

*Welcome to  
Mother of Perpetual Help Parish  
West Allis*

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



**7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



*"I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those  
who persecute you." - Mt 5:44*

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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

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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, FEBRUARY 23, 2020**  
**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
8:00 AM † Samantha Blagg (106 St.)  
9:30 AM Marlene Pflugradt (116 St.)  
11:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of Our  
Parish (106 St.)  
7:00 PM † Paula Wallner (92 St.)

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2020**  
7:00 AM † Ferd Haevers (106 St.)  
8:00 AM † Mary Mc Carthy (116 St.)

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2020**  
8:10 AM † Ferd Haevers (92 St.)

**ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2020**  
8:10 AM † John Fisher (92 St.)  
9:00 AM † June Jafuta (116 St.)  
12:00 Noon Health and Healing for Joyce  
Huhnkey (92 St.)  
7:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of Our  
Parish (106 St.)

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2020**  
7:00 AM For the MPH Parish Staff (106 St.)

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2020**  
7:00 AM For the sick and elderly (106 St.)  
8:10 AM † Jim Rondeau (92 St.)

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2020**  
4:00 PM † Ralph Eberle (116 St.)

**SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2020**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**  
8:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of Our  
Parish (106 St.)  
9:30 AM † Art Stueck (116 St.)  
11:00 AM † Jim Murack (106 St.)  
7:00 PM Melissa Olson and family (92 St.)



## PARISH OFFICE / STAFF

### Parish Priests:

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Fr. Thomas Vathappallil, MCBS

### Emails

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Deacon John D'Alessio  
Deacon Walt Henry  
Deacon Keith Marx

### Pastoral Minister:

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Margaret@mphwa.org

### Mother of Perpetual Help Office:

(414) 453-5192

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### Parish Website

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### Gym Rental for 92nd Site

John Cvikota

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## Celebrating the Sacraments

**Baptism** is celebrated during or after Mass on the second and fourth Sunday of the month. Other times may be arranged by calling one of the priests. A Baptismal preparation class is required. Classes will be held quarterly in 2020, so it is recommended you schedule a class early, possibly before your child is born. Please call the parish office to register for the class and the Baptism.

**Reconciliation (Confession)** is celebrated on the First Saturday of the month at 8:30 am at the 92nd Street site and at 3:00 pm on the 116th Street site.

**Anointing of the Sick** is celebrated communally on the First Saturday of the month after the evening mass at the 116th Street site. Individual anointing may be requested by calling one of the parish priests.

**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 February 23, 2020

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

Monday: Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [9a]// Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23 [23a]/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/ Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/ Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/ Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/ Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 [cf. 3a]/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11



## GOD'S WORD

### 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time/February 23, 2020

#### First Reading:

“Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against any of your people. You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” (Lev 19:18a)

#### Second Reading:

Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? (1 Cor 3:16)

#### Gospel:

“I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you.” (Mt 5:44)



### MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

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

# FROM THE PASTORS' DESK

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Gospels continue to challenge us to the core. This is especially true in the way our social relationships have developed. Feeling safe and secure in the world are not things that come easily these days. Actually, we may find ourselves feeling more reservation, caution, reluctance, and fear than ever before. In a moment's notice, life can drastically change. When someone has been intentionally and violently hurt, especially someone we love, we can all too easily find ourselves very attracted to the Old Testament philosophy of "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth."

Intellectually, we know this is not what Jesus wants us to do. But on some level it just seems to make practical or even political sense. After all, why should we allow someone to get away with a heinously violent act? Yet, Jesus cannot be any clearer than he is with this! Offer no resistance to one who is evil. Turn the other cheek as well. When pressed into service, go two miles. Do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow. Love your enemies. Now, take a moment to reflect on all of this. Consider a horrible act of violence committed against someone you love. Listen. Think. Be honest. Can you do as Jesus directs?

We want to be holy. But we are more comfortable with a definition of holiness that can keep us saying our prayers and on our knees in church. We are not comfortable with a definition of holiness that has something to say about to how we react to and negotiate life. We like to keep a sharp and strong line between the secular and the sacred. In fact, we would prefer that the doors between them be kept closed. God wants us to be holy as He is holy. If God sees this one way and we see it another, then where does this leave us on our journey to God?

Our minds like the practical, worldly, and secular answers to things. They are more black and white and at first glance appear to make more sense. Holiness wells up from our souls and is beyond reason. It cannot be explained. It is something we just simply know comes as a result of deep prayer. The truly contemplative eye knows inwardly that what Jesus asks is true and then willingly does it. It may not be easy.

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## MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP 2019 - 2020 WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 16, 2020

Membership .....	\$14,050.00
Offertory Collection.....	1,949.42
Repair and Maintenance .....	472.00
Scholarship .....	628.00
Holy Day.....	5.00
Festival Replacement Fund.....	2,248.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$19,352.42</b>

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

# WEEK AT A GLANCE

## KEY

<u>Sites</u>	<u>Rooms</u>
92nd Street Site - (92 St.)	ND—Notre Dame Rm
106th Street Site - (106 St.)	GH - Gonzaga Hall
116th Street Site - (116 St.)	BH - Bethany House
	PC - Parish Center
	PMR - Parish Meeting Room

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2020

- 9:15 AM Book Chat - PC 8 (106 St.)
- 5:30 PM Confirmation Dinner/Priest Interviews - PC, ND (106 St.)

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2020

- 8 AM-9PM Eucharistic Adoration - Church (106 St.)
- 9:30 AM Senior Meal Program - GH (92 St.)
- 1:00 PM Getting more out of Mass - PC 7 (106 St.)
- 6:00 PM Holy Loomers - BH (116 St.)
- 6:30 PM SVDP Conference Mtg. - BH (116 St.)

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2020

- 8 AM-9PM Eucharistic Adoration - Church (106 St.)
- 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl - BH Living Rm (116 St.)
- 9:30 AM Senior Meal Program - GH (92 St.)
- 6:00 PM Bach Chamber Choir - Church (116 St.)
- 6:30 PM Rosary - Church (106 St.)
- 7:00 PM Hearts of Harmony - GH (92 St.)

### ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2020

- 8 AM-9PM Eucharistic Adoration - Church (106 St.)
- 8:00 AM Ash Wednesday Morning of Reflection - Church/Hall (116 St.)
- 9:00 AM 92nd St. Food Pantry - GH (92 St.)
- 9:30 AM Senior Meal Program - GH (92 St.)
- 6:00 PM Sheepshead - PC 7 (106 St.)
- 6:00 PM Square Dance Group - Hall (116 St.)
- 6-7:30 PM SVDP Food Pantry - BH (116 St.)

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2020

- 8 AM-9PM Eucharistic Adoration - Church (106 St.)
- 8:00 AM Potato Washing - Hall/Kitchen (116 St.)
- 9:30 AM Senior Meal Program - GH (92 St.)
- 10:30 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - B1/B2 (92 St.)
- 1:30 PM Divine Mercy Cenacle - PC 7 (106 St.)
- 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal - Church (106 St.)

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2020

- 9:30 AM Senior Meal Program - GH (92 St.)
- 4:30 PM Fish Fry - Hall (116 St.)
- 6:00 PM Prayer Shawl - BH Living Rm (116 St.)
- 7:30 PM Candles and Silence - Church (116 St.)

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2020

- 7:00 AM MPH Men's Scripture Group - PC 5 & 7 (106 St.)
- 8:00 AM Milwaukee Stamp Show - GH (92 St.)
- 8:00 AM First Communion Student Only Class - PC 6 (106 St.)
- 9:30 AM SVDP Food Pantry - BH (116 St.)
- 7:00 PM Trivia Night - Gym/Ki (106 St.)

### SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2020

- 6:00 AM Milwaukee Stamp Show - GH (92 St.)
- 9:15 AM RE Classes - Gym/ND/All PC (106 St.)
- 9:15 AM Book Chat - PC 8 (106 St.)

# MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP OF WEST ALLIS

## ADULT AND FAMILY

Director: **Kathy Smith 414-453-0300 ext. 25**  
[Kathy@mphwa.org](mailto:Kathy@mphwa.org)

### **THIS WEEK:**

#### **Ash Wednesday Morning of Reflection**

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

9:00 AM Mass 116th St. Site with Breakfast, Reflection to follow  
in the Hall ending with Stations of the Cross with Mary in  
Church

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**Lenten Reflection Books are out this weekend**

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**Lenten small groups meet beginning next Monday**

10:30-Noon March 2-April 6

Bethany Living Room at the 116th St. Site

Details in purple box on page 6

## MQSCA SCHOOL

Principal: **Jennifer Vega 414-476-0751**  
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### **Why choose Mary Queen of Saints Catholic Academy?**

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- Partnered with Seton Catholic Schools

Come experience how an education at MQSCA can make a difference in your child's life. Please contact us for a school tour and enroll today!

## CHILD AND YOUTH MINISTRY

Director: **Becca Bojarski 414-453-0300 ext. 26**  
[Becca@mphwa.org](mailto:Becca@mphwa.org)

- March 1: 9:15 AM Religious Education Classes  
- Gym/ND/All PC -(106 St.)  
Service Project
- March 4: 7 PM Confirmation Rehearsal (Teen and Sponsor)
- March 7: Sacrament of Confirmation - 10 AM Mass
- March 23: First Communion Family Mtg., 6:30 PM

## PARISH NEWS

### **Mother of Perpetual Help Choir will sing at the following Masses**

- March 1, 8:00 AM (106 Site)
- Saturday, March 7, 4:00 PM (116 Site)
- March 15, 8:00 AM (106 Site)
- March 22, 9:30 AM (116 Site)

### **Reminder**

As the cold and flu season is upon us always remember good hygiene. If you have any flu symptoms, please remember the following:

- Stay home from Mass, there is no sin in that.
- **Do not drink from the cup for Holy Communion.**
- **If you normally receive Holy Communion on your tongue, please consider receiving in the hand to avoid saliva from one mouth being passed to another.**
- Do not shake hands at the sign of peace.
- If you do extend your hand to exchange peace and your neighbor does not reciprocate, please assume that they are not feeling well and do not wish to pass anything on to you.

### **MPH Spring Luncheon 116th Site Hall**

Thurs. April 30 - \$18.00  
Doors open 11:00 am - Lunch served at Noon

### **the Making of Milwaukee**

presented by **John Gurda**

*seating limited*

### **Reservations**

call: **Mary Margaret - 262-786-9542**  
or **Joan - 414-771-2334**

## **St. Ben's for FEBRUARY**

**4th Friday, Feb. 28th**

Potato delivery by **Wednesday Feb. 19th & 26th**

Washing on **Thursday, 27th** at 8AM

In the 116th St. Kitchen

*Questions/volunteer:*

contact **Kathy Smith 414-453-0300 x25** or [kathy@mphwa.org](mailto:kathy@mphwa.org)

**New Serving Volunteers always welcome & needed!**

**BLESSINGS** to all those so faithful to this ministry

## **MORNING BOOK CHAT**

**At 106th Street Site**

**Next Book Chat is March 1st**

(9:15-10:45 a.m.) Parish Center 8

The new book is **"Not a fan – becoming a completely  
committed follower of Jesus"** by Kyle Idleman

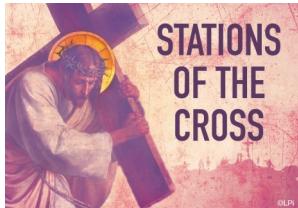
All are welcome!

Coffee, tea and snack provided.

# ASH WEDNESDAY

## Ash Wednesday, February 26th Mass Schedule

8:10 AM	92nd Street Site
9:00 AM	116th Street Site
12:00 Noon	92nd Street Site
7:00 PM	106th Street Site



### Stations of the Cross (106th St. Site)

Wednesday, March 4, 6:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday, March 11, 6:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday, March 18, 6:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday, March 25, 6:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday, April 1, 6:00 p.m.

### Adoration Chapel (106th Street Site) Monday-Thursday 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM



*"In coming before the Blessed Sacrament, we go to the foot of the Cross: there, the good thief is forgiven. The Blessed Sacrament is divine mercy personified. He burns with the desire to forgive. The Eucharist is the fruit of the Passion of Christ. As wheat is ground to become bread, Jesus, in his Passion, is struck, beaten, pierced through to become our living bread. He awaits our total gift, in response to the gift of himself in the Eucharist."* (Fr. Florian Racine, *Could You Not Watch With Me One Hour?*, Ignatius Press, 2014).

You are most welcome to stop in our Adoration Chapel for a visit or a few minutes of prayer.

### Mother of Perpetual Help Parish LENT 2020

#### CANDLES and SILENCE

Please join us for 6 Fridays in Lent

To Meditate or Pray, Simply Sit in Silence, Pray and/or Walk the Stations of the Cross (booklets provided) or Just Enjoy God's Company

The Church & Adoration Chapel will be open for 1 hour: 7:30-8:30PM

Feb. 28, Mar. 6, 13, 20 & 27, Apr. 3

Stay 5 minutes or 30, or stay the whole time  
 Come when it's best for you All are welcome!  
 Please Bring a friend!  
 It's a "God's Open House"



This will be held at 1212 S. 117<sup>th</sup> Street  
 (former Immaculate Heart of Mary site)



### Here are the church regulations for fasting and abstinence during Lent:

- Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.
- Everyone 18 or older, and under 59 years of age, is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal penitential practices.

### LENTEN REFLECTION BOOKS

Available at all 3 sites.

Free will offering of \$1 is appreciated.

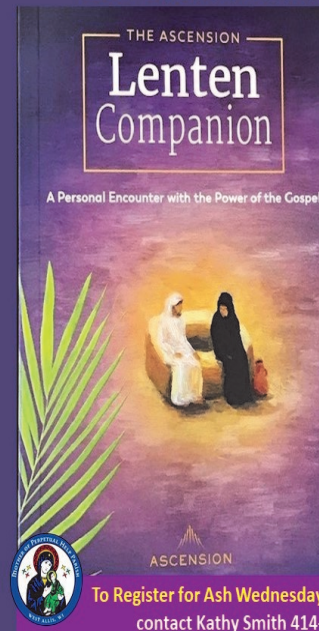


### Mother of Perpetual Help Parish Fish Fry At the 116th St. Site

Friday, February 28th

Serving from 4:30-7:00 PM in the church hall. Come join us for fried or baked cod, fried shrimp, parsley buttered potatoes, French fries, potato pancakes, mac & cheese, green beans, rye bread, dessert, coffee or milk. All this for \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids 5-11, kids under 5 eat free. Have a family member who hates fish? Alternates are available with a slight wait. Come and meet old friends, make new friends and enjoy a great meal.

### LENT 2020 at Mother of Perpetual Help Parish



LENT Begins on Feb. 26 with Ash Wednesday

A Morning of Reflection

9-Noon Hall & Church at 1212 S. 117<sup>th</sup> St.

Fr. Mark Toups invites us into a personal

encounter with the Power of the Gospel

Includes: Breakfast; DVD presentation; Stations of

the Cross with Mary

Cost for the Morning: \$5

Lent Continues with Small Groups

Monday mornings 10:30-Noon

Bethany Living Room at 116<sup>th</sup> St. Site March 2-April 6

Using the "Lenten Companion" book with readings and

reflections for each day of Lent

DVD presentation and book discussion

Snacks and Coffee

Cost of Book: \$5

OR

Continue Lent on your own

Simply using the "Lenten Companion" book

Book Cost: \$5

To Register for Ash Wednesday, the Small Group, or to obtain a book, contact Kathy Smith 414-453-5192 or Kathy@mphwa.org

**This year our Lenten Outreach Project will be “Congo Helping Hands” with Jeff Mullins of our Parish Community. Our Lent outreach, Mission Appeals and the proceeds of the Spaghetti Dinners have given so much help in the past. Here is a short update of recent projects.**



**MPANDILU Centers for Blind/Deaf Children**



**Well Drilling and maintenance at the Schools**



**Emergency Food purchased with your help**



**Food and Tool distribution Point**



**Children from one of the two Orphanages**



**Family Farming begins again**