives of those who live in darkness and brokenness of every kind. Let us continue the real work of Christmas through our words and actions this New Year.

The feast of Epiphany brings the Christmas season to an end. To keep us in the right direction, here’s a poem called “The Work of Christmas” composed by Howard Thurman, an African-American theologian, educator, and civil rights leader.

*When the song of the angels is stilled,  
when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the kings and princes are home,  
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,  
the work of Christmas begins:  
to find the lost,  
to heal the broken,  
to feed the hungry,  
to release the prisoner,  
to rebuild the nations,  
to bring peace among the people,  
to make music in the heart.*

Blessings and Peace for a wonderful year 2022.

Fr. Matthew

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2022

9:15 AM Sheepshead - PC 7 (106 St.)  
7:00 PM Social Committee Mtg. - ND (106 St.)

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2022

7:00 PM Rosary - Church (106 St.)

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2022

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 Pastoral Council Meeting - Church/Uncarpeted Rm (106 St.)  
7:00 PM Dartball - Gym (106 St.)

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2022

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

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 2022

7:00 AM Men’s Sunday Reading Study - BH (116 St.)  
9-3 PM Confirmation Retreat - PC (106 St.)  
9:30 –11:30 AM Food Pantry - Bethany House (116 St.)

### 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

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.

### MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP 2020 - 2021

#### WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 12, 2021

Membership .....\$12,409.00  
Repair and Maintenance ..... 665.00  
Scholarship ..... 245.00  
Holy Days ..... 125.00  
Offertory ..... 1,266.30  
Candles/Flowers ..... 90.00  
**Total.....\$14,800.30**

#### WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 19, 2021

Membership .....\$12,057.00  
Repair and Maintenance ..... 710.00  
Scholarship ..... 225.00  
Holy Days ..... 183.00  
Offertory ..... 1,324.80  
**Total.....\$14,499.80**

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

# MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP OF WEST ALLIS

## HUMAN CONCERNS/OUTREACH

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



A Blessed, Happy, & Healthy  
New Year to all!

Thank You for your  
Continued Generosity to our  
Food Pantry!

Please watch for the "Did You Know" box in next  
week's bulletin for some interesting facts!

## MQSCA SCHOOL

Principal: Nick Lee 414-476-0751  
leen@mqscateacher.org



Students will return from Christmas break on  
January 4th.

MQSCA is still looking to fill a few after school  
positions with the after school camp program. Please email the  
school at

[infomqscas@mqscateacher.org](mailto:infomqscas@mqscateacher.org).



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

### 5 Ways to Mark Three Kings Day

1. Read the Gospel (Matthew 2:1-12) for the Epiphany of the Lord aloud with your family or class. Re-read it and allow the story to speak to you in some new way. Discuss the insights each person gained by reading it a second time.
2. People in Mexico, Spain, France, and Germany celebrate the day by sharing "King's Cake." Download a recipe from the Internet and bake it. Don't forget to place a symbol of the baby Jesus in the batter. This could be a small bean or an almond. The one who gets the slice of cake containing the symbol is considered to be especially blessed.



3. Gather with your family, neighbors, friends, or students, and take turns talking about the gifts you have each been given during this Christmas season. Move the conversation beyond that of material gifts in order to consider the ones that nurture heart and soul.
4. Work with someone at your parish to organize a visit with your family, friends, or students to a nursing home. Bring small gifts to share with the residents. Afterwards, consider the ways you could "step out" in order to share your gifts with others during the coming year.
5. Go from room to room in your home and consider the way each space is blessed. Resolve to make your dwelling a hospitable place in which to receive others. How can you make your home more gracious to friend and stranger alike?





It takes many people to put together all of our Christmas season liturgies, so thank you to our .....decorators, ushers, readers, servers, greeters, Eucharistic Ministers, Contemporary choir, singers, cantors, instrumentalists, and the brass quintet.

Your time and talent is a blessing and appreciated!



## **Be A Snow Angel!**

**Do you have a parishioner neighbor who needs help with shoveling/snow blowing this winter?  
Please consider reaching out to them  
and offering to help.**

**Blessings to both of you!!**

***REMEMBER: We are  
Mother of Perpetual HELP Parish  
Be a Snow Angel!***



The M.P.H.  
St. Vincent de Paul  
**FOOD PANTRY**  
is **OPEN**

Many Thanks to all of our  
"regular" donors!

The Pantry is located in the building at  
the far South end of the parking lot  
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**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

**Feeding the  
Community**

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ALL Parishioners in Need

**PASTORAL COUNCIL  
MEETING**

The Pastoral Council will meet on Wednesday,  
January 5, 2022. We invite all parishioners to join  
with us for Eucharistic Adoration that evening at the  
East site beginning at 6:00 pm.

**MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP  
FISH FRY**



**January 14th**

**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,  
homemade desserts  
and more!

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**Save the Date**  
Trivia Night is back!  
Saturday, February 26, 2022



**Just a Reminder:**

To schedule Masses for the 2022 year, please stop in at the  
parish office. The parish secretary, Kelly Simkowski, handles  
the scheduling of Masses. If you are unable to stop at the parish  
office, you can call the office at 414-453-5192 and Kelly will  
be happy to assist you.

You can also sponsor a candle in memory of your loved one, by  
contacting the parish office at 414-453-5192.

Thank you!

To the parishioners of Mother of Perpetual Help,  
Thank you for the abundance of coats you donated to Father Gene's  
Help Center. We were overwhelmed and humbled by your generosity.  
At this time of year, we lack coats for all those who need one to  
survive the harsh winter. Because of you, we will be able to provide  
coats for many of Milwaukee's most vulnerable. Blessings to you and  
yours in the new year!

~The staff at Father Gene's Help Center



***EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED***

Have you ever thought about being a Eucharistic Minister?  
If you have, now is the time.

We desperately need help, if interested please call  
John at 414-541-0817 or Mary Margaret at 262-786-9542.

The Masses we are in need of help are the  
4:00 pm, 9:30 am and 11:00 am.

Training will be provided. We hope to hear from you.

***St. Ben's Community Meal***  
***3rd Monday each month to plate—***  
***(Jan. 17 next with carpool)***  
***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 are Jan. 20 & 27**

Sandwich prep 8am; food delivery 2-4pm (hard boiled  
eggs; desserts-2-4 cookies, bars or cupcakes in a  
sandwich bag; fruit- grapes (sandwich bag 1/2 full) for  
Jan.; & 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!

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