

Mother of Perpetual Help PARISH



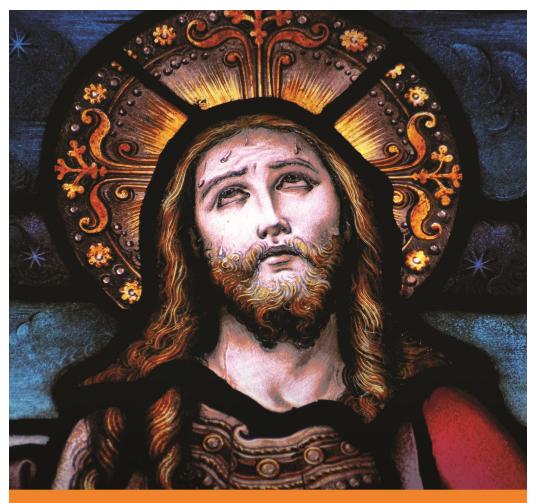
3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MISSION STATEMENT

We are Catholics of Mother of Perpetual Help Parish in West Allis, Wisconsin. We encounter Jesus and grow as disciples through the Sacramental Life of the Church. We seek to proclaim the joy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through His life-giving and saving Death and Resurrection. We are called and sent to form new disciples through our worship, our service, and our witness, to share the joy of living the Good News in the world today.

PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH

Mother of Perpetual Help, you have been our refuge from one generation to another. Intercede for us now with your Son Jesus. Help our parish to be an instrument in the hands of God Unite and guide us as people of Faith, to become more like Jesus. May our worship give glory to God. May our service find its model in your discipleship. Make us living witnesses of unfailing hope in our troubled world. Mother of Perpetual Help, pray for us. AMEN



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled ... You are witnesses of these things." - Lk 24:44, 48

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Mother of Perpetual Help Sites



92ND STREET SITE 1414 S. 92nd Street



106TH STREET SITE 2322 S. 106th Street





Mass Intentions



SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2021 -First Communion Sunday THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:00 AM † Thomas Kelleher (106 St.) 9:30 AM Living and Deceased Members of Our Parish (116 St.) 11:00 AM † Jeff Kusik (106 St.)

7:00 PM + Janice M. Sutherland (92 St.)

MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2021 8:00 AM † Arlene Volkert (106 St.)

TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2021 8:15 AM † Lois Ninnemann (116 St.)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2021 8:00 AM † David Colling (106 St.)

THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 2021 No Mass

FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 2021 8:00 AM † Lyle Karis (106 St.)

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2021 4:00 PM † Victor Koerner (116 St.)

SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2021 –First Communion Sunday
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
8:00 AM † Sammie Blagg (106 St.)
9:30 AM Living and Deceased Members of Our Parish (116 St.)
11:00 AM For the health of Sandra Kohne (106 St.)
7:00 PM † Paul Schaumberg (92 St.)

Mother of Perpetual Help Parish Priests' Weekend Mass Schedule				
April 24 th April 25 th April 25 th	4:00pm	116th Site	Fr. Bill	
April 25 th	8:00am	106th Site	Camillus	
April 25 th	9:30am	116th Site	Camillus	
April 25 th April 25 th	11:00am	106th Site	Fr. Bill	
April 25 th	7:00pm	92nd Site	Fr. Bill	

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PARISH OFFICE / STAFF

<u>Temporary Administrator</u>: Father Alan Jurkus

Deacons: Deacon John D'Alessio Deacon Walt Henry Deacon Keith Marx

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Margaret@mphwa.org

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Parish Website www.mphwa.org

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP



The Immaculate Heart Votive Light at 116th St. Site is burning this month **In Loving Memory of Art Stueck**

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

The Mary Candles at 106th St. Site are burning this month In Loving Memory of Sandra Kelleher And For healing of Melissa Bennetts

The Chapel Candle at 106th St. Site is burning this month In Loving Memory of Fr. Jeff Prasser

Celebrating the Sacraments

Baptism is celebrated during or after Mass on the second Sunday of the month. Due to current restrictions, all baptisms will take place after Mass until further notice. A Baptismal preparation class is required. You must call the parish office to register for the class and the Baptism.

<u>Reconciliation (Confession)</u> At this time reconciliation is by appointment only. Please call the pastor to set up an appointment. A regular schedule for monthly Confession will be announced when available.

<u>Anointing of the Sick</u> Until further notice, individual anointing may be requested by calling the pastor.

<u>Weddings</u> Please call the Parish office to make arrangements no later than 6 months prior to your anticipated date. A process of preparation including participation in an Archdiocesan Engaged Encounter is required of all couples seeking marriage in the church.

Readings for the Week

Readings for the week of April 18, 2021

Sunday:	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/
	1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48
Monday:	Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/
	Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday:	Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a,
	17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a
	[1]/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20
-	[1]/Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2
	[Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday:	Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/
	Jn 6:60-69
Next Sunday:	Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29
·	[22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

God's Word

3rd Sunday of Easter /April 18, 2021

First Reading:

The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses. (Acts 3:15)

Second Reading:

He is explation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. (1 Jn 2:2)

Gospel:

"Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name." (Lk 24:46-47)

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Temporary Administrator

Leadership has been in touch with the Vicar of Clergy for the Archdiocese regarding the appointment of a temporary administrator for our parish.

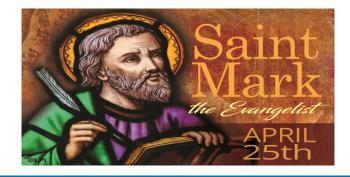
We are pleased to inform you that Father Alan Jurkus has agreed to serve our parish on a temporary basis until June, when we anticipate the Archbishop shall install a new pastor/administrator. We welcome and thank Father Alan for his willingness to minister to us in the months ahead as we work together to fulfill Fr. Jeff's vision for Mother of Perpetual Help Parish.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE April 18, 2021 3rd Sunday of Easter

We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don't always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life's challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world.

Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their "aha" moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively, and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.

We need our "aha" moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our "aha" moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, "peace be with you," and we feel secure. It's all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God's goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News.



WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning Mass will be celebrated at 8 AM at 106th Street site. Tuesday Mass will be at 8:15 AM at the 116th Street Site and at various times throughout the year we will be joined by the school children.

First Saturday morning Mass followed by confessions has returned to the 106th Street site.

MASS ON VIDEO

Thanks to all who have made the availability of a video Sunday Mass possible. You can access the video from our website at **<u>www.mphwa.org</u>** - simply click on the link at the top of the homepage.

You may also access these YouTube videos directly using the following link:

http://www.youtube.com/c/MPHWACatholicChurch

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP 2020 - 2021

WEEK ENDING

March 28, 2021

Membership	\$2,005.00
Repair and Maintenance	
Scholarship	5.00
Other	
Offertory	
Total	\$2,904.00

April 4, 2021

Membership	\$7,815.00
Repair and Maintenance	
Scholarship	
Offertory	
Holy Day	
Total	

April 11, 2021

Membership	\$20,525.50
Repair and Maintenance	
Scholarship	
Holy Day	
Offertory	
Total	\$23,716.00

Our deep gratitude to parishioners and guests for their commitment to the ongoing work of Christ at Mother of Perpetual Help.

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HUMAN CONCERNS/OUTREACH

Director: Kathy Smith 414-453-0300 ext. 25 Kathy@mphwa.org

WELCOME FR. ALAN! Thank you for saying yes to this call! We look forward to working with you!

APRIL is DONATE LIFE MONTH

https://versiti.org/ways-to-give Consider giving blood for the first time or give again thank you if you have given before!

Additional information for organ donor registry: https://health.wisconsin.gov/donorRegistry/public/ donate.html

Every blood donation has the potential to save 3 lives!!

CHILD AND YOUTH MINISTRY

Director: Becca Bojarski 414-453-0300 ext. 26 Becca@mphwa.org

First Communion Rehearsals in Church - Parent and Child

Monday, April 19th for 116th St. - 6:30 p.m.

CONFIRMATION MASS - Saturday, May 1st at 10:00 a.m. .at St. Rita's Parish

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.



Father Gene's Help Center

provides free clothing to those in need in the greater Milwaukee area. They are in need of underwear for men, women, children, children's clothing (especially boys' sizes 2-18), active wear bottoms (sweatpants & leggings) for men & women, athletic shoes, boots especially men's size 8 & up, and plus-size clothing. Volunteers always welcome! If you can help, contact: Jessica Luebbering at 414-258-4357 Father Gene's Help Center www.fathergeneshelp.org

MQSCA School

Principal: Jennifer Vega 414-476-0751 Vegaj@mqscateacher.org

We are delighted to have more students back to in person learning than at any other point in the school year. The Seton Catholic Schools network has done an amazing job of guiding our COVID safety plan with CDC updates and one of those is that we can accommodate more students! Now that most of our staff is now fully vaccinated, we are trying to bring back as many students as safely possible to accommodate. I want to ask our parishioners to say a special prayer for our students who will begin their Wisconsin Forward State Assessment on Monday. While it is only a snapshot, it is a big assessment for them. Any and all prayers for them would be much appreciated. Lastly, we still have several openings for next school year. Please send any friends, family members or neighbors our way.

In peace,

Jen Vega



Prayer Chain

If you, a loved one or someone you know is in need of prayers you can call Nell Lee at (414) 529-1642.

St. Ben's Covid-19 Update: NO volunteer-made food or community meals in the dining room for the foreseeable future FINANCIAL DONATIONS WELCOME

www.capuchincommunityservices.org/ways-to-help/

donations

Questions/volunteer: contact Kathy Smith 414-453-0300 x25 or kathy@mphwa.org BLESSINGS to all those so faithful to this ministry!



The MPH Food Pantry is Now

Accepting Bags of Produce For example: Apples, oranges, potatoes ... In addition to the regular non-perishables We are also in need of **EMPTY EGG CARTONS**

Dozen size preferred

Items should be dropped off In the boxes at 106th & 116th Street in church or in the box at the Parish Office lobby (M-Th 8:30-4:30)



As always – we thank you for your generosity to your fellow community members in need!

A TIME TO UNITE

Even as we continue to mourn the death of Fr. Jeff, there is a need to continue implementing the comprehensive master plan for Mother of Perpetual Help which the Archdiocese approved; the vision of moving us forward on our journey to be the Presence of Jesus in our West Allis community, the vision Fr. Jeff was committed to bringing to fruition. Part of that vision is to plan closing masses at each of our current three sites and to move to one worship site beginning July 5th. In light of Fr. Jeff's death, the Archbishop has asked that we reschedule the July date to September 13th (the 5th is Labor Day weekend) in order to give the new pastor, who will assume his position in June, time to familiarize himself with our parish and plan for the transition.

The rescheduling in no means should be misconstrued, the merger of Mother of Perpetual Help to one worship site is <u>not</u> up for reconsideration. The Archbishop has again, in the past week, reaffirmed his support for the move to one site for all the reasons which have been presented in the past. Change is always difficult but as Pilgrim Christians, we are called to be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

In the end, church is not about buildings or property, but about being God's holy people, celebrating Eucharist together, and bringing Jesus to all. During this transition time we will begin working with our leaders to organize some of our ministries. A committee, working on a volunteer basis (as all our committees do), is working on assembling statues, icons, and other liturgical artwork from all three sites, to be incorporated into our new worship space: honoring the past, while experiencing a rebirth of our Catholic Community.

Soon we will have a committee planning the closing mass for St. Al's to take place in April/ May and moving the 7:00 p.m. mass to our worship site at 106th street.

In other parishes which have made similar transitions most have done so with trust and faith in God and have been very successful. A few parishes have had some members who experienced anger, threats of disengagement, and divisive actions. In the end, time proved to bring them healing. It is our hope that we will all embrace this part of our parish journey with charity and understanding; that we remember Fr. Jeff's courage as he faced death and his words "I am not afraid, I am in God's hands". Now, it is time for us to move forward with that same courage, with trust and confidence that Jesus is in charge and He is continually calling MPH to be a unified, loving, serving, faith community.

Fr. Alan, Your Pastoral Council & Finance Council



Please Note: For your convenience, for those of you who give weekly, we are including a contribution form that you may submit with your weekly payment. Thank you!

Name		Envelope #
Address		Date:
Check #	Parish/Stewardship	\$
Cash	Building Maintenance	\$
Casn	Scholarship	\$
	Holy Day	\$
	Other	\$
	TOTAL	\$
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Adorers - Please Note

Until we are able to return to our Chapel, I am asking all Adorers to share their email addresses with the Adoration Committee. The number of funerals this year has necessitated many phone call cancellations, and we are trying to reach everyone with this information so no one is inconvenienced. Your email will NOT be shared by the Adoration Committee, and only used to notify you of your day's cancellation.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. Please send your email address to:

Grace Elliott – <u>graceopera569@gmail.com</u> Thank you.

How to Fail Your Way to Heaven

You know what are some of my favorite moments in Scripture? The little "Easter eggs" of Jesus' humanity, things like Jesus falling asleep, Jesus drawing in the sand, Jesus playing with kids. And how about Jesus rising from the dead, appearing to his disciples and saying, "So, have you got anything to eat?"

It's right for us to always keep in mind that Jesus is God. But we also have to remember that he was man. He got hungry. He cried when he felt sad and laughed when he felt happy. He got tired. He got bored.

Because he was God, none of those feelings ever led him into sin, like they do us. He never spent a car ride trying to pass the hours by seeing how annoyed he could make his older sister. He never smacked Peter over the head for saying something really stupid. But he did unleash some Biblically righteous anger on those traders in the temple, didn't he? And he wasn't shy about calling Peter "a Satan" when his friend tempted him to take the easy way out.

It's the tightrope walk we all try to balance every day, honoring our human emotions while still answering God's call to be better. Being perfect isn't the domain of the Christian — that's the domain of Christ only. Trying and failing, then trying again (and failing again) and again and again? That's the domain of the Christian.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



CANCELLATION - Spring Luncheon

We are sorry to announce that the Spring Luncheon has been cancelled for this year. Those of you who have paid by check or cash, please contact Mary Margaret at 262-786-9542. Thank you.

"Permanent Diaconate Inquiry for Discernment Sessions"

Those considering the vocation to the Permanent Diaconate should first reflect on their qualities and qualifications, and decide whether they are suited to serve. For those men (married or single) interested, we will be offering a series of sessions to help them discern the call to the Permanent Diaconate. This *"Inquiry for Discernment Sessions"* will be offered by region or through "Zoom". Please visit: https://www.archmil.org/ offices/Diaconate.htm for more information on the Permanent Diaconate and information on future dates and regions. You can contact the Diaconate Formation Office at 414-758-2207.



Adoration Chapel

Monday & Wednesday 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM Tuesday 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM & Thursday 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM At the 106th Street location

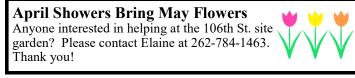
"The most powerful thing we can do on this earth with our time is to spend it in Eucharistic adoration. Nothing can do more to change the world, to bring about peace, to convert hearts, to make reparation for the many evils committed.

Spending time in prayer may seem, on the outside, to be a passive thing; however, it is anything but! Our world is in desperate need of hope, of renewal, of a 'turning back' to the things of God. By visiting Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, we take up the best weapon for the battles of our age and contribute to the healing of our culture." (The Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration, Saint Joseph Adoration Monastery, Charlotte, North Carolina, *Manual for Eucharistic Adoration*, Tan Books, 2016).

You are most welcome to stop in church for a visit or a few minutes of prayer. If you have any questions, please call Grace Elliott, 262-786-3840.

Safe Environment Awareness Week April 18th – April 24th

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee recognizes April 18th –April 24th as Safe Environment Awareness Week. Each year in the month of April, which is recognized around the country as child abuse prevention month, we dedicate a week to elevating the general awareness of the Church's efforts to keep our children safe. We want people to know that we are committed to maintaining safe environments in our parishes and schools through adult child abuse prevention training; criminal background checks for all clergy, volunteers working with minors, and employees; safety training for children in each grade level; and adhering to all mandatory reporting requirement laws.







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