



# Mother of Perpetual Help PARISH

West Allis

APRIL  
**7**  
2024

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



## SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY



### 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.

### 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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## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

**Child:** Adaline Jeanette Prusak  
**Parents:** Ryan Prusak/Katie Liban

**Child:** Sophia Rose Laureano  
**Parents:** Raul Laureano/Brittany Schultz



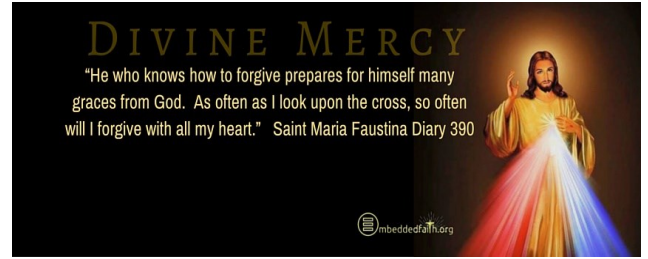
## MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP



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

The Mary Candles at 106th St. Site are  
burning this month  
**In Loving Memory of Emily Duberke  
And  
In Loving Memory of Michael G. Dawydowycz**

## MASS INTENTIONS



## SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

**FIRST SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024**

**8:00 AM** † Ida Viola Lagosh (East Site)

**4:00 PM** † Lucille Piber (West Site)

**SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024**

**8:30 AM** Living and Deceased Members of  
Our Parish (East Site)

**10:30 AM** † Michael G. Dawydowycz  
(East Site)

**7:00 PM** † George Burdey (East Site)

**MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024**

**8:00 AM** † Darlene Roster (East Site)

**TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024**

**8:00 AM** † Mary Herro (West Site)

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2024**

**8:00 AM** Living and Deceased Weston  
Families (East Site)

**FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024**

**8:00 AM** Living and Deceased Merritt  
Families (East Site)

**SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024**

**4:00 PM** † Phil and † Mabel Haegers  
(West Site)

## 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 and Fridays 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.



## REFLECTIONS FROM FR. MATTHEW

**“Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”**

(John 20:29)

Today’s Gospel from **John 20:19-31** deeply resonates with the themes of forgiveness, faith, and God’s boundless mercy. It recounts a moment when Jesus appears to his disciples, offering peace and the Holy Spirit, emphasizing the power of forgiveness. The encounter with doubting Thomas highlights Jesus’ compassion and patience, inviting all to a deeper faith. As we continue to celebrate the New Life of Easter, the church invites us to reflect on the gift of PEACE the Lord offers us through his merciful love. That is why this second Sunday is observed as Divine Mercy Sunday. The Gospel passage underscores the essence of **Divine Mercy Sunday: Jesus’ mercy towards us, his call for us to believe without seeing, and his commissioning us to spread this mercy.**

In the gospel narrative we hear the familiar story of Doubting Thomas. After the resurrection, Jesus appears to the disciples, but Thomas is not with them. When the other disciples tell him that they have seen the Lord, Thomas responds that he will not believe unless he can see and touch the wounds in Jesus’ hands and side. A week later, Jesus appears again, and this time Thomas is there. Jesus invites Thomas to touch his wounds and to believe. Thomas responds with a powerful declaration of faith: "My Lord and my God!". When Thomas doubts, Jesus does not rebuke him or shame him. He simply offers him the evidence he needs to believe and invites him into a deeper relationship.

This is a powerful message for us today. We all have moments of doubt and fear, times when we struggle to believe or to trust in God’s plan for us. But like Thomas, we are invited to bring our doubts and questions to Jesus, who offers us peace and the evidence we need to believe.

On this Divine Mercy Sunday let us pray for the grace to live out this mission of forgiveness and reconciliation in our own lives, in our parish and in the world around us. May we be instruments of God’s mercy and love, bringing healing and hope to all those we meet.



## Eucharist Revival Jesus’ Entire Existence Was Eucharistic

In a catechesis on the Road to Emmaus, Pope Francis observes: “[Jesus] repeats for the disciples the fundamental gesture of every Eucharist. He takes bread, blesses it, breaks it, and gives it. Does not Jesus’ entire history perhaps lie in this series of gestures? And is there not in every Eucharist, also the symbol of what the Church should be? Jesus takes us, blesses us, ‘breaks’ our life — because there is no love without sacrifice — and offers it to others; he offers it to everyone”

(General Audience, May 24, 2017).

**“The Eucharist is the Sacrament of Love: It signifies love, it produces love.”**

(St. Thomas Aquinas)

## ADULT CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation with Adults will be held on **Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2024** at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist at 3:30 pm. **Registration deadline is Monday, May 6, 2024.** If any adults from our parish that would like to be confirmed this year, please contact the office at 414-453-5192.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Readings for the week of April 7, 2024

- Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31
- Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/ Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/ Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/ Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36
- Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21
- Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/ 1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48



## ~ EASTER THANK YOU ~

On behalf of our Parish Family I **THANK** all in our great MPH team beginning with the Liturgy and Environment team led by Joseph Wittmann, who made our church look so beautiful for each liturgical celebration during Holy Week. In addition I **THANK** the wonderful choir who helped us all to worship and praise God; the Acolytes and servers who made the liturgy so meaningful and smooth; the lectors, the ushers, greeters, communion ministers and everyone in attendance who welcomed each other celebrating the great paschal mysteries thus making it a joyful and spiritually nourishing experience. May the Risen Lord continue to fill our hearts with Joy and Hope and lead our parish to witness the Good News to the world.

## MPH FAMILY DAY

Sunday, April 28, 2024

Our Parish is organizing a Family Day on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> to celebrate **ALL our families with children**. This will also be the concluding day of our Religious Education program for this year. Come together for a delicious **Breakfast** on Sunday morning starting at 8:00 am, followed by activities for children and parents, coordinated by our Religious Ed team. We will conclude with a family Mass at 10:30 am. Come and celebrate the gift of our faith and family.

### MPH TRIDIUM 2024



### FESTIVAL PLANNING MEETING

Have ideas for our parish festival? Bring them to the next meeting of the Festival Planning Committee on **Monday, April 8, at 5:30 pm in the Notre Dame Room**. We would really appreciate your input to help make the return of our festival a huge success. All are welcome!

### WEEK AT A GLANCE

#### SUNDAY, April 7, 2024

9:40 AM Faith Formation Classes - All PC, ND (106 St.)  
12:00 PM Divine Mercy Celebration - Church (106 St.)

#### MONDAY, April 8, 2024

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

#### TUESDAY, April 9, 2024

9:00 AM Sandwich Ministry - KI (106 St.)  
12:00 Noon Stock Box Distribution - Gym (106 St.)  
1:00 PM Christian Women Meeting - ND (106 St.)  
5:30 PM Social Committee Meeting - ND (106 St.)  
7:00 PM Rosary - Church (106 St.)

#### WEDNESDAY, April 10, 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 Meeting - ND (106 St.)  
7:00 PM Dartball - Gym (106 St.)

#### THURSDAY, April 11, 2024

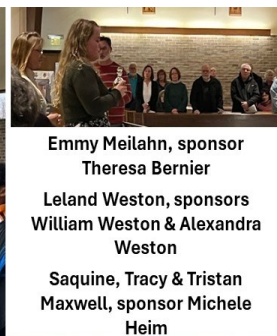
6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal - Church (106 St.)

#### FRIDAY, April 12, 2024

4:30 PM Fish Fry - MQSCA Hall (116 St.)

#### SATURDAY, April 13, 2024

7:00 AM Men's Scripture Study - BH (116 St.)  
8:00 AM PEC Meeting - ND (106 St.)  
8:30 AM SVDP Meeting - BH (116 St.)  
9:30-11:30 AM MPH Food Pantry - BH (116 St.)  
12:00 PM Pickleball - Gym (106 St.)



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## HUMAN CONCERNS/OUTREACH

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

*A few highlights of the activities the Human Concerns Committee has been up to:*

- ◆ Hosted the Chili Dump before the first night of the Parish Mission.
- ◆ Put together and donated a Silent Auction Basket for the primary fundraiser, The Annual Tapestry Gala, for ERAS Senior Adults.
- ◆ Continues to provide volunteers to serve once a month at St. Ben's Community Meal, along with continuing to make 150+ bag dinners for guests who visit St. Ben's for showers and laundry on two Fridays a month with the help of the many volunteers who contribute the necessary food, make the sandwiches, assemble the bags, and deliver them.
- ◆ Assemble & deliver gift bags to baptismal families when needed.
- ◆ Conducted the Lenten mission drive for Congo Helping Hands.
  - ◆ With the help of our St. Vincent de Paul Conference, collected for the Meijer Simply Give Campaign which helps support our MPH Food Pantry.



A few of the regular sandwich makers, donors, & bag assemblers

We invite you to join our **Pickleball** event

on **Saturday, April 13th** 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.**



### Advanced directives for Health Care

Stay informed and prepared to fully participate in your health care decisions. Updated packets of protective power of attorney for health care are available at the Lincoln Avenue informational display.

## MQSCA SCHOOL



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

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

### Christian Women

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 9th at 1:00 pm in the Notre Dame Room. Kathy Smith will be our guest speaker.



## MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP FISH FRY

**Friday, April 12th**

**4:30-7:00pm**

**MQSCA School Building Cafeteria**

**Entrance is on S. 117th Street**  
*(Live Music provided by Jim Madritsch)*



Baked or fried cod, fried shrimp, French fries, parsley buttered potatoes, green beans, rye bread, homemade desserts and more!

Adult dinners — \$15.00  
Kids ages 5 to 11 — \$5.00  
Kids 4 and under eat free  
*Take-outs available!*  
*Credit Cards Accepted*

### St. Ben's Community Meal

*April dates: Serving Monday, April 15*

**Sandwich Making/Bagging Thursdays 18th & 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**

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

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Safe Environment Training** for our Religious Education students will be held on April 7th from 9:40 am to 10:20 am. Please make sure all are present. This is a mandatory training.

**April Classes are:**

**Sunday, April 7th - Safe Environment Training**

**Sunday, April 14th**

**Sunday, April 21st**

**Sunday, April 28th - MPH Family Day**