



# Mother of Perpetual Help PARISH

West Allis

FEBRUARY

4

2024

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

FIFTH 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.



# 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." - Mk 1:38

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## 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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### Welcome our Sisters to Mother of Perpetual Help!



**Sr. Lincy Konnackal**  
**Sr. Vita Lobo**  
**Sr. Sujatha D'Souza**  
**Sr. Roopa Divya**

**Of the Congregation of:**  
**Sisters of St. Joseph**  
**of Tarbes (SJT)**

## 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



### FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**FIRST SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024**

**8:00 AM** Sarah Hunt (East Site)  
**4:00 PM** † Shirley Kewan (West Site)

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024**

**8:30 AM** Living and Deceased Members of  
Our Parish (East Site)  
**10:30 AM** † Nicholas Dumak (East Site)  
**7:00 PM** For the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
(East Site)

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2024**

**8:00 AM** † Thomas Kelleher (East Site)

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2024**

**8:00 AM** † George and † Meleda Clemens  
(West Site)

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2024**

**8:00 AM** Dana Harrits ( East Site)

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2024**

**8:00 AM** † Evelyn Bishop (East Site)

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2024**

**4:00 PM** † Ferd and Arlene Haevers (West Site)

## Prayers

We extend our sympathy to the Felske  
family on the death of Hollis Felske.  
May she rest in peace and be risen to  
eternal glory!



**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





## REFLECTIONS FROM FR. MATTHEW

### “Everyone is looking for you”

(Mark 1:29-39)

Today we continue to read from Mark’s Gospel, learning more about the ministry of Jesus. Jesus cured Simon’s mother-in-law, and she immediately began to serve Jesus and his disciples. Jesus then cures all those who were brought to him with various ailments, healing their illnesses and driving out demons.

On the morning after this busy day, Jesus retreated in prayer, but was pursued by Simon and others who brought news that many people were looking for him. Jesus’ compassion and healing of the sick is a sign of the Kingdom of God. The church continues to extend Christ’s healing presence to others in its ministry to the sick. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, the church prays for spiritual and physical healing, forgiveness of sins, and comfort for those who are suffering from illness.

In the first reading today, we see Job bringing all his difficult emotions and sufferings in prayer. The gospel is the response of God to our prayers of lamentation. The gospel can be difficult to digest for people who prayed for healing, for themselves or a loved one, and did not experience a cure like Simon’s mother-in-law. Why did I or my loved one have to suffer? Why didn’t Jesus answer our prayers for a complete cure? These are the sorts of difficult, honest questions Jesus wants us to bring to him. He listens to the longing of our hearts and promises healing will come in time, as we would see towards the end of the story of Job.

In today’s Gospel we also notice the importance of prayer in Jesus’ daily life. *Jesus rose early in the morning, removed himself from the crowds, and went to a deserted place to pray.* When the disciples found him, he told them that it was time to move on. We believe that in his prayers Jesus found guidance and direction from God. We also bring our decision-making to God in prayer, asking for his guidance and direction in our lives.



## THE EUCHARIST – Christ’s Way of Assuring Us How Much He Loves Us.

“Christ gives his love to us as food, as the Bread of Life ... the Bread of Love. The Host that we consume consumes us. The Eucharist reveals the truest, most ineradicable fact of our life:

We are a relationship with God.

We are part of a holy belonging. The intimacy we cannot live without is ours in Holy Communion. The repeated command of Jesus before his Passion — *Remain in me. Remain in me* — is possible because of the Holy Eucharist. (Fr. Peter John Cameron O.P – Aleteia)

**“Love cannot triumph unless it becomes the one passion of our life. Without such passion we may produce isolated acts of love; but our life is not really won over or consecrated to an idea. Until we have a passionate love for Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament, we shall accomplish nothing.”**

(St. Peter Julian Eymard)

### 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.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Readings for the week of February 4, 2024

- Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see 3a)/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/ Mk 1:29-39
- Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10 Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/ Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/ Mk 7:24-30
- Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:1 Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/ Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10
- Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7) 1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45



Many Hands. One Vision.  
Catholic Stewardship Appeal

## 2024 Catholic Stewardship Appeal kicks off this weekend!

Our 2024 CSA goal is **\$67,221.00**. This is calculated by 8% of the 5 year average of your parish envelopes and offertory. Last year's goal was **\$51,000.00** and our total giving was **\$34,023.00**, which was **66.71%** of the goal.

Thank you for making the Catholic Stewardship Appeal a priority in our parish—your efforts have a profound impact on the ministries of the Archdiocese, our parishes, our schools and the community.

### Spiritual Adoption - Month 5

I am 5 months old now. I'm 12 inches long and I weigh about one pound. I'm really getting big and mommy can now feel me kick and move around! Hey! Someday maybe I'll play soccer! Thank you for praying for me!

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted*

Your prayers CAN make a difference between whether a baby will be born...or aborted. Our prayers can also be a form of spiritual support for both of the parents. Please share the love of life given to you by the Lord of all life and join in spiritually adopting a baby.

The **Parishioner Engagement Committee** was formed to bring our faith community together and energize our parishioners through events held at Mother of Perpetual Help.

**First Event!**  
We invite you to join our **Pickleball** event on **Saturday, February 10th** from 12-3 PM at the Parish Center gym. All ages and skill levels are welcome! Please put this date on your calendar and we are excited to see you there. If you have any questions or would like to attend, please contact **Don Pederson (414) 418-4141**.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**\*Reminder:** The 1st Sunday of every month in the same building Parent/Guardian Coffee and Chat with the Pastor, 9:30-10:30 am.

February Classes are: **\*Sunday, February 4th**  
**Sunday, February 11th**  
**Sunday, February 18th**



### MASTERING WHAT MATTERS

**Attention Men:** You're invited to join the 2024 Men of Christ conference—**Mastering What Matters**—which will be held in parishes across the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, including our parish—with both virtual and live elements. The morning will feature well-known speakers, Mass, Confession and fellowship. Get all the details and register at [MenOfChrist.net](http://MenOfChrist.net)

**When:** Saturday, March 9, 2024

**Where:** Mother Of Perpetual Help Parish, Mass in Church, breakfast and conference in the parish center.

**Time:** 7:00 A.M. Rosary, 7:30 A.M. Mass with program to follow, ends at 12:30 P.M.

Register at [MenOfChrist.net](http://MenOfChrist.net) Feel free to contact us: John Czepulis 414-541-0817, Devan Gracyalny 414-801-6886 or John Gomez 414-861-1101 for more information.



### 'Save the Date'

**Saturday, February 24th**

Registration is open! For more information or to pick up a form call the parish office (414) 453-5192.

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

- SUNDAY, February 4, 2024**  
9:40 AM Faith Formation Classes - All PC, ND (106 St.)
- MONDAY, February 5, 2024**  
8:45 AM New Human Life Writers Mtg. - ND (106 St.)  
9:00 AM Sheepshead - PC 9 (106 St.)
- TUESDAY, February 6, 2024**  
6:30 PM Prayer Group - ND (106 St.)  
7:00 PM Rosary - Church (106 St.)
- WEDNESDAY, February 7, 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.)  
5:30 PM Human Concerns Mtg. - ND (106 St.)  
7:00 PM Dartball - Gym (106 St.)
- THURSDAY, February 8, 2024**  
6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal - Church (106 St.)
- SATURDAY, February 10, 2024**  
8:30 AM SVDP Meeting - BH (116 St.)  
9:30-11:30 AM MPH Food Pantry - BH (116 St.)  
12:00 noon Pickleball - Gym (106 St.)

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## HUMAN CONCERNS/OUTREACH

Director: Kathy Smith 414-453-5192 ext. 125  
[Kathy@mphwa.org](mailto:Kathy@mphwa.org)

**LENT BEGINS ASH WEDNESDAY,  
 FEBRUARY 14**  
 Which is in 10 days!

**Our Lenten outreach will again be the Congo  
 Helping Hands missionary group**

They have recently suffered some major losses of their solar water equipment due to severe flooding so we will be raising funds to help restore that equipment. Prayers, are also much appreciated!



Our HC Committee together with some of our Religious Education catechists and students, are putting together Valentines with cupcakes, for our homebound parishioners!

## MQSCA SCHOOL

Principal: Nick Lee 414-476-0751  
[leen@mqscateacher.org](mailto:leen@mqscateacher.org)

This week students celebrated Catholic School's week, having dress down days like decades days, participates in special projects like writing thank you cards to the parishes, and hosting an open house of the school.



Meijer will **double match** any cards purchased on **Saturday, March 2 & 23**, effectively tripling contributions made on that day.

The Winter campaign runs now until **March 30** at the Meijer Greenfield Store at **60<sup>th</sup> & Layton** benefiting our **MPH Food Pantry**

**give**  
 together, we can help end hunger in our community.  
 with just \$10, you can provide meals to local pantries serving families in need.



## St. Ben's Community Meal

February dates:

Serving Monday, Feb. 19

**Sandwich Making/Bagging Thursdays, 15th & 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](mailto:kathy@mphwa.org)  
 Blessings to all who help with this ministry!

## Ministry Schedules for February 11th, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Saturday, February 10 4:00 pm Mass	Sunday, February 11 8:30 am Mass	Sunday, February 11 10:30 am Mass	Sunday February 11 7:00 pm Mass
Lector	Bev Foti	John Hopkins Sandi Freund	Dave Shook Marie Ullerich	Margaret/Allan Mucherheide
Eucharistic Ministers	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Ushers	John Weber Sandy Manchester	Mark Lancour Bob Studer Patti Studer Bernie Hintzke Kathy Hintzke	Susan Scharmach Ray Ciszewski Don Pederson	Rick Raetz Tom Healy Allan Muckerheide Joe Kujawa Bob Lewicki