



Mother of Perpetual Help

PARISH

FEBRUARY
26
2023

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP SITES



MPH EAST
2322 S. 106th Street

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 (Except Thursday)

First Saturday: 8:00 am (MPH East)



MPH WEST
1212 S. 117th Street

First Sunday of Lent



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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Lenten Reflection On-line Resources

Ascensionpress.com -- Fr. Mike Schmitz - find the materials under Free Media - **Catechism In A Year and Bible In A Year**

Dynamiccatholic.com -- to access Matthew Kelly's free offering entitled **Best Lent Ever**

Lenten Reflection Booklets
Are available at both sites until we run out.

MPH Parish Stewardship Report

Please Note:

We are changing how we report our Stewardship. On the first week of every month we will report the prior months stewardship so that we can also include the on-line giving.

MASS INTENTIONS

FIRST WEEK OF LENT

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2023
4:00 PM † Ferd Haevers (West Site)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2023
8:30 AM Living and Deceased Members of our Parish (East Site)
10:30 AM † Nick and Rose Wiza (East Site)
7:00 PM † Laverne Raetz (East Site)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2023
8:00 AM † Isaiah Coleman (East Site)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2023
8:00 AM † Henry Verdin (West Site)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2023
8:00 AM † James Moscicki (East Site)

FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2023
8:00 AM † Dave Shook Sr. (East Site)

Prayers

Death(s)

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!

Diane K Baumann
Jeffrey P. Nygaard
Dorothy Kerhin

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

The Mary Candle at 106th St. Site is burning this month
for **Special Intentions for the Kasinski Family**

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

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





REFLECTIONS FROM FR. MATTHEW

40 days in the desert with Jesus

As we begin this year's Lenten journey and renewal of our spiritual life, the Church gives us powerful readings to help us to reflect on God's desire to bring us closer to Him. The first reading recounts the story of how Adam and Eve turned away from God. The psalm is a repentant appeal to the goodness of God. The second reading reminds us that even though we are sinners, we are saved through the obedience of Jesus Christ. And the gospel tells us how Jesus went to the desert to fast and pray for 40 days and resisted the temptations of Satan.

Lent is an invitation to experience **40 days in the desert with Jesus**. Our Lenten practices are meant to be a way to do this. We can consider them in relation to the three temptations of Jesus.

First, Satan tempted Jesus to turn bread into stones. The gospel states that Jesus was hungry, so this would have been difficult to resist. It is also a temptation to use his power for himself instead of for the mission he has been sent on by His Father. We can think of this as a temptation for comfort and material goods. We learn to resist this temptation **through fasting**. When we give up something for Lent, we are recognizing that filling our desires for food, entertainment, and comfort is not the most important thing in our lives. We must **fill our hunger for a relationship with Jesus first**.

The second temptation was for Jesus to rule over all of the kingdoms of the world, if only he would worship Satan. This is a temptation for worldly glory and power. He would be forgetting his mission to draw all nations to his heavenly Father. The remedy for this temptation for power is to love weakness instead. We can do this by lifting up the powerless in this world. That includes those living in poverty, the elderly, the marginalized. **We do this through almsgiving**. We give what we have to **help those in need of a helping hand**.

The third temptation was for Jesus to depend upon himself instead of trusting in his heavenly Father. This is a temptation to test his Father and make himself the most important person in this universe. This is to be driven to ego. The way to keep our own egos from growing out of control is **through prayer**. In prayer, we remember our dependence on God. We also remember all of the gifts God has given us. We put God first, instead of ourselves. When **we place ourselves before God in prayer**, we remember our place in the universe.

Let us accompany one another with our prayers, acts of charity and repentant hearts to be renewed and strengthened.

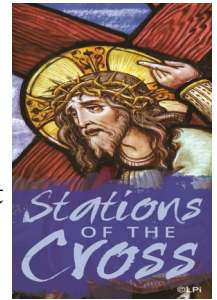


Lenten Vespers & Rosary

Lenten Vespers (Evening Prayer) and Rosary will be prayed as a parish at **6:30 pm** the evenings of **February 28** in the First Week of Lent, and **March 14** in the Third Week of Lent, at the main church (**East Site, 106th St.**). Feel free to attend only Vespers, only the Rosary, or both if you like. Consider this prayer opportunity as a part of your Lenten observance this year.

Stations of the Cross (106th St. Site)

Wednesday, March 1, 6:30 pm
Wednesday, March 8, 6:30 pm
Wednesday, March 15, 6:30 pm
Wednesday, March 22, Parish Retreat
Wednesday, March 29, 6:30 pm
Wednesday, April 5, 6:30 pm



Lenten Candles



Have you noticed that the candles at the altar are not pure white, almost yellow? The pure white candles represent joy and most often associated with the Resurrection of Jesus and are made white through the Medieval process of bleaching them. The yellow looking, unbleached candles in our sanctuary during Lent represent penance and preparation for Easter. May this be a reminder to us as we make ready ourselves, and our hearts are made pure by the blood of the Lamb, to receive the risen Lord Jesus this Easter.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Readings for the week of February 26, 2023

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17
(see 3a)/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11
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: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/
Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/
Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 507a, 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 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 (22)/
2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9



St. Ben's Community Meal

Monday, March 21 for serving
March 16 and 23 for bag making

String cheese, chips, desserts, cuties or fruit/
applesauce cups are welcome; drop off 8-9 AM or
2-3:30 PM on above dates

Contact Kathy: to donate/serve

Questions/volunteer:

Kathy Smith 414-453-5192x125 or kathy@mphwa.org
BLESSINGS to all those so faithful to this ministry!

Critical Needs:

- Plus-sized clothing (2X and above)
- New underwear for men and women
- Men and women's athletic/casual shoes
- Pajamas/Loungewear



The Center is also in need of volunteers. To donate or volunteer, call 414-258-5437 or go to fathergeneshelp.org

WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2023

9:00 AM Sheepshead - PC 9 (106 St.)
5:30 PM SVDP Meeting - BH (116 St.)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2023

6:30 PM Vespers: Evening Prayer & Rosary - Church (106 St.)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2023

8:45 AM Sunday's Scripture Session - ND (106 St.)
9:00 AM MPH Helping Hands - BH (116 St.)
9-11 AM Food Pantry - BH (116 St.)
9:00 AM Sheepshead - PC 9 (106 St.)
6:30 PM Stations of the Cross - Church (106 St.)
7:00 PM Dartball - Gym (106 St.)

THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2023

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2023

9:30 - 11:30 AM Food Pantry - Bethany House (116 St.)



"Calling all men Young and Old"

Attention men: You're invited to join the 2023 Men of Christ conference — **Living Your Vocation Courageously**—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 at MenOfChrist.net

When: Saturday, March 11th, 2023

Where: [Mother of Perpetual Help 2322 S.106th St. West Allis, WI](#)

Time: 7:00 A.M. Rosary, 7:30 A.M. Mass with program to follow, ends at 1:30 P.M. Continental breakfast and lunch are provided. *Program will be held in the Parish Center.*

Register at MenOfChrist.net or contact us- *Devan Gracyalny 414-801-6886*, John Czepulis 414 -541-0817 or John Gomez 414-861-1101 for more information.

Ministry Schedules for March 5, Second Sunday of Lent

	Saturday, March 4 4:00 pm Mass	Sunday, March 5 8:30 am Mass	Sunday, March 5 10:30 am Mass	Sunday, March 5 7:00 pm Mass
Lector	Barbara Schwellinger	Jack Schickert Trish Schickert	Monica Blagg Katherine Beeson	George Berger
Eucharistic Ministers	Diane Bay Rachel Formolo John Weber	John Gomez Mary Maberry Katie O'Brien	Deb Stenz Beth Mouradian Caecilia Huang	Marilyn Licht Don Falk Karen Barnes
Ushers	Tom Cannek Maggie Cannek	Ed Kuske Mary Russo Rich Barthel Bernie Hintzke Kathy Hintzke 4	Susan Scharmach Ray Ciszewski Gil Van Blaricom Rick Stenz	Rick Raetz Tom Healy Allan Muckerheide Joe Kujawa Bob Lewicki

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LENTEN OUTREACH 2023

Global: Congo Helping Hands

Video on our website and
Facebook page

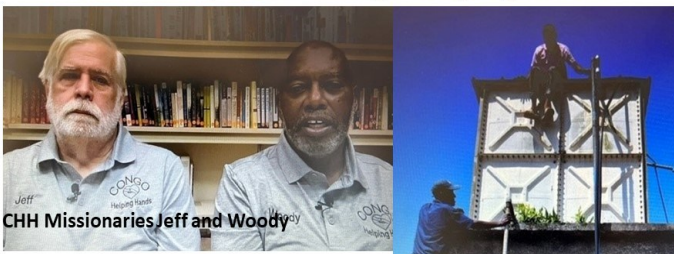
Local: Capuchin Community
Services Hygiene Bag Drive

Suggested Items for Hygiene Bag Drive may be full
or travel size:

Soap/Body Wash	Shaving Razor
Dish Soap	Hand Sanitizer
Shampoo/ Conditioner	Feminine Sanitary Products
Toothpaste, Toothbrush & Dental Floss	Facial Tissues
Deodorant	Toilet Paper Roll
Lip Balm	Washcloth/Baby Wipes
	Hand/Body Lotion

Local Capuchin Community Services Hygiene Bag Drive.
There will be boxes at all of the church entrances for
donated personal hygiene items to be used for the drive.

MPH Lent, 2023 - Congo Helping Hands



Converting from diesel to solar power for water
24 hours a day, and not costing weekly money!



Success!!
This isn't possible without your
generosity this Lent!

MQSCA SCHOOL

MQSCA's Sip and Support Beer and Wine Tasting Fundraiser

March 11th, 6-9 pm

(MQSCA Hall - entrance off 117th St.)

Join us for a night of beer and wine
tasting, food and live music and
much more. This is to help raise
funds for playground improvements
and a fence. Advance tickets \$30,
4 tickets for \$100 or \$35 at the door.
We except cash, checks and Venmo
Pay. Tickets are now on sale in the
school office 414-476-0751.



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.

March Classes are:

***Sunday, March 5th**
Sunday, March 12th
Sunday, March 19th

Please Note: Families are welcome to sign up for the
Mother of Perpetual Help Religious Education program at
any time. There are 5 classes remaining, followed by a
family event on April 30th. We welcome any students
from PreK through 11th grade. Come join us for our next
class. We look forward to seeing you!!

For more information, call Colleen Raupp at
(414) 218-3075.

Celebrating the Sacraments

Baptism call the parish office to register for the class and
the 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 Anointing may be requested by
calling the parish office or the pastor.

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