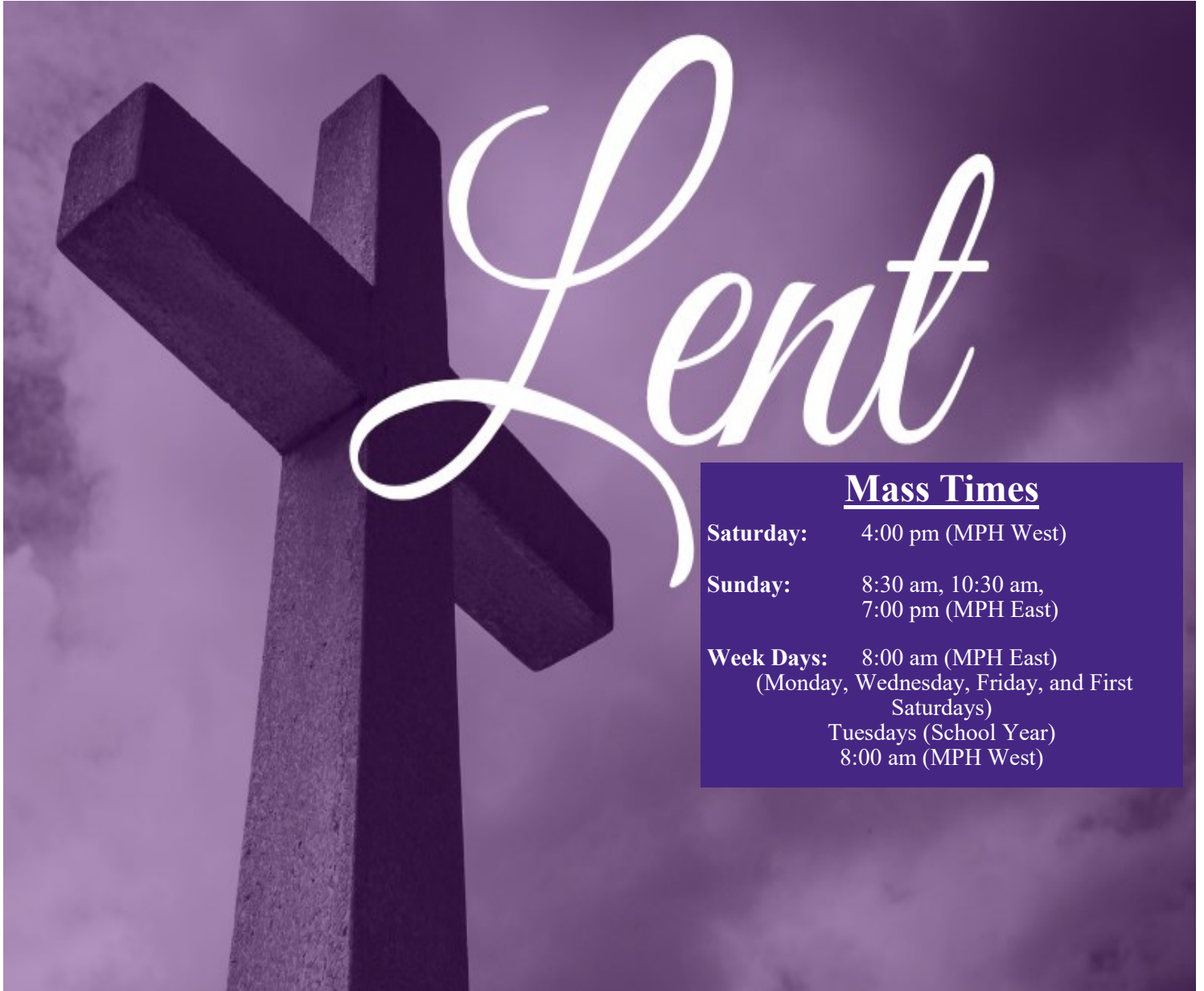




**Mother of  
Perpetual Help**  
PARISH  
West Allis

MARCH  
**17**  
2024

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**



**Mass Times**

**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)

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### Prayers

We extend our sympathy to the following families on the death of their loved ones.

May they rest in peace and be risen to eternal glory!

**Emily Ustruck (Her Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11AM on March 18 at MPH)**  
**George Burdey**



### MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP



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

The Mary Candle at 106th St. Site is burning this month  
**In Loving Memory of Sammie Blagg**

## MASS INTENTIONS

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024**  
**4:00 PM † Mary Herro (West Site)**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024**  
**8:30 AM † Patty Bennetts (East Site)**  
**10:30 AM † Joseph Diliberti (East Site)**  
**7:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of Our Parish (East Site)**

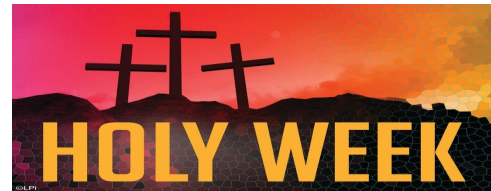
**MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024**  
**8:00 AM † Shirley Kewan (East Site)**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024**  
**8:00 AM Dave Hunt (West Site)**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024**  
**8:00 AM † Betty and † Stephen Kucek (East Site)**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2024**  
**8:00 AM Sue Harrits (East Site)**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024**  
**4:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of Our Parish (West Site)**



#### **March 27th, Wednesday of Holy Week**

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (East Site)

#### **Holy Thursday, March 28th**

7:00 pm - Mass of Our Lord's Supper (East Site)  
Adoration until 9:00 pm in the Eucharistic Chapel

#### **Good Friday, March 29th**

1:00 pm - Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion (East Site)

#### **Holy Saturday, March 30th**

2:00 pm - Blessing of Easter Food (East Site)  
7:30 pm - The Great Vigil of Easter (East Site)

#### **Sunday, March 31st**

#### **Easter Sunday of Our Lord's Resurrection**

8:30 am (East Site)  
10:30 am (East Site)  
7:00 pm (East Site)



## REFLECTIONS FROM FR. MATTHEW

**“Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.”**  
(John 12:24)

Today’s Gospel from John is a preparation for the beginning of the passion narrative to follow. Jesus has just raised Lazarus from the dead—an important sign in John’s Gospel, which inspired many people to believe in Jesus. This event also marks the turning point in Jesus’ conflict with the Jewish authorities. John’s Gospel tells us that the Sanhedrin met after this event and made plans to kill Jesus. In the 12th chapter of John’s Gospel, Jesus is anointed at Bethany and enters Jerusalem in triumph.

Following his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, Jesus predicted his suffering, death, and Resurrection and prepared his disciples to believe in the salvation that his death would accomplish. Using the metaphor of the grain of wheat, Jesus presented the idea that his dying would be beneficial. He also taught that those who would be his disciples must follow his example of sacrifice. This theme will be repeated in John’s account of the Last Supper, when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples as an example of how they must serve one another.

The final section of today’s Gospel might be read as John’s parallel to the agony in the garden. Unlike the Synoptic Gospels, the Gospel of John does not record Jesus’ anguished prayer in the garden of Gethsemane before his arrest. After announcing his conviction that it is for this purpose that he came, a voice from heaven speaks, as if in answer to Jesus’ prayer. This voice, like the one heard at Jesus’ baptism and at Jesus’ Transfiguration affirms that God welcomes the sacrifice that Jesus will make on behalf of others.

The Gospel today is a preparation for the celebration of our Holy Week and to understand Jesus’ passion, death, and Resurrection. Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus conquered Satan, the ruler of this world. In this way the world is judged, but the judgment is not condemnation. Instead, through Jesus’ dying and rising, salvation is brought to the world.

### Come see the life’s work of Blessed Carlo Acutis! The Eucharistic Miracles of The World Display

Our exhibit will present select Eucharistic Miracles, chosen from the collection of 158 Eucharistic Miracles prayerfully gathered by Blessed Carlo Acutis before his death in 2006, all verified and approved by the Catholic Church. Eucharistic Miracles can encourage us to understand, appreciate, and love the Eucharist. Eucharistic Miracles can help us live our faith, which has Christ Eucharist as its center. We must never forget that the most important and astounding miracle is the one that takes place whenever the Eucharist is celebrated.

**The exhibit will be in church (East Site) and available to view at these times:**

Monday, March 18 – 8:30 PM – 9:30 PM (after the mission)  
Tuesday, March 19 – Noon – 6:00 PM  
Wednesday, March 20 – 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM

**“The Eucharist is Truly the Heart of Jesus.” (Blessed Carlo Acutis)**

## PARISH MISSION

### JESUS AS THE CLIMAX OF ISRAEL’S SACRED HISTORY

Mother of Perpetual Help Parish  
March 18-20, 2024

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm



LED BY DR. DAN SCHOLZ

**Day One: Monday, March 18:**  
God’s Plan to Rescue Us and Creation:  
Retrieving the Old Testament Narrative

**Day Two: Tuesday, March 19:**  
“This is the Time of Fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at Hand”:  
Understanding Jesus in his 1st century Jewish and Roman World

**Day Three: Wednesday, March 20:**  
“We Proclaim Christ Crucified”: Paul’s Radical Message of Divine Love

Chili Dump Dinner Before Mission at 5:00 pm on Monday

### Readings for the week of March 17, 2024

- Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/  
Jn 12:20-33  
*Scrutiny:* Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
- Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/  
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11
- Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42
- Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/  
Jn 8:51-59
- Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42
- Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/  
Jn 11:45-56
- Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/  
Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39



# God's Gift of Forgiveness

## Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

"Peace be with you!" With these words, the Risen Lord greeted his frightened Apostles in the Upper Room on the day of His Resurrection. They were troubled, anxious, and fearful—much like each one of us at some point in our lives. Christ repeated the words, "Peace be with you." But then he added, "Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them." (Jn 20:19-23).

What an extraordinary gift! The Risen Lord was proclaiming that all the suffering he had just endured was in order to make available the gifts of salvation and forgiveness. He wanted the Apostles to receive these gifts. He wanted them to become apostles of this forgiveness to others.

In the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, also called confession, we meet the Lord, who wants to grant forgiveness and the grace to live a renewed life in him. In this sacrament, he prepares us to receive him free from serious sin, with a lively faith, earnest hope, and sacrificial love in the Eucharist. **The Church sees confession as so important that she requires that every Catholic go at least once a year.** The Church also encourages frequent confession in order to grow closer to Christ Jesus and his Body, the Church. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, we seek forgiveness and repentance, let go of patterns of sin, grow in the life of virtue, and witness to a joyful conversion. Since the graces of the sacrament are so similar to the purpose of the New Evangelization, Pope Benedict XVI has said, "The New Evangelization . . . begins in the confessional!"

During Lent—in addition to the various penitential acts, we are encouraged to respond to the call of the New Evangelization to encounter Christ in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Come to the Lord and experience the extraordinary grace of his forgiveness!

Our Parish has confessions after our daily Masses, on our second Mission Day on March 19<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8 pm, and on the **Day of Reconciliation in the Archdiocese on March 20<sup>th</sup> at St. Mathias Parish from 8 am to 8 pm.** Let us prepare to celebrate the paschal mysteries through this powerful sacrament of Healing and Forgiveness.

*From the USCCB Pastoral Exhortations*

## How to go to Confession

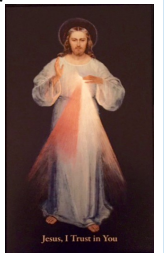
- ◆ Examine your conscience, call to mind your sins, and then enter the confessional.
- ◆ The priest will welcome and receive you.
- ◆ Make the sign of the cross and say: "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."
- ◆ The priest will invite you to trust in God. He may also read a text of Sacred Scripture.
- ◆ Say these or similar words:
- ◆ "Bless me Father for I have sinned. It has been \_\_\_\_\_ long since my last confession. These are my sins..."
- ◆ Tell the priest your sins. Then say these or similar words: "For these and all of my sins, I am sorry."
- ◆ Accept your work of penance (prayers, act of kindness, etc.) to help make satisfaction and amend your life.
- ◆ Express your sorrow for your sins (Act of Contrition) in these or similar words:
- ◆ **"O my God, I am sorry and repent with all my heart for all the wrong I have done and for the good I have failed to do, because by sinning I have offended you, who are all good and worthy to be loved above all things. I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid the occasions of sin. Through the merits of the Passion of our Savior Jesus Christ, Lord, have mercy.**

- ◆ Receive God's forgiveness as the priest prays the Prayer of Absolution.
- ◆ At the end of the Prayer of Absolution, reply: "Amen."
- ◆ Give praise to God. When the priest says: "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good," conclude: "For his mercy endures forever."
- ◆ Go in peace and remember to say or do your penance.

*Source: USCCB Communications*

## Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration April 7<sup>th</sup>

Following the most wonderful Season of Mercy, which is Lent, Mother of Perpetual Help will again celebrate "**Divine Mercy Sunday**" on April 7<sup>th</sup>. In one excerpt from St. Faustina's Diary 687: our Lord said, "*I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in my mercy.*" Ask for His Mercy. Be Merciful. Completely trust in Jesus.



We invite you to join us this year on Sunday April 7 from **1:30PM – 3:00PM** at **MPH 106 St. site.** We offer you an afternoon of prayer, adoration, veneration of the Divine Mercy Image, and recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. **Fr. James Kubicki**, noted author and speaker, will be our guest speaker. We will have 5 priests to hear confessions. Please come and join us!

# MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP OF WEST ALLIS

## HUMAN CONCERNS/OUTREACH



### Lenten Outreach CONGO HELPING HANDS

Donations (cash or check) may be made throughout Lent placed in envelopes marked with CHH

**Checks should be made out to MPH with CHH in the memo line. Thank you for your generosity!**

*Reminder: Jeff Mullins will be speaking at the masses April 6 & 7*

## LENT 2024 @ MPH

JOIN US at 5:00 PM for a FREE "Chili Dump" Dinner in the Parish Center (2360 S. 106<sup>th</sup> St.) at the MPH East Site

**MONDAY, MARCH 18**

*Prior to the 6:30 PM Lenten Parish Mission With Dr. Dan Scholz*

*Chili donations welcome for the "dump" (your favorite kind, to serve 4)*



Donations of new socks & underwear sizes 5T to children's XL are being accepted for the Milwaukee Academy for Chinese Language  
40% of students are immigrants or refugees

## Senior Social Club March 19th



Doors open at 11:30 am. We have a short meeting at noon and then we will enjoy a corned beef dinner. We will furnish the corn beef and bread, and we ask that you bring a dish to pass on this day, something that is usually served with corned beef. We have asked 3 people for desserts. Dues are \$2.00 per person and after lunch some will play sheepshead and the rest will play bingo. Come and meet old or new friends. Any questions call Mary Margaret 262-786-9542

## MPH NEWS

### St. Ben's Community Meal

*March dates:*

**Serving Monday, Mar. 18**

**Sandwich Making/Bagging Thursday 21st 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  
Blessings to all who help with this ministry!

## MQSCA SCHOOL



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

**2024-2025 Enrollment for MQSCA is OPEN!**

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

March Classes are: **Saturday, March 23rd**  
**First Communion Students**  
Please come for First Reconciliation and Preparations at the 116th Site from 10-12PM

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### SUNDAY, March 17, 2024

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

### MONDAY, March 18, 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.)  
**5:00 PM Chili Dump - Parish Center (106 St.)**  
**6:30 PM Parish Mission - Church (106 St.)**

### TUESDAY, March 19, 2024

9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry - BH (116 St.)  
11:30 AM Senior Social Club. - ND (106 St.)  
**6:30 PM Parish Mission - Church (106 St.)**

### WEDNESDAY, March 20, 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.)  
6:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry - BH (116 St.)  
**6:30 PM Parish Mission - Church (106 St.)**

### THURSDAY, March 21, 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.)  
6:45 PM Evening Prayer and Rosary - Church (106 St.)

### FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2024

7:00 PM Divine Mercy with Adoration and Benediction - Church (106 St.)

### SATURDAY, March 23, 2024

7:00 AM Men's Scripture Study - BH (116 St.)  
9:30-11:30 AM MPH Food Pantry - BH (116 St.)  
**10:00-12:00 PM First Reconciliation (116th St.)**