

December 2024

Greetings and Prayers to you as we get ready to celebrate Thanksgiving Day and the great Feast of Christmas. As we gather in this season of Thanksgiving, my heart is filled with gratitude to each of you. Your faith, kindness, and dedication to our parish family are true blessings from God. As we gather together with our families and friends in these festive days, let us be reminded of God's abundant blessings – the gift of life, the love of family and friends, and the grace that sustains us through every joy and challenge.

We are concluding the church year and beginning the new liturgical year with Advent on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Advent is a beautiful season of preparing to welcome Jesus into our lives and homes. We exchange gifts to remind us of the most precious gift of God in Jesus who came to dwell among us. Let us also prepare our hearts with prayers, reading, and reflecting scriptures and waiting in joyful anticipation of the birth of our Divine Savior. I would like to visit the homes of families with children during this Advent season to pray with your family, consecrate the family to the Holy Family, and bless your homes. Sr. Vita Lobo, coordinator of our faith formation program, will reach out to you to schedule a 10-minute visit in the evening to pray with you and your children.

I was very happy to see the enthusiasm with which we came together to pray and adore the Eucharistic Lord on November 1<sup>st</sup> with the Arise Milwaukee group. Continuing our Eucharistic Revival, we will begin a 10-hour adoration of the Blessed sacrament on first Fridays after Mass, concluding with benediction at 6:30. Please send any prayer intentions you have through the office, website, or email to [faith@mphwa.org](mailto:faith@mphwa.org). We will dedicate this day of prayer for our parish with the Eucharistic Lord. Please come and spend a few minutes with the Lord praying for one another.

I am very excited to share with you the good news that our parish is welcoming the Korean Catholic Community, currently at St. Mary Magdalene church in Milwaukee. We are finalizing the details of this transition and are hoping by Christmas that they will relocate to our West site for Sunday Masses. We will be the host parish, and they will be an independent parish community with their own pastor, Fr. Stephen. The main reason for their move to our parish is both affordability and safety for the Korean Catholic Community.

Once again, I give thanks to God for each of you and the vibrant faith community we share. Let us continue to walk in thanksgiving, trusting in God's goodness and sharing His love in the world.

With a grateful heart and prayers,

Fr. Matthew Perumpil, MI  
Pastor