



# Mother of Perpetual Help PARISH

West Allis

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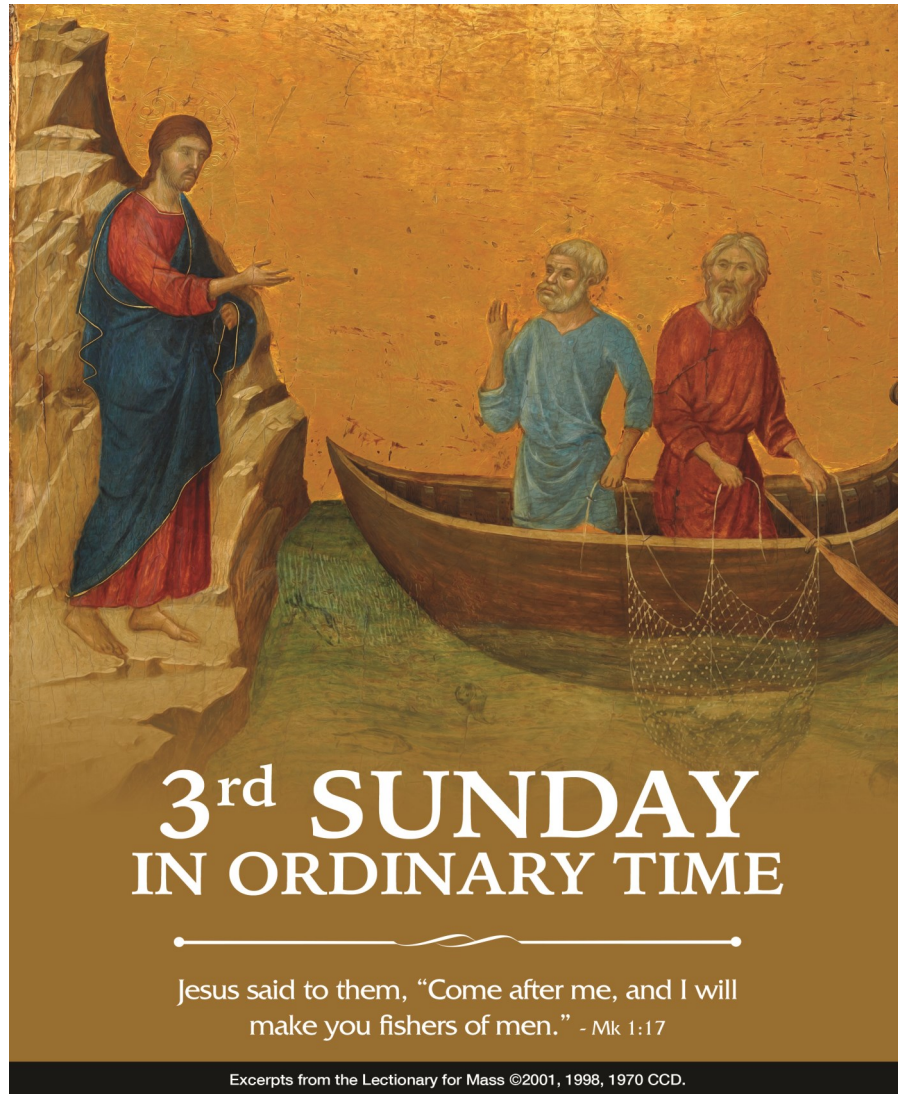
**MPH EAST**      **MPH WEST**  
2322 S. 106th Street    1212 S. 117th Street

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



## OUR PARISH MISSION

We are a dynamic faith community, truthful to Catholic teaching, spiritually nourishing, united in the Eucharist, reaching out and accompanying one another through engaging ministries, witnessing the gospel through the example of our lives.



## 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." - Mk 1:17

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

## 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)

**Office Mailing Address**

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West Allis, WI 53214

**Parish Office Hours:**

8:30 - 4:30 pm Monday - Friday 1:00 pm

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### NEW COMMUNICATION TEAM AT MPH

We are happy to announce that we formed a Communication Team, coordinated by Gary Jensen in our parish. This team will streamline all the means of communication with our parish community and others using all means of media. We love to hear your ideas about a better communicating and engaging parish. We have created a new email for this use.

**Email:** [communication@mphwa.org](mailto:communication@mphwa.org)

### Celebrating the Sacraments

**Baptism** call the parish office to register for Baptism.

**Reconciliation (Confession)** is celebrated on the First Saturday of the month at 8:30 am and on Wednesdays after the 8:00 am Mass.

**Anointing of the Sick** Will be celebrated the last weekend of the month after all Masses. Also, you may request anointing by calling the pastor or the parish office.

**Weddings** Please call the Parish office to make arrangements no later than 6 months prior to your anticipated date.

## MASS INTENTIONS



### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024**

**4:00 PM** † Linda Walczak (West Site)

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024**

**8:30 AM** † Marie Bozora (East Site)

**10:30 AM** † Jean Powles (East Site)

**7:00 PM** Living and Deceased Members of Our Parish (East Site)

**MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024**

**8:00 AM** Soloman Hunt (East Site)

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024**

**8:00 AM** † Judy Price (West Site)

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2024**

**8:00 AM** † Gaye Pellant (East Site)

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2024**

**8:00 AM** † Ronald Kirmsse (East Site)

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 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 - 8:00 PM**

**Tuesdays and Thursdays**

**8:00 AM - 8:00 PM**

### MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

The Chapel Candle at the 106th St. Site  
is burning this month  
**In Loving Honor of Ed Renner**





## REFLECTIONS FROM FR. MATTHEW

### “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men”

Today we begin a continuous reading of Mark’s Gospel that will carry us through this segment of the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. Remember that in Cycle B of the Lectionary, most of the Gospel readings are taken from the Gospel according to Mark.

The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a narrative about Jesus’ birth. Instead, Mark begins by reporting on the preaching of John the Baptist. John is described as the voice in the wilderness sent to prepare the way of the Lord. Immediately after describing the work of John the Baptist, Mark reports on Jesus’ baptism and his temptation in the desert. Jesus’ public ministry begins after the arrest of John the Baptist. Mark wants his readers to understand the important connection between the end of the ministry of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus’ own ministry.

As we learn at the beginning of today’s Gospel reading, Jesus preaches the Kingdom of God in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist. Like John the Baptist, Jesus’ pronouncement of the kingdom is a call to repentance. Yet Jesus’ preaching is greater than John’s. Jesus begins the time of fulfillment; the Kingdom of God is already here. This will be demonstrated again and again, both in Jesus’ words and in the actions that follow. Jesus’ healings and forgiveness of sins are signs of the Kingdom of God that he announces in his teaching.

Last week’s gospel gave us John’s depiction of Simon and Andrew’s calling. This week we hear how Jesus calls Simon and Andrew from their work catching fish. He opens new possibilities for the disciples, saying, “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of people”. He then calls two other brothers, James and John. They respond with extraordinary trust and follows him to begin a new mission, to partner with God in the redemption and salvation of humankind. We are challenged today as the followers of Jesus to join this mission of Jesus for saving humanity. This mission starts with us as we continuously repent and believe in the gospel.



### Eucharistic Revival We Don’t Just Receive

“The Eucharist involves more than just receiving; it also involves satisfying the hunger of Christ. He says “Come to me.” He is hungry for souls. No where does the Gospel say: “Go away,” but always “come to me.” *Mother Teresa*

*"The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white Host." - Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen*

### “Remain in my Word” (John 8,31)

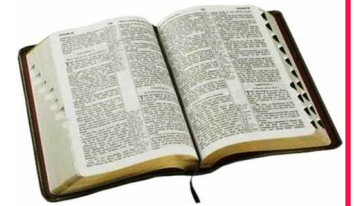
On September 30th, 2019, Pope Francis in his

Apostolic Letter,

"Aperuit Illis", instituted the

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time as the **Sunday of the Word of God**. In this, Pope

Francis "proposed setting aside 'a Sunday given over entirely to the word of God, so as to appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people'. Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world."



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Readings for the week of January 21, 2024

- Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/  
1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
- Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/  
Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/  
Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5  
27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or  
Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc,  
2/Mk 16:15-18
- Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a  
2b-3, 7-8a, 10/Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13,  
14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41
- Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9  
(8)/1Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28





## Anointing of the Sick

Next weekend we will celebrate the **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** after all Masses.



## “Lift Up Your Heart and Renew Your First Love”

### Couples Retreat

Friday, February 16 - 7:00 pm  
To  
Sunday, February 18 - 1:00 pm  
Reservations: 262-522-4300

## Women's Silent Retreat

Jesuit Retreat House, Oshkosh  
April 18-21, 2024

A woman's silent retreat will be held this coming April at the JESUIT RETREAT HOUSE on the shores of Lake Winnebago, Hwy 45 about 5 miles south of Oshkosh, WI. The director for this year's retreat will be Ms. Carol Ackels. All faiths are welcome to this silent, preached retreat in the Ignation tradition. All rooms are private with amenities and delicious meals included. The retreat house is handicapped accessible, and has recently been extensively remodeled. For more information, please contact Beth Mouradian at 414-545-1518, or you can contact Tanya at the Jesuit Retreat House office at [office@jesuitretreathouse.org](mailto:office@jesuitretreathouse.org) or by calling (920)231-9060.



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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

January Classes are: **Sunday, January 21**

**Please Note:** Families are welcome to sign up for the Mother of Perpetual Help Religious Education program at **any time**. We welcome any students from PreK through 11th grade. Come join us for our next class. We look forward to seeing you!! Contact the parish office.



The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is observed from **January 18-25**, in which Christians around the world take part in an octave of prayer for visible Christian unity. By annually observing the WPCU, Christians move toward the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper **"that they all may be one."**  
(John 17:21)

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### SUNDAY, January 21, 2024

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

### MONDAY, January 22, 2024

8:45 AM New Human Life Writers Mtg. - ND (106 St.)  
9:00 AM Sheepshead - PC 9 (106 St.)

### TUESDAY, January 23, 2024

9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Mtg. - BH (116 St.)  
6:30 PM Adoration, Benediction followed by Rosary - Church (106 St.)

### WEDNESDAY, January 24, 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 Mtg. - BH (116 St.)  
6:30 PM Stewardship Commission Gathering - Gym/ND (106 St.)

### THURSDAY, January 25, 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, January 27, 2024

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

# MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP OF WEST ALLIS

## HUMAN CONCERNS/OUTREACH

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

### -THANK YOU -

One more time, thank you to each parishioner who helped our parish through their **time, talent, and treasure** through the Holiday Season. Together we helped so many in the community helping them have a blessed Christmas and start to the New Year. Bless all of you and let's keep it up in 2024

### St. Ben's Community Meal

*January dates:*

*Sandwich Making/Bagging Thursday*

*25th 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!

**REMINDER:** If you have a Pyx that you are no longer using, please return it to the sacristy. Thank you.

## MQSCA SCHOOL



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

**Catholic Schools Week**

January 28 - February 3

**MQSCA Open House**

Thursday, February 1, 2024

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

### SCRIP:

Scrip is a fundraising program where Mother of Perpetual Help sells gift certificates and prepaid cards that can be used at the participating retailers to purchase merchandise. The retailers sell the cards to us at discounted rates and that is how Mother of Perpetual Help Parish makes money on the program. Scrip is sold at the Parish office.

The Social Committee of Mother of Perpetual Help Parish invites you to join us at the upcoming event:

**'Save the Date'**

**Saturday, February 24th**

**- Trivia Night -**



As always, watch the bulletins for details of upcoming events. Please put these dates on your calendar and we hope to see you there.

## Ministry Schedules for January 28, 2024 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Saturday, January 27 4:00 pm Mass	Sunday, January 28 8:30 am Mass	Sunday, January 28 10:30 am Mass	Sunday, January 28 7:00 pm Mass
Lector	Kathy Smith	Trish Schickert Jack Schickert	Paul Johnson Sue Harrits	Francesca Orlando Jack Schickert
Eucharistic Ministers	Rachel Formolo Diane Bay Mary Daniel, SSSF Barb Schwellinger Alfreda Mariani	Jack Schickert Soumya Francis Smitha George Janis Lloyd Laurie Cosson Diana Barthel	Deven Gracyalny Beth Mouradian Deb Morgan Monica Blagg Sue Harrits	Karen Barnes Carrie Gorski
Ushers	Tom Cannek Maggie Cannek	Mark Lancour Mary Gawronski Ann Gawronski Jim Peterson Debbie Peterson	Susan Scharmach Ray Ciszewski Don Pederson	Rick Raetz Tom Healy Allan Muckerheide Joe Kujawa Bob Lewicki