

Mother of Perpetual Help



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

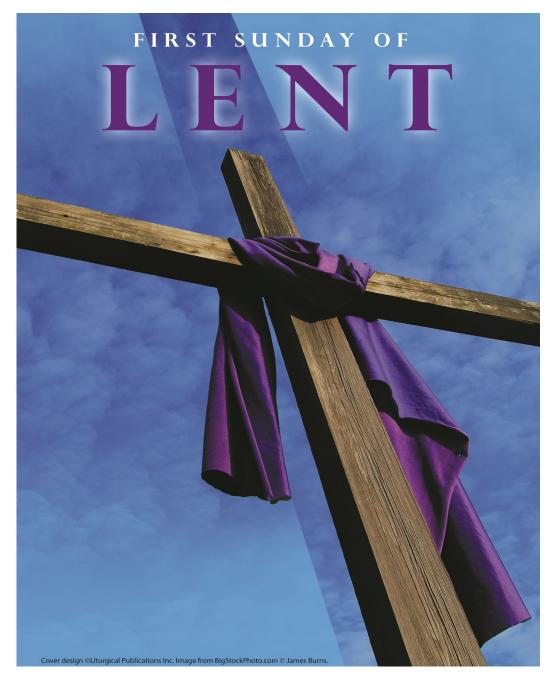
Unite and guide us as people of Faith, to become more like Jesus.

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

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT



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, FEBRUARY 21, 2021 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 AM † Lucy Bieganski (106 St.) 9:30 AM † Thomas J. Brown (116 St.) 11:00 AM † Helen Martinez (106 St.)

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2021 8:00 AM † Carol Gile (106 St.)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2021 8:15 AM † Ferd Haevers (116 St.)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2021 8:00 AM † Lucy Bieganski (106 St.)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2021 No Mass

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2021 8:00 AM † Darlene Roster (106 St.)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2021 4:00 PM Fr. Jeff Prasser (116 St.)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2021 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 AM † Thomas Kelleher and Samantha Blagg (106 St.)

9:30 AM † Linda Walczak (116 St.)

11:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of Our

Parish (106 St.)

7:00 PM † Dolores Henrichs (92 St.)



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The Immaculate Heart Votive Light at 116th St. Site is burning this month In Loving Memory of Joseph Wiesner

The Sacred Heart Votive Light at 116th St. Site is burning this month In Loving Memory of Ferd Haevers

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

For the Deceased Members of the Clemens Family

Celebrating the Sacraments

<u>Baptism</u> 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.

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.

<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 February 21, 2021

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/

1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/

Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13

18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/

Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/

Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/

Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/

Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15,

16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

God's Word

1st Sunday of Lent / February 21, 2021

First Reading:

I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth. (Gn 9:11)

Second Reading:

Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. (1 Pt 3:18)

Gospel:

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for 40 days, tempted by Satan. (Mk 1:12-13)

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

February 21, 2021 1st Sunday of Lent

St. Oscar Romero said, "Aspire not to have more, but to be more." These powerful words provide the perfect framework for a conversion oriented Lenten experience. God is giving us this Lenten sign to stop being concerned about what you have and focus on who you are. This requires that we create a desert space and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. It is all so wonderfully simple on the one hand and so incredibly challenging on the other. The message is simple: love God, neighbor, and self. Those simple words make great sense, but we struggle translating them into reality. Our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness all anchor us to the "idol of the self," keeping us mired in our compulsive need for self-aggrandizement. It's not about us!

God vowed, long ago, to nurture, sustain and protect the relationship He has with His people. He called us into being, nurtures us in being, and sustains us in being. Without the Loving Divine Presence, all life would cease. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God's love and how we can better imitate God's loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. In short, we will see our myopic short sightedness and figure out how we can better share the Divine Fire within with others. Lent isn't just about giving stuff up for forty days and indulging again at Easter. We need to push things much farther and wrestle with the question of how we can be more. "Being more" means becoming more fully alive and in touch with the holiness of life and the divinity that lives in and empowers all beings and things. It is realizing that the "quality" of our presence is crucial to being an effective witness and herald of God's unconditional love.

The illusion we have bought into causes us to believe that the wrong things and systems matter. We tirelessly fight to keep things the way they are, to return to the former ways of doing things or restore some nostalgic fantasy memory of "life in the good old days." Lent isn't about maintaining what we have or returning to something that is gone. It's about becoming something new. It's about being more focused, centered, convicted, and grounded so that we can be a person who truly loves and treasures being made in the image of God. The secret to Gospel living is not found in accumulating anything for ourselves, even merit points for heaven. Gospel living means learning how to live with less so that others can live with more. The thought of permanently giving something up makes us feel uncomfortable. Truth often does.

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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.



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 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

ROSARY

You are the glory of Jerusalem, the surpassing joy of Israel; you are the splendid boast of your people.

(Judith 15:9).

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. evening Rosary is held at the 106th Street site. 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.

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2020 - 2021 WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 7, 2021

Membership	\$9,500.00
Repair and Maintenance	437.50
Scholarship	127.50
Holy Day	
Offertory	571.65
Other	5.00
Total	\$10.651.65

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

LENTEN OUTREACH CONGO HELPING HANDS

Is the group we are highlighting and collecting funds for this year so they may continue their amazing, life-giving missionary work.

The video and handout are available on our website www.mphwa.org and Facebook page mphwestallishc **Your generosity is eagerly anticipated and**

Greatly appreciated!!

Checks should be made out to MPH with Congo Helping
Hands (CHH) in the memo line
They can be mailed to the parish office or

Turned in at Mass in the offertory basket at the baptismal
fonts at 106th or 116th Street sites



CHILD AND YOUTH MINISTRY

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

RE Sunday Pack Pick-Up: March 7th

(Anytime between 9 - 10 am at the 2322 S. 106th St. classroom building)

Confirmation - Teens Only Meetings:

March 7th and April 18th 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. At 106th St. site

St. Ben's Covid-19 Update:

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

Questions/volunteer:

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

MQSCA School

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

Attached you will find the photos of last weeks 'lunch winners', Maddy and Mabel. Each week, I select the names of two students who met their goals in their tech programs and buy them the lunch of their choice. It is a small gesture to encourage continued progress toward goals, even amidst the challenges that our students continue to face throughout this unprecedented year. We are currently registering our students for either in-person or digital learning for trimester III. I know that many of our students who have been remote all year are anxious to return to in-person learning, so we may have to get a little creative with scheduling. However, we are planning for a return to a 'normal' year for the fall and would love to enroll any friends, family members or neighbors that you know who might be looking for a great faith-based learning environment. Lastly, I want to update you on where we are at with our tuition assistance dollars. At the beginning of the year, we needed \$18,560 to support the students who needed assistance. To date, we have received \$6,763. We are still in need of \$11,797. If you would like to be one of our tuition angels, please reach out to me directly at the school.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

Jen Vega, principal





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How to Give

Campaign runs Feb. 14-April 10 Cash may be turned in at church (both sites) or at the parish office NOW until March 29 and we will turn it in for you on the Double Match Days

OR

During the Simply Give campaign, customers are encouraged to purchase a \$10 Simply Give donation card upon checkout at the Greenfield Store

(60th and Layton).

Once purchased, all donations are converted into Meijer Food-Only Gift Cards and donated directly to our MPH Food Pantry! Do you want to increase your prayer life and get to know Jesus?
The Pastoral Council invites you to join us in the 1% Challenge.
Only an average of 15 minutes of your day!
Get to know Jesus through scripture with this easy guide.
Meditate on the passage and how it applies to your life.
We hope you will consider participating as we grow together as a parish community.





TO GET TO KNOW JESUS

THE 1% CHALLENGE IS TO HELP YOU GET TO KNOW JESUS BY TAKING 1% OF YOUR DAY (15 MNUTES) TO PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE FOR 30 DAYS

WWW.ARCHMIL.ORG/ONE-PERCENT-CHALLENGE

The "7% Challenge" is developed by The Evangelical Catholic in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. The 1% CHALLENGE trademark is a trademark owned by The Evangelical Catholic.



ASK | 3 MINUTES

Begin in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Take a moment to be still, rest, and know that Jesus is here...

Ask Jesus to help you get to know Him during this prayer time...

SEEK | 7 MINUTES

Seek to know Jesus by reading the day's scripture passage.

Reflect on what He said; what He did; how He interacted with others; and how He felt...

Re-read the scripture passage.

Speak to Jesus about what it means for you...

Ask Him what He wants you to know...

Take a few minutes to listen...

KNOCK | 5 MINUTES

Ask for what you need and what others need...

Thank Him for being with you today...

Close with an Our Father.

End in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

DAILY SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

- 1: Matthew 16:13-17 Who do you say that I am?
- 2: Matthew 3:13-17
 The baptism of Jesus
- 3: John 4:4-26

 Jesus offers living water
- 4: Luke 5:1-11
 Put out into the deep
- 5: Mark 1:21-39 A day with Jesus
- 6: Mark 2:1-12

 Jesus forgives and heals
- 7: Luke 7:36-50 Jesus sees us
- 8: Mark 4:35-41 Jesus calms the storm
- 9: Mark 5:25-34 Your faith has saved you
- 10: Mark 6:30-44 Jesus feeds the 5,000
- 11: Matthew 14:22-33 Jesus walks on water
- 12: Mark 9:30-37 Willing to give it all
- 13: Mark 10:17-27 The challenge of Jesus
- 14: John 10:7-18 The Good Shepherd
- 15: Luke 10:38-42 You need only one thing

- 16: John 11:1-44 Jesus raises the dead
- 17: John 8:1-11 Jesus doesn't condemn
- 18: Mark 10: 46-52 What do you want me to do for you?
- 19: Luke 19:1-10

 Jesus invites himself over
- 20: Luke 15:11-32 Jesus' forgiving Father
- 21: Matthew 20:20-28 Servant of all
- 22: Matthew 25:31-40

 Jesus identifies with the poor
- 23: John 12:1-8 Worthy of all honor
- 24: John 13:1-17 The call to humble service
- 25: Luke 22:14-20 Body given and blood shed for you
- 26: Matthew 26:36-46 Surrendered to the Father's will
- 27: Luke 23:33-47

 Jesus gives everything for you
- 28: John 20:1-18 Jesus is alive
- 29: Luke 24:13-35

 Jesus known in word and bread
- 30: Matthew 28:16-20 Jesus calls you

The Unlikely Suspects

Have you ever taken a nature walk? Have you leisurely strolled through a forest or field, with no real destination in mind and your only objective being receptivity to and observation of all God's creation?

Sometimes, Scripture readings can feel like a nature walk. All of salvation history plays out against the backdrop of the natural world, with all elements of God's creation — plants and animals and the dust of the earth itself — turning in a supporting performance. How about Jesus in the hot and dusty desert, tempted, living "among the wild beasts?" Noah departed from his ark with the animals he rescued, observing God's sign in the very clouds of the sky. Even God Himself, offering us salvation from original sin through the waters of baptism.

How often do we remember that God speaks to us through all of His creation, even in the unlikeliest suspects?

Let's go back to the nature walk. It sounds like a lovely way to pass an afternoon, amongst wildflowers and butterflies, but don't forget the beating hot sun, mosquitos, and threat of rain on the horizon. Remember, we're not in heaven yet. Here on earth, God may be present in His creation, but that doesn't mean it's always easy to endure.

Lent is, essentially, a time to listen for the voice of God in places we may not expect: the mild irritations you experience when you're craving the chocolate you gave up, or the dull pangs of hunger during the Ash Wednesday fast. It's a golden opportunity to see the divine hand in all of creation, even those unlikely suspects.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Saint Francis de Sales Seminary Come and See - March 19-21

Young adult men discerning a vocation to the diocesan priesthood are invited to spend a weekend entering into the life of Saint Francis de Sales Seminary. Spots are limited! The Milwaukee Vocation Office is responsible for coordinating this visit. Men who wish to RSVP should contact Will Hudson at 414-747-6437. For more information, visit thinkpriest.org.



Father Gene's Help Center

provides free clothing to those in need in the greater Milwaukee area. They are in <u>critical</u> need of winter coats, children's clothing, and plus-size clothing.

If you can help, contact:

Theresa Liu

Marketing and Communications Director

Father Gene's Help Center

Office: (414) 258-4357 ext 103 www.fathergeneshelp.org

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

Jesus is infinitely DESERVING OF OUR UNCEASING THANKSGIVING and adoration for all He has done for our salvation. "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive honor, glory and praise." (Revelation 5:12).

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.

LENT AND ADORATION

So...what are you sacrificing for Lent? Chocolate? Cheeseburgers? Exercising? (kidding) How about doing something instead?

We have the perfect opportunity for you. Mother of Perpetual Help (106th St.) has Eucharistic Adoration 4 days per week, so you can choose whichever day fits into your schedule.

"If we could see just a fraction of the graces available before the Blessed Sacrament, we would flock to the nearest chapel each and every day for Eucharistic Adoration".

- Secrets of the Eucharist, Michael Brown

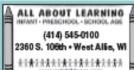
Maybe you've already taken advantage of our invitation to join us for an hour or whatever time you have. But to make a commitment for the purpose of giving up some time to spend with Jesus this Lent is far better than any material item you could "give up". Just remember—He is always here for you. This could be your best Lent ever!

(If you arrive after 1:00, please remember that you must call the parish office at 414 453-5192 for the code for the key pad)



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