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Perpetual Help**
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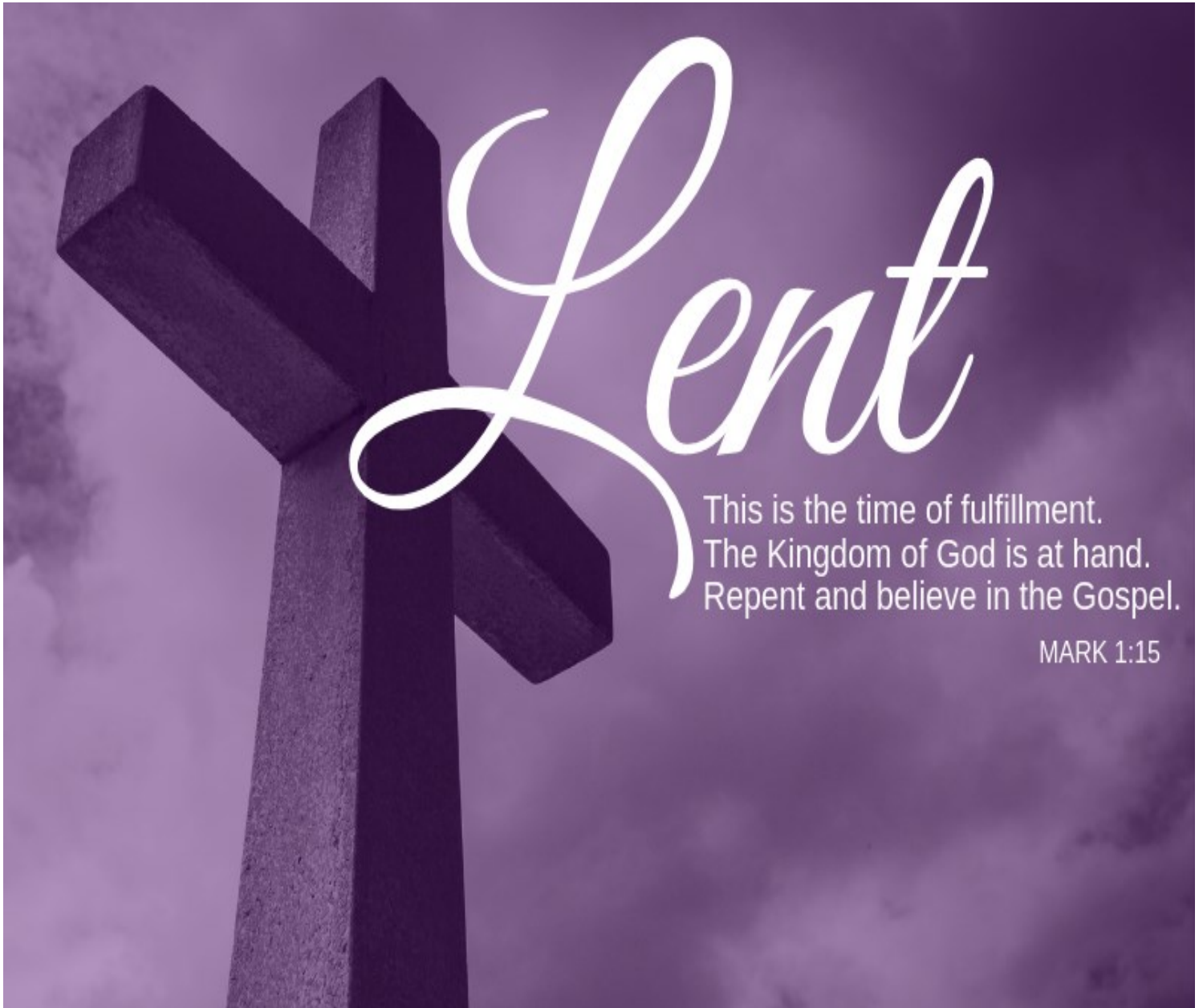
West Allis

FEBRUARY

18

2024

First Sunday of Lent



This is the time of fulfillment.
The Kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent and believe in the Gospel.

MARK 1:15

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Saturday: 4:00 pm (MPH West)

Sunday: 8:30 am, 10:30 am,
 7:00 pm (MPH East)

Week Days: 8:00 am (MPH East)
 (Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and First Saturdays)
 Tuesdays (School Year)
 8:00 am (MPH West)

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP



The Sacred Heart Votive Light at 116th St. Site is burning this month
In Loving Memory of the Haevers Family

The Immaculate Heart Votive Light at 116th St. Site is burning this month
In Loving Memory of Thomas J. Brown

The Mary Candle at 106th St. Site is burning this month
In Loving Memory of Michael Yanacheck

MASS INTENTIONS



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2024
4:00 PM † Bob and † Marie Gawronski
 (West Site)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024
8:30 AM Doris Novitzke (East Site)
10:30 AM † Joseph Diliberti (East Site)
7:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of Our Parish (East Site)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2024
8:00 AM † Hilda Terek (East Site)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024
8:00 AM † Mary and Dave Shook
 (West Site)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2024
8:00 AM † Theresa Healy (East Site)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2024
8:00 AM † Bruna Krause (East Site)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2024
4:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of Our Parish (West Site)



Mother of Perpetual Help Adoration Chapel
 2322 S. 106 St. West Allis

Mondays and Wednesdays
 9:00 AM - 8:00PM
Tuesdays and Thursdays
 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Please contact Grace (262) 786-3840.

Prayers

We extend our sympathy to the families of the following people who have died. May they rest in peace and be risen to eternal glory!



Nick Lee - Son of Nell Lee
 Jerri Lynn Zubarik - Daughter of Dolores Zubarik



REFLECTIONS FROM FR. MATTHEW

Lent: Being with Jesus in the desert – To be Renewed and Transformed

The readings for the 1st Sunday of Lent Year B get us thinking how God is faithful even when we wander away from him. The first reading is the story of Noah's Ark. The psalm remind us to be faithful. The second reading explains that the great flood in the time of Noah preceded our baptisms. And the gospel tells us that Jesus spent 40 days (like the 40 days of the flood) fasting in the desert and returned ready to spread his message.

The proclamation of the Kingdom of God by Jesus in the Gospel is a message of hope and an invitation to transformation. He calls us to repentance and belief in the Good News, signaling a new era of divine closeness and the possibility of a renewed relationship with God. This message is at the heart of the Lenten season. It encourages us to turn back to God, to embrace the transformative power of the Gospel, and to participate actively in the unfolding of God's kingdom. Our Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving become means through which we engage with the world, seeking not only our own conversion but also the healing and restoration of all creation.

Jesus' resistance to temptation in the wilderness is emblematic of the Lenten journey. It challenges us to confront our own wilderness, the deserts of temptation, and spiritual dryness we may face. His victory offers us hope and a model for overcoming our own struggles with sin and temptation. By following Jesus' example of prayer and reliance on God's word, we can navigate the wilderness of our lives, fortified by the grace of God.

Lent is a time for renewal, for facing temptations with courage, and for embracing the transformative power of the Gospel. Through the lens of the Noahic covenant, Jesus' temptation in the wilderness, and His proclamation of the Kingdom, we are invited to a deeper understanding of our faith and our role in the world. As we journey through Lent, let us be mindful of our call to stewardship, to overcoming adversity, and to living out the hope of the Gospel in every aspect of our lives.

Eucharist Revival – Is Mass Boring?

Is the Mass really boring for you? Same *thing* over and over again? Yet Mass is not about something It is about the *One* who loves me. How can it be boring? Mass is about the Someone who loves me so much that not only did he die for me, but he literally defeated sin and death and opened up the gates of heaven for me. If I were the only human in the universe, the only person in need of rescue, he would have done it all for me, just for me. Mass is about: entering into the depths of self-giving love that Jesus poured out on the cross and continues to pour out every time his self-sacrifice is renewed at Mass. The question is, what do you bring to the Mass? He wants our whole selves—our minds, our hearts, our bodies, our souls—100% of me, all there; 100% of you, all there—for him, through him, with him, in him. It is possible to perceive Mass as boring, but the objective truth of the matter is: Mass is the most exciting, passionate, profound experience we could ever have with another Person. And that Person happens to be the Son of God, Jesus Christ, in perfect communion with his Father, through the Spirit.

(Heart of the Revival Newsletter Sr. Alicia Torres, F.E.)

“With the Eucharist, therefore, heaven comes down to earth, the tomorrow of God descends into the present and it is as if time remains embraced by divine eternity.

(Pope Benedict XVI)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Lenten Prayer

Grant, Almighty God,

through the yearly observance of holy Lent,

that we may grow in understanding

of the riches hidden in Christ,

and by worthy conduct pursue their effects.

Through Christ our Lord.

February Classes are: Sunday, February 18th

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Readings for the week of February 18, 2024

Sunday:	Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/ 1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
Monday:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/ Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/ Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/ Mt 16:13-19
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/ Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday:	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/Rom 8:31b-34/ Mk 9:2-10



How can I prepare myself during Lent for the joy of the Easter Resurrection?

One of the most holy and reverent seasons for Catholics is the liturgical season of Lent, the period of 40 days prior to Easter in which we prepare for and remember Christ's mission, trials, suffering and death. During this time, our focus shifts from the joy of Christmas and the incarnation to the sorrow we experience because of sin and death, ultimately culminating in the death of Christ on the cross. During this period of self-examination, Catholics spend an increased amount of time in prayer, sacrifice and penitential acts (acts that reflect regret and sorrow for wrongs committed). The point of our self-examination and sacrifice is not for punishment; rather they serve as reminders for our own sins and the need to change (convert) to a life rooted in Christ. Ultimately, the purpose of Lent is to prepare our hearts and souls for conversion-to imitate Christ on our path to heaven.

As Catholics, we practice many traditions and rituals during Lent to help us heal our hearts and illustrate our commitment to Christ. Two of the more well-known traditions are fasting from meals (on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday) and abstaining from meat on Fridays. We perform these small acts of sacrifice for two reasons:

1. They remind us to be thankful for all the blessings we take for granted.
2. They help us understand that sacrificial transformation is an important part of following Christ and sharing in the plan of salvation. During Lent, Catholics are encouraged to also pick a personal sacrifice to commit to for the 40 days.

Message of the Holy Father for Lent *Through the Desert God Leads us to Freedom*

Dear brothers and sisters!

When our God reveals himself, his message is always one of freedom: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery" (*Ex 20:2*). *God shapes his people, he enables us to leave our slavery behind* and experience a Passover from death to life. Like a bridegroom, the Lord draws us once more to himself, whispering words of love to our hearts. Lent is *a season of conversion, a time of freedom*. Jesus himself, as we recall each year on the first Sunday of Lent, was driven into the desert by the Spirit in order to be tempted in freedom. For forty days, he will stand before us and with us: the incarnate Son.

It is time to act, and in Lent, *to act also means to pause*. To pause *in prayer*, in order to receive the word of God, to pause like the Samaritan *in the presence of a wounded brother or sister*. Love of God and love of neighbor are one love. Not to have other gods is to pause in the presence of God beside the flesh of our neighbor. For this reason, prayer, almsgiving and fasting are not three unrelated acts, but a single movement of openness and self-emptying, in which we cast out the idols that weigh us down, the attachments that imprison us. May this Lent become a time of conversion, an anxious humanity will notice a burst of creativity, a flash of new hope. I bless all of you and your Lenten journey. - Francis

Lent at Mother of Perpetual Help

Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm

Wednesdays, February 21, 28

March 13, 27

Evening Prayers & Rosary

Monday - Friday: 6:45- 7:30 pm

Divine Mercy with Adoration and Benediction

Fridays: 7:00 -7:30 pm

Parish Mission

Jesus as the Climax of Israel's Sacred History

By Dr. Dan Scholz

March 18, 19, 20

6:30 - 8:00 pm

Lenten Reconciliation Opportunities:

Wednesdays after the 8:00 am Mass

Fridays after the 8:00 am Mass

First Saturday, **March 2nd** from 8:30 am

Tuesday, **March 19th** at 8:00 pm after the Mission

Wednesday, March 20: 12 Hour Reconciliation

St. Matthias Parish (9306 W. Beloit Rd.) 8 am - 8 pm

Almsgiving - Congo Helping Hands

They have recently suffered some major losses of their solar water equipment due to severe flooding.

We will be raising funds to help restore their equipment and install new equipment in new areas of the DRC. Prayers, are also much appreciated!

Pillars of Lent

The three pillars of Lent are **prayer, fasting** and **almsgiving**. During this 40 day sacrificial exploration, Catholics are expected to deepen their relationship with Christ through these pathways. Making time for prayer and sacrificing (food, money and time) are essential in the process of converting our hearts to serve and love God and our neighbors.

- Consider sacrificing (giving up) something that you like to remind yourself of Jesus' sacrifice for our sins.
- Schedule time within your day for prayer and service as a reminder to put others before yourself.
- Remember Christ's mission, suffering and death by reading the Gospels, praying the Stations of the Cross or by praying the Rosary.

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HUMAN CONCERNS/OUTREACH

Director: Kathy Smith 414-453-5192 ext. 125
 Kathy@mphwa.org.

SAVE THE DATE: MONDAY, MARCH 18

The first night of our *Lenten Parish Mission*, the HCC will host a dinner in the Parish Center prior to the Mission in the Church proper at the East Site. Dinner will be at 5:00PM with the Mission beginning at 6:30 in church.

It will be a “Chili Dump” with meat and veggie versions available along with bread, fruit, desserts, and beverages. No cost, but all are encouraged to donate new socks and underwear for sizes 5T-children XL for at-need students (boys & girls) attending *Milwaukee Academy of Chinese Language* located at 25th and Wisconsin where 40% of the students are immigrants and refugees.
 Thank you in advance!

Senior Social Club February 20th - Doors open at 11:30 am All are welcome!

We ask that you bring a dish to pass. Meat and bread will be provided, also 3 people will be asked to bring dessert. After a short meeting at noon, we will eat and then some will play cards (sheepshead) and the rest will play bingo. Come meet your friends or maybe make some new ones. Any questions call 262-786-9542.

First Parishioner Engagement Committee Event - Pickleball



We had a great fun-filled day at the Parish Center with more than 40 people, both young and old, coming together and celebrating our community. Thank you all and look for the next event coming up.

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UPCOMING FISH FRY DATES:

March 1 & 15,

Apr. 12, May 3 4:30-7:00PM



St. Ben's Community Meal

February dates:

Serving Monday, Feb. 19

Sandwich Making/Bagging Thursday 22nd at 8AM
 at 106th Kitchen

Food Delivery Thursday dates 8-9:30 AM or
 2-3:30 PM to 106th Kitchen

Contact Kathy: to donate/serve

Questions/volunteer:

Kathy Smith 414-453-5192x125 or kathy@mphwa.org

WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, February 18, 2024

9:40 AM Faith Formation Classes - All PC, ND (106 St.)

MONDAY, February 19, 2024

8:45 AM New Human Life Writers Mtg. - ND (106 St.)

9:00 AM Sheepshead - PC 9 (106 St.)

4:00 PM St. Ben's Carpool - Parking Lot (106 St.)

TUESDAY, February 20, 2024

11:30 AM Senior Social Club - ND (106 St.)

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

WEDNESDAY, February 21, 2024

8:45 AM Sunday's Scripture Session - ND (106 St.)

9:00 AM MPH Helping Hands - BH (116 St.)

9-11 AM MPH Food Pantry - BH (116 St.)

9:00 AM Sheepshead - PC 9 (106 St.)

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross - Church (106 St.)

THURSDAY, February 22, 2024

8:00 AM St. Ben's Sandwich Assembly - Ki (106 St.)

2:00 PM St. Ben's Sandwich Delivery - Ki (106 St.)

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

SATURDAY, February 24, 2024

7:00 AM Men's Scripture Study - ND (106 St.)

9:30-11:30 AM MPH Food Pantry - BH (116 St.)

6:00 PM Trivia Night - Gym (106 St.)

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2024

Membership Support	\$48,430.50
Offertory	6,796.34
Repair and Maintenance.....	3,958.50
Scholarship.....	963.00
Flowers.....	88.00
Other.....	80.00
Total.....	\$60,316.34

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