

August 30, 2020

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Welcome to
Mother of Perpetual Help Parish
West Allis*

*Website: www.mphwa.org
(414) 453-5192*



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." - Mt 16:24b-25

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

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MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP SITES



92ND STREET SITE
1414 S. 92nd Street



106TH STREET SITE
2322 S. 106th Street



116TH STREET SITE
1212 S. 117th Street

MASS INTENTIONS



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.)**

MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2020

8:00 AM † Mary Frohmader (Mass held at 106 Site)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

8:15 AM † Lillian and Don Challis (Private)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2020

**8:00 AM † Mary Dombrowski (Mass held at 116
Site)**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2020

No Mass

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2020

No Mass

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2020

4:00 PM Margaret Rondeau (116 St.)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM † Steven Wnuk (106 St.)

**9:30 AM Living and Deceased Members of Our
Parish (116 St.)**

**11:00 AM Blessings on Fr. Thomas' new assignment
(106 St.)**

7:00 PM † Michael Martinez (92 St.)



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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 30, 2020

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

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102
[97]/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab,
13cd-14 [17]/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15,
20-21 [12]/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab,
5-6 [1]/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/
Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21 [18]/
Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 13:8-10/
Mt 18:15-20



GOD'S WORD

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time/August 30, 2020

First Reading:

Whenever I speak, I must cry out, violence and outrage is my message; the word of the LORD has brought me derision and reproach all the day. (Jer 20:8)

Second Reading:

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. (Rom 12:1)

Gospel:

Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." (Mt 16:24)

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP



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

In Loving Memory of Wilma Nygaard

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

In Loving Memory of Tony Keil

The Sacred Heart Votive Light at 116th St. Site is burning this month
In Loving Memory of Jon, Frances and Geri Lenich

FROM THE PASTORS' DESK

Dear Parish Members,

Later this week and early next week you should all be receiving your monthly mailing. We ask you to please make sure that you take a few moments to read the important information it contains.

With the opening of the school and other developments on the horizon, it is important that we all understand changes and developments that are happening in the immediate future.

It is also time for us to move forward with Pastoral Council and Trustee nominations.

The dispensation from attending Sunday Mass will soon expire (September 14). We have shared the response of the Archbishop to the change he is making on page 6 of the bulletin, on the website as well, as through the Sunday announcements.

Mask Announcement

Dear Members of Mother of Perpetual Help. We would like to offer a word of thanks to all those who are observing the mandate to wear masks when attending Mass in person. This is a current regulation of both the Archdiocese and the State of Wisconsin.

In charity, we must remember that face coverings are worn to protect others from anything **WE** might be bringing into Church. For those who cannot wear a face covering for medical or moral reasons, we respectfully ask that you refrain from attending Mass in person until the regulation is lifted. This is a sensitive topic for many and although it is a real inconvenience, it will not last forever.

Together, let us all remember Jesus' words, "Whatever you do for the least of my brothers and sisters, you do it for me". Wearing a face-mask at this time is something that we can do for one another.

Thank You,

Fr. Jeff



WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday and Wednesday morning mass will be celebrated at 8 AM. When a final decision is made about their return,

Until the complete schedule is fully in place, Monday Mass will remain at the 106th Street site, and Wednesday Mass will remain at the 116th 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 ON VIDEO

Thanks to all who have made the availability of Sunday Mass on video possible. You can access the video from our website at 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>

Elder Concierge Services

- ◇ Do you have a question or need information about caregiver resources, home care, hospice, housing, meals, housekeeping, companionship, errand services or transportation?
- ◇ Do you need information about the Power of Attorney for Healthcare or guardianship?
- ◇ Do you need Social Service assistance or support?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Clement Manor's Director of Social Work and Concierge Services Jeanne Aliota at (414) 546-7319 or jaliota@clementmanor.com.

This service is being offered to the community at this time due to recognizing the many needs that are currently prevalent.

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.

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

Membership	\$5,750.00
Repair and Maintenance	338.00
Scholarship.....	67.00
Offertory	636.25
Total	\$6,791.25

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



PLEASE NOTE:

Adoration will be closed on Labor Day,
Monday, September 7th.

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP OF WEST ALLIS

ADULT AND FAMILY

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

Beginning September 6,
this box will be devoted to updates on the many
outreach activities sponsored by MPH because
Kathy Smith has a new position, Director of Human
Concerns/Outreach here at MPH.

She will no longer be Director of Adult and Family so she would like to thank **all of you** for your faithful participation in and support of the many programs sponsored by the Adult Formation Committee under her leadership over the past 12 years.

She is looking forward to this new adventure!

Your input is always welcome!!

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 in the mail.. If you do not receive one, please go to the website: www.mphwa.org or call the parish office 414-453-5192.

Registration Forms are due by **September 15th!**

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.

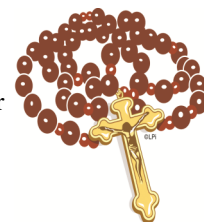
Come experience how an education at MQSCA can make a difference in your child's life.

You can still enroll for 2020 - 2021 school year.

ROSARY

You are the glory of Jerusalem, the surpassing joy of Israel; you are the splendid boast of your people. (Judith 15:9).

Our Tuesday evening Rosary will joyously begin again in church (106th site) on Tuesday, September 15, at 7:00 p.m. Let us come before the Blessed Sacrament with our intercession to Mary, Our Mother for blessing and guidance as we go through this unprecedented time. We will pray for the soul of our Nation, the soul of the Catholic church, the soul of MPH, our own personal intentions and an end to Covid 19.



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 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. 117th 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

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!

Thank You!

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!



August 25, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For more than 25 years of my priestly life, I taught moral theology, both in high school and college, and for over 17 of those years at the graduate level of the major seminary. Inevitably, a question would be posed by one of the students: “Father, is it really a serious sin to miss Sunday Mass?” I would answer directly and firmly “yes.” Then, I would qualify that certain circumstances exempt a person from the obligation. Some look upon the obligation as fulfilling a law that the Church imposes. Laws are given to us to assist us and protect us in our journey through life. But, we must always look deeper, seeing the person and the relationship, which directs and defines the law. I would always attempt to have the students understand that our obligation comes from a deep relationship we have with God and the acknowledgment that His Son, who is our Savior and Redeemer, was raised on this particular day of the week. The importance of celebrating this day was something even the earliest of Christians could not live without.

What made sense for many of my students was the example of how we, as family members, are expected to attend certain family gatherings or functions, which demonstrate our belonging and the value that we have as family members. It is a means of acknowledging our identity and growing in our experience as a family. For instance, in my home, as an extended family member, you were always expected to attend Christmas Eve dinner at my grandfather’s home and only a serious situation would justify your absence. Our family history and relationships were built upon this gathering and others that were deemed essential. The same holds true for Sunday Mass.

Our obligation to attend Sunday worship reflects the very character of who we are as Catholics. When we fail in our responsibility before God, we sin. Therefore, we need to form our consciences so that we can be fully informed in making decisions about our actions. The Church in Her wisdom offers us guidelines to help in our formation.

Knowing how serious the obligation is to attend Sunday Mass, you must understand the thoughtful and prayerful discernment that caused me to dispense from the obligation to attend Sunday worship for the last six months. As responsible parish communities, we needed to assess the transmission of the COVID-19 virus, permit our parishes the time to establish plans for sanitizing worship spaces, secure needed resources, evaluate the appropriate numbers for social distancing and solicit the voluntary personnel necessary to accomplish the tasks of preparing our worship spaces. The dispensation was made for the safety of all and to alleviate the burden of those conflicted by the obligation to attend Mass due to the coronavirus threat.

Many have been fortunate to continue their prayer at home because of technology, viewing the Mass on Heart of the Nation, public broadcasts or live-streaming. But televised or computer viewing does not fulfill the Sunday obligation. Instead, it is there to help those prohibited from attending public celebrations to have a sense of connectedness and it wonderfully fulfilled that task.

Assisted by many volunteers, our parishes have worked very hard to provide for sanitized environments, observing social distancing, the wearing of masks and the use of hand sanitizers. Because of these efforts since the end of May, we have already experienced a return to Sunday worship.

On September 14, 2020, the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation will expire, and it will be the responsibility of those who are capable and not prohibited by other circumstances to attend Sunday Mass. Those who deliberately fail to attend Sunday Mass commit a grave sin.

There are circumstances where the obligation cannot be fulfilled. One example is the impossibility to attend Mass. When our Churches were closed and offered no public Masses, it was impossible for people to attend, and so there was no sin for missing Mass. If a person is ill, especially during this pandemic, they should remain at home. Likewise, if a person is at risk because of age, underlying medical conditions or a compromised immune system, one would be excused from the obligation. If a person is caring for a sick person, even if they are not sick, they would be excused from the obligation out of charity. Fear of getting sick, in and of itself, does not excuse someone from the obligation. However, if the fear is generated because of at-risk factors, such as pre-existing conditions, age or compromised immune systems, then the fear would be sufficient to excuse from the obligation.

It is up to each individual to weigh their own circumstances through an examination of their conscience and determine, by use of their conscience, whether or not they are excused from the Sunday obligation. Remember, a well-formed conscience is upright and truthful.

Our Sunday worship is a joyful obligation. It is a witness to God as the priority in our lives. We place our trust in Him and His Church. We, together, recognize Him in the breaking of the bread as He offers himself to us in Communion so that, in His name, we might LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

Sincerely,

Most Reverend Jerome E. ListECKI
Archbishop of Milwaukee

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

August 30, 2020 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Secular pursuits only bring a temporary amount of satisfaction and fulfillment. As much as we may think that achieving worldly success, economic security, personal well-being, and self-fulfillment are worthy goals to obtain, they all dependent on external variables and can lead to emptiness. We are trained to be very pragmatic and productive. Unless we are able to check off all of the boxes or comply with specific measurable requirements, our value and worth becomes questionable. Corporations, educational institutions, systems, structures, and secular ideology rarely consider deeper, more spiritual, and human contributions a person can and needs to make.

To the secular mind, the wisdom and ideals of the Gospel are making less and less sense. Consider for a moment this question: "What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" While Jesus is asking this very challenging question to people who are considering his message, many in our world are in a quite different place. Whether we realize it, many folks are asking a much different question. Why would you not want to gain the whole world and secure your life? If you look at where a lot of folks are investing their time, energy, and resources, it becomes obvious where current priorities rest.

Modern day comforts and possibilities are backing us out of our relationship with God. The fire burning in every human heart is trying to find its satisfaction in the things that humans have created and not God. Being altruistic and offering compassion for those most in need becomes a political responsibility or responsible gesture. We realize that our hearts need to be centered on something and someone who calls us out of ourselves, but we struggle and battle with naming the source of that call. God places the desire to seek, find, and love Him in the core of every soul. We are not abandoned and left to fend for ourselves. But we can easily get confused. We know that when we extend ourselves to another self-sacrificially, we are doing what is just and right. We know that we can work through suffering and loss and come out better and more whole on the other side.

Our minds need to be renewed so that they can begin to understand that there is much more to who we are, and that faith plays a pivotal role in achieving our true and everlasting goals. It is when we see that it is only faith that can bring us to this heightened awareness of ourselves and God that it will begin to make sense. Then, we can put things in proper perspective and consider being a disciple.

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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.

If you have questions or would like to volunteer, contact John Donovan at navonodj@att.net or (262) 784-2379

The Vision of Stewardship

I love the original movie *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory*. All the way through while I watch the film I still laugh and feel like a child. It is only the last line with which I have an issue. Wonka by now has chosen Charlie to succeed him as head of the chocolate factory. They board an elevator that proceeds to crash through the roof and begins to fly. Wonka then asks Charlie if he ever heard of what happened to the boy who got everything he ever wanted. After Charlie says no, Wonka explains, "He lived happily ever after." As I get older, I can say I have met several people who got all or most of all they have ever wanted, but unlike Charlie, it did not lead to endless bliss. In fact, as a Christian I know that that statement of Wonka's is a lie. The secret to living happily ever after lies in not getting all you ever wanted, but instead in giving all you ever wanted away.

A person can't have any sense of that reality until they begin to see his or her life transformed by Jesus. When we have accepted the challenge placed before us and made a choice to live a certain way daily, we can find ourselves transformed. Following Jesus is not easy, but it is the only true way to find authentic joy. When we have emptied ourselves and allowed him to fill the open spaces in us, we become different. We are transformed and, if enough of us in a parish community experience the same journey, our parish is transformed as well. Then we begin to transform the world around us. Don't be fooled: A flying elevator is cool, but it pales in comparison to what can happen when we find a new life in Jesus Christ.

– Tracy Earl Welliver

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Please join us for the memorial service in our community:

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

Saturday, September 12th, 2020

11am - 12pm

Holy Cross Cemetery

7301 West Nash Street Milwaukee, WI 53216

(Block 17, Section F)

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 currently sold at the parish office only. Office hours are 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday –Thursday.