

August 23, 2020

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Welcome to  
Mother of Perpetual Help Parish  
West Allis*

*Website: [www.mphwa.org](http://www.mphwa.org)  
(414) 453-5192*



**21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



*"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:19*

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***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 unending hope in  
our troubled world.  
Mother of Perpetual Help, pray for us.  
AMEN

**Fr. Jeff Prasser (262) 424-3341  
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## MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP SITES

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**92ND STREET SITE**  
*1414 S. 92nd Street*



**106TH STREET SITE**  
*2322 S. 106th Street*



**116TH STREET SITE**  
*1212 S. 117th Street*

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## MASS INTENTIONS

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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2020**

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**8:00 AM** † Frances Renner (106 St.)

**9:30 AM** Alicia Lezama (116 St.)

**11:00 AM** † Kenneth Tomic (106 St.)

**7:00 PM** Living and Deceased Members of Our  
Parish (92 St.)

**MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2020**

**8:00 AM** † Josie Orlando (Mass held at 106 Site)

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2020**

**No Mass 8:15 AM** † Manuel Lezama (Private)

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2020**

**8:00 AM** Fr. Jeff Prasser (Mass held at 116  
Site)

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2020**

**No Mass**

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 2020**

**No 8:00 AM**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2020**

**1:00 PM Wedding:** Lisette Alvarez and  
Salvador Rueda - Peralta

**4:00 PM** In remembrance of a special anniversary

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2020**

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**8:00 AM** † Samantha Blagg (106 St.)

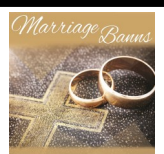
**9:30 AM** † Thomas J. Brown (116 St.)

**11:00 AM** † Steven Wnuk (106 St.)

**7:00 PM** Living and Deceased Members of Our  
Parish (92 St.)

### Wedding Banns:

III Lisette Alvarez and Salvador Rueda - Peralta



## PARISH OFFICE / STAFF

### Parish Priests:

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Deacon Walt Henry

Deacon Keith Marx

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www.mphwa.org

## 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. Classes will be held quarterly in 2020/2021, so it is recommended you schedule a class early, possibly before your child is born. You must call the parish office to register for the class and the Baptism.

**Reconciliation (Confession)** 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.

**Anointing of the Sick** Until further notice, individual anointing may be requested by calling the pastor.

**Weddings** 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 August 23, 2020

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 [8bc]/  
Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Monday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/  
Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/  
Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2,  
4-5 [1]/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7  
[1]/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 [5]/  
Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and  
17 [cf. 15ab]/Mk 6:17-29

Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2b]/Rom 12:1-  
2/Mt 16:21-27



## GOD'S WORD

### 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time/August 23, 2020

#### First Reading:

"I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut when he shuts, no one shall open." (Is 22:22)

#### Second Reading:

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways! (Rom 11:33)

#### Gospel:

"And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it." (Mt 16:18)



### MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

The Mary Candle at 106th St. Site is burning this month

**In Loving Memory of Marlene Blagg and Tommy Kelleher**

The Immaculate Heart Votive Light at 116th St. Site is burning this month

**In Loving Memory of Thomas J. Brown**

# FROM THE PASTORS' DESK

## REMINDER: Monthly Letter

Your monthly letter will be mailed out on August 27th. Please take time to read your letter.

Thank You!



## WEEKDAY MASSES

**Monday and Wednesday morning mass will be celebrated at 8 AM.** When a final decision is made about their return,  
**Tuesday Mass will be with the school children @ 8:15 AM.**

Until the complete schedule is fully in place, Monday Mass will remain at the 106<sup>th</sup> Street site, and Wednesday Mass will remain at the 116<sup>th</sup> Street site. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept any more weekday Mass Intentions at the current time. We will let you know when we will begin accepting them once again.

## MASS AND ROSARY NOW ON VIDEO

Thanks to all who have made the availability of a Rosary video and Sunday Mass possible. You can access the video from our website at [www.mphwa.org](http://www.mphwa.org) - 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>

We are asking you to please contact your fellow parishioners and spread the word about the availability of the Rosary and our Sunday Mass, inviting them to join with all of us on Sundays and Tuesday evening in prayer as a parish family.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

**August 23, 2020 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The only way to know God is to love God. Our minds will never fully grasp the mystery of God, but our hearts and souls can learn to love the mystery. Years ago, when life had a more innocent quality to it, we believed what we were told or witnessed, unless there was direct evidence otherwise. This was especially true if the information came from someone in authority. In a sense, we were a bit more gullible on one hand but also more trusting on the other. The latter is an admirable quality that sadly can be eroded when we realize we have been duped. With education and technological advances, we find ourselves more skeptical and less likely to too quickly accept and believe what we see and hear.

For all of the good that social media can do, it can also easily distort reality and truth. Photoshop and a myriad other technological truths can add to, fabricate, and make even the non-existent seem real. It is amazing. How far do we allow this obviously justifiable skepticism to take us? Questioning and doubting are healthy elements of any good relationship as long as we don't allow them to turn us away from a deeper experience of love and encounter. If we cannot get our minds around something or empirically justify or prove it, we tend to declare it a hoax, untrue, or unauthentic and walk away. The very same trust that can quickly be eroded is exactly what is essential for all of our relationships, especially our relationship with God. With all things and people that make a profound claim on us, we have to trust in the absence of knowledge. Full self-investment involves plunging completely into the unknown!

Simon Peter said to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Peter came to this knowledge, which is not "head knowledge" because of the relationship he shared with Jesus and what God was able to reveal in and through that relationship. Peter simply "knew" because of love that this is who Jesus really is. The silent exchange of love between friends, and not an intellectual exercise of the mind, brought Peter to this place. When we stop and think about it, there are many things in life that we simply know but do not completely understand. When someone sacrifices their own well-being for another, it may not make intellectual sense when examined. But it makes a world of sense when it is carried out. The vastness of reality and an encounter with incomprehensible mystery all lead us to profound silence where we simply know something to be true. Have you trusted enough to allow your relationship with God to bring you to this place or are you still too skeptical?

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**Brother Robert sends his thanks and prayers** to all who have generously given to the Capuchin Ministries, including St. Ben's Community Meal Program and the House of Peace, during this Covid-19 pandemic period. Together, we can continue to help our fellow community members!

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP  
2019 - 2020  
WEEK ENDING AUGUST 16, 2020

Membership.....	\$9,222.00
Repair and Maintenance.....	460.00
Scholarship.....	35.00
Offertory.....	468.50
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$10,185.50</b>

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

# MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP OF WEST ALLIS

## ADULT AND FAMILY

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

Until our Archdiocese enters  
**Phase 2** of the *Catholic Comeback*  
our programming will be done virtually  
(small groups will be via Zoom or Facebook Live)  
Registration must be by email so that a link can be emailed to  
you.

Contact **Kathy@mphwa.org** and watch the bulletin,  
MPH Facebook page and MPH website for up-to-date  
information

The current *Living Faith* booklets are available in the Parish  
Office and in the Little Free Library at 116th St.

## MQSCA SCHOOL

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

**First Day of School:** August 31st

Teachers are unpacking and setting up their classrooms.

Come experience how an education at MQSCA can make a  
difference in your child's life.

**You can still enroll for 2020 - 2021 school year.**

## CHILD AND YOUTH MINISTRY

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

### Watch Your Mail!

You should be receiving your Registration forms for the  
Religious Education Program this coming week. If you do not  
receive one, please go to the website: [www.mphwa.org](http://www.mphwa.org) or call  
the parish office 414-453-5192.

### St. Ben's Covid-19 Update:

**NO volunteer-made food or community meals in the  
dining room for the foreseeable future**

With their certified staff, they will continue to provide &  
deliver carryout dinners for St. Anthony Apartments and  
several of the shelters in the area. **Financial Donations  
needed and welcome**

<https://www.capuchincommunityservices.org/ways-to-help/donations>

**In August they will accept help from  
Certified Volunteers**

**To become a CERTIFIED VOLUNTEER to help  
with the take-out meal go to**

<https://www.wirerestaurant.org/servsafe>

For the course and test; cost is \$15

*Questions/volunteer:*

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



**The M.P.H.  
St. Vincent de Paul  
FOOD PANTRY  
is OPEN**

**During this Covid-19  
Period of Restriction**

The Pantry is located in the building at  
the far South end of the parking lot  
1212 S. 117<sup>th</sup> St., West Allis

**EVERY SATURDAY 9:30-11:30 AM**  
**LAST WED. of the month 6:00-7:30 PM**  
**ALL OTHER WED. 9-11:00 AM**

*For emergencies please call 211*

**Feeding the  
Community**

Open to the Community and  
ALL Parishioners in Need  
**IF YOUR GARDEN IS  
BOUNTIFUL THIS SUMMER,  
consider sharing your  
produce with our pantry  
during our open hours!**

### The Prayer Shawl Ministry wants to help you.

Do you need a hug or want to feel God's arms around you? Do you need tangible proof that you are being prayed for? Prayer Shawls are both of these things. A Prayer Shawl is a garment crocheted or knitted with prayers, blessings are added while it is being made, and a final group blessing prayed over it once it is finished. If you are experiencing major illness, surgery, a bad accident, cancer or a traumatic event, a Prayer Shawl is available for you. Please call the parish office and we will make sure that a Prayer Shawl is given to you.

We are also looking for people to help knit or crochet shawls for this ministry. Please contact Clara Weinberger 414-321-3363.

## At The Advertisers

# LOOK Supporting Our Church Bulletin

### Attention! Attention! Attention!

Attention Business Owners, Professional and Self Employed:  
If you would like to sponsor an ad on the back of your Mother  
of Perpetual Help bulletin or would like more information,  
please contact Liturgical Publication 1-800-950-9952 ext. 2588.

Individuals may want to consider sponsoring an ad for their  
Favorite Charity or "In Memoriam" ads for departed loved ones.

We would like to thank our present advertisers for renewing  
their ads and thereby continuing their support of Mother of  
Perpetual Help Parish.

**Keep in mind; the advertising on the back of the bulletin  
helps defray the cost of printing.**

# MPH On-line Giving!

To help simplify parishioners' lives, our parish is offering an online contribution system. This system will allow parishioners to automate recurring and/or one-time contributions to the parishes.

## How to create your online giving account.

It's as easy as 1-2-3 to create your account online right on our parish website.

- 1) Visit [mphwa.org](http://mphwa.org) and click on the Online Giving Donation Button.
- 2) Set up your account
- 3) Choose a payment option and customize your donation.

This system will offer a convenient payment method by eliminating the need to remember to write a check and bring the envelope to church.

Any questions or for help setting up your account, please contact Mary at the Parish Office 414-453-5192.



**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 \$ _____
	Scholarship \$ _____
	Holy Day \$ _____
	Other \$ _____
	<b>TOTAL</b> \$ _____

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# Crossroads Kitchen Meal Program

Mother of Perpetual Help's St. Vincent De Paul Conference participates by creating and serving meals. We supply six 10 x 21 large casseroles and fourteen 5-quart buckets of Jell-O to the Cross Roads Kitchen (South) site and serve these meals.

Please consider volunteering to serve.

MPH is MOST in NEED of Volunteers to SERVE!

Serve at Crossroads Kitchen @ 931 W. Madison Street

The 5th Fridays & Sundays of the Month.

We need volunteers for Friday, August 28th (2-4 pm) and August 30th (2-5 pm and 5-7 pm )

If you have questions or would like to Volunteer, Contact  
John Donovan at [navonodj@att.net](mailto:navonodj@att.net) or (262) 784-2379

## 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 Choice of Stewardship

What does it mean to be a good steward? Does it mean to be an active parishioner, or something more? Are we better stewards because we give more in terms of our money and time to our parish, or are we called to do even more than that?

The truth is that stewardship is a way of life. We are not simply called to be active parishioners, but instead be active disciples all the time. In fact, what we learn to do in our parish should serve as preparation for the mission field of the world. What have we really done if we only act like disciples of Jesus Christ while we are assembled with others who claim to be the same?

The choice before us is to give of ourselves in all aspects of our day and life. The call of Jesus will come in our everyday lives with our co-workers, family, and friends more often than it will within our parish community. First, if we can't become good stewards when we are among those who proclaim Jesus as Lord, how will we be able to do so when we are with those who are non-believers? Second, when our muscles of gratitude, generosity, and graciousness are strengthened within our parish community, we are more able to meet the challenges of this world. However, we do not become good stewards by accident. We must always choose to live this way. What will you choose?

– Tracy Earl Welliver

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**Eras**  
SENIOR NETWORK

Faith in Action-  
Milwaukee County  
Outreach Program

### Volunteer and Put a Smile on a Senior's Face!

We have an urgent need for **Volunteer Drivers** to take seniors in your neighborhood to their medical appointments or the grocery store. Eras has provided supportive service for older adults since 1991 based on the Neighborhood Outreach Program (in our neighborhood, formerly West Central Interfaith) and continues to do so under CDC Guidelines.

**Please call (414) 488-6500 to learn more about the volunteer opportunities** to help seniors in our community. Volunteering is flexible – choose when, where, and how you'd like to serve.

Older adults are very grateful for the assistance!

Eras continues to do the following:

- Transportation to medical appointments
- Grocery shopping for clients and delivery of groceries or food pantry stock boxes
- Seasonal yard clean up
- New client assessments over the phone
- Weekly wellness calls
- Mailing hand decorated birthday and holiday cards to our clients

## 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.

