

*Welcome to
Mother of Perpetual Help Parish
West Allis*

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



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. - Mt 14:28-29

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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 9, 2020

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 8:00 AM † Mary Joan Stuessi (106 St.)
9:30 AM † Tony Keil (116 St.)
11:00 AM † Douglas Peterson (106 St.)
7:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of Our
Parish (92 St.)

MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2020

- 8:00 AM † Norm Draeger (Mass held at 106 Site)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2020

- 8:15 AM † Elena Molina Lezama (Private)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2020

- 8:00 AM † Mary Frohmader (Mass held at 116 Site)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2020

No Mass

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2020

No Mass

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2020

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
(Not a Holy Day of Obligation)**

- 4:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of Our
Parish (116 St.)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2020

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 8:00 AM Tom Balistreri (106 St.)
9:30 AM † Fr. Bernard Berger (116 St.)
11:00 AM † William Butterbrodt (106 St.)
7:00 PM † Ferd and Arlene Haevers (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 9, 2020

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/ Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 [103a]/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [4b]/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62 [cf. 7b]/Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [1c]/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: *Vigil:* 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28. *Day:* Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28



GOD'S WORD

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time/August 9, 2020

First Reading:

“Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD; the LORD will be passing by.” (1 Kgs 11a)

Second Reading:

For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. (Rom 9:3)

Gospel:

Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” (Mt 14:29-30)



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

Dear Members of God's Family,

As he begins his new life and ministry at St. Lucy's and St. Sebastian's, we offer a prayer of gratitude and a blessing for Fr. Thomas. We are grateful for his work among the people of West Allis for the last 12 years and we know that the impact he has had on many lives will continue to be felt for many years to come. For Fr. Thomas M.C.B.S. a word of Blessing...

Lord Jesus from the beginning of creation you named and claimed us for yourself.

Look with kindness upon your servant Thomas, who leaves the community of Mother of Perpetual Help parish, marked by your cross, fed by your word, filled with your care, and sent to be your presence to all he meets.

Guide him on the way and bless him with your wisdom, that he may be a word of hope for a world in need.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

ADORATION HOUR CHANGES PLEASE NOTE

Starting Monday, August 10th, morning Mass will begin at 8:00 AM. Therefore, Adoration will begin at 9:00 AM.

Also, starting Thursday, August 6th, and until further notice, Adoration will close at 8:00 PM on Thursday ONLY.



MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP
2019 - 2020
WEEK ENDING AUGUST 2, 2020

Membership	\$7,099.00
Repair and Maintenance	4,659.00
Offertory	243.00
Scholarship	155.00
Candles	75.00
Festival Replacement Fund.....	25.00
Total	\$12,256.00

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

WEEKDAY MASSES With the departure of Fr. Thomas, a new weekday schedule will be partially implemented.

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 106th Street site, and Wednesday Mass will remain at the 116th Street site.

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 - 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>

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

August 9, 2020 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Be still and know that I am God. Silence is sacred. Silence speaks the language of the soul and is the foundation of all life and eternity itself. Silence takes us beyond the limits of our minds and allows us to seek and to love the essence of all love, perfect love, and being. In silence, we can be non-verbally present to things and to God in ways that words cannot accomplish. We can discover, encounter, and be present to truths that our minds struggle to conceive and then set aside the boxes we put around things when comprehending them is challenging. We can know the unknowable and touch eternity when we encounter the core silence in our souls.

We can do this even on a noisy street and in the midst of the greatest distraction. Once we have made friends with silence, the rambling noise of the world no longer seems to matter, and we can carry a deep forgiving peace within us, even when physical silence cannot be found. We know that we are loved, cared for, sustained, nourished, embraced, and carried. There is nothing to fear in silence, and I can be present to myself in the same way that God is present to me. I can see myself as God sees me. All of my faults, weaknesses, imperfections, failings, and sinfulness melt away in the abundance of God's mercy. All of the worldly things we see as being important no longer are.

It is in silence that all of the barriers that divide us disappear. There is no more "yours" and "mine" but only the oneness of "ours." There is no longer a need to "figure things out," and we tap into our desire to simply let things be. Silence is creative and powerful and gives us hope. Silence is God's greatest blessing. God became one with humanity in silence. It allows us to be one with all of creation, with the moon and the stars and all of the creatures God has made. The smallest particle of creation radiates with beauty. Silence allows us to soar beyond ourselves and connect in ways that the mind can only imagine. When all is quiet, we begin to see that it is only our fear that keeps us from the Lord. It is our fear that causes us to sink and to fail. We can hear the gentle whisper that tells us to reach for God's hand. We discover that we yearn for the salvation and wholeness that only God can give to us. Be still my soul and be at peace.

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MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP OF WEST ALLIS

ADULT AND FAMILY

Director: Kathy Smith 414-453-0300 ext. 25
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Until our Archdiocese leaves
Phase 1 of the *Catholic Comeback*
All 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

MQSCA SCHOOL

Principal: Jennifer Vega 414-476-0751
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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.

Fr. Thomas' Farewell Mass

To see more pictures from Fr. Thomas' Farewell Mass go to our website and click the banner at the top of the home page!
www.mphwa.org



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NOTICE

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and in order to maintain safety for all,
MPH RE will be an at-home model this year.
PLEASE complete a short (less than 5 minute) survey.

All responses will help determine how to adequately prepare
to SERVE all of the families this school year.
It is reasonable and completely respected if your family decides
that RE is not something that works for your family for this year.

Find the survey directly at <https://forms.gle/2pkvuZ1Ubnk5Tcx8>
or go to our website www.mphwa.org
under the faith programs tab / child & youth section.

Please complete the survey by August 15th.

I miss seeing all of you. I will continue to keep your family in my prayers! Be WELL!

Graciously Serving,
Becca

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 or (262) 784-2379

The MPH 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 traumatic event, a Prayer shawl is available for you. Please call Clara Weinberger (414) 321-3363 or Kathy Smith (414) 453-5192 and we will see that a prayer shawl gets to you.



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

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!

PLEASE NOTE:

There will no longer be **4:00 p.m. Mass** on Saturday at the **106th Street Site**.

Being Human is to Doubt

Humans doubt. It's what we do. We doubt ourselves and we doubt others.

Before any of us say anything about Peter's doubting the words of Jesus that told him he could get out of his boat and walk on water, we need to get real with ourselves: How would I respond in the same situation? I remember when I was a child taking swimming lessons. One day I simply tightened up my muscles and sank. The lifeguard pulled me up and asked what happened. I said I did not know. The truth is that I was sinking under the weight of my own doubt. I did not believe I could do what clearly, I was told I could. That was only in five feet of water in a pool! Now that I'm older, I can look back and laugh. But as an adult, the swimming pool is life, and I would be lying if I said that there are no longer times I find myself sinking due to new doubts.

Much of our doubt comes about because of a lack of trust in God. We place our trust in material things, wealth, or imperfect people instead of the One who is worthy of our trust 100 percent of the time. Our stewardship is often hampered by our doubt that God will provide all that we need. If I give more, I may not have enough to survive! When we place all our trust in God, not only do we find that we have been given all we need – our doubt that causes us to sink in the pool of life fades away. We don't suddenly become perfect in our trust, and there will be times when we find ourselves with concerns again. However, it is in those moments we find that He is still there, speaking the words we need to hear: "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

– Tracy Earl Welliver

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**Feeding the
Community**

Open to the Community and
ALL Parishioners in Need
**IF YOUR GARDEN IS
BOUNTFUL 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

Men's Group (106th St. Site)

The Men's Group would like to start meeting every other Saturday. Please call Devan at 414-801-6886 for location and time.