

Mother of Perpetual Help PARISH

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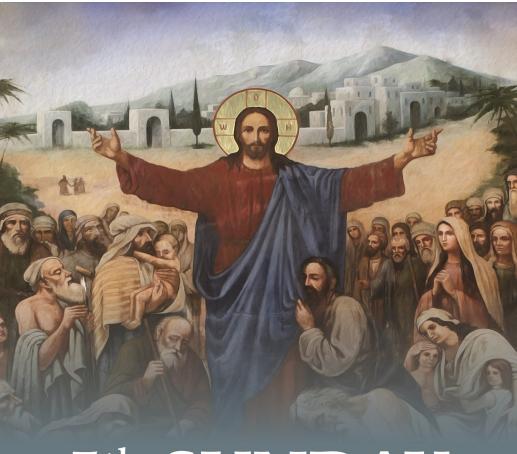
MISSION STATEMENT

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

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." - Mk 1:38

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Mother of Perpetual Help Sites

MASS INTENTIONS



92ND STREET SITE 1414 S. 92nd Street



106TH STREET SITE 2322 S. 106th Street







SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2021 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:00 AM † Rose and Ray Schrader (106 St.) 9:30 AM † Thomas J. Brown (116 St.) 11:00 AM † William Dowling, MD (106 St.) 7:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of Our Parish (92 St.)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2021 8:00 AM † Lynn Mielke (106 St.)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021 8:15 AM † Vera Berndt (116 St.)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2021 8:00 AM † Margaret Moen (106 St.)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2021 No Mass

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2021 8:00 AM Blanca Lezama (106 St.)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2021 4:00 PM † Joseph Wiesner (116 St.)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2021 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:00 AM † Nancy Faber (106 St.) 9:30 AM † Cecilia Burgad (116 St.) 11:00 AM † Carlton Peterson (106 St.) 7:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of Our

Parish (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. 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 February 7, 2021

Sunday:	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/	
	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39	
Monday:	Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and	
	35c [31b]/Mk 6:53-56	
Tuesday:	Gn 1:20-2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/	
	Mk 7:1-13	
Wednesday:	Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a,	
-	27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23	
Thursday:	Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5	
-	[cf. 1a]/Mk 7:24-30	
Friday:	Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37	
Saturday:	Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/	
-	Mk 8:1-10	
Next Sunday:	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/	
2	1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45	



MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

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**

GOD'S WORD

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time / February 7, 2021

First Reading:

I am filled with restlessness until the dawn. (Jb 7:4)

Second Reading:

I have become all things to all, to save at least some. All this I do for the sake of the gospel, so that I too may have a share in it. (1 Cor 9:22-23)

Gospel:

He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. (Mk 1:34)

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

February 7, 2021 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

If I only knew then what I know now, how different life would be. This sentiment, expressed in myriad ways, is found on every human being's lips at one point or another. Life may have brought us to a vulnerable place where we see some of the poor choices we made and the effects they are having. Perhaps we fell into some destructive and dysfunctional relationships or behaviors and are finding how they held us captive. Our zeal and passion for life may have drifted away and we are waking up to the reasons apathy has taken hold. Life can be hard. In fact, some would describe their lives as a drudgery. They walk through each day with an anxious unsettledness, wondering when their restlessness will cease. There is a temptation to believe that what I see is all I will get. Mortality and hopelessness await the dawn. If I could only have known what would come in the future, I could have made better choices and avoided all of this misery!

Really? While we can certainly give into weakness, sin, impulsiveness, and idiosyncrasies that cause us to stumble over ourselves, life is really a journey. If we don't make the mistake of wallowing in the mire of self-pity and realize the new life God is calling us to, then there are thrills, adventures, surprises, and soul -searching graces we can surely miss. We are not tethered to our past nor are we bound to the ills life can bring upon us. We are never hopeless or helpless. The problem is that our myopic vision only allows us to see the misery and misfortune that is before us, not the potential that can come from choosing healthier and more life-giving options. Jesus came that we might have fullness of life. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet.

We need to allow God into our pain and heal our past. We have to wrestle with our histories, agonize and search and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. Job could not see how his story would end or trust the guidance of the God who called him. We live in that same blindness and suffer from the same lack of confidence. Once we allow ourselves to be touched by God's healing power, we begin to see that all of the pieces of our lives are necessary parts of a greater whole. Along the way of our lives, God uses our omissions and failures to create new things and possibilities. When doors close, others open and we can be amazed by the joyful and unexpected surprises we receive. Once we know the power of God's creative, healing, life-giving, forgiving, and dynamic presence, it is no wonder we want to put ourselves at the service of others and show them what life can be.

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MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP 2020 - 2021 WEEK ENDING JANUARY 31, 2021

Amounts will be reported next week!

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

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.

Welcoming All New Adorers

What a year that has just ended! I don't know of anyone who wished it would stay.

Now we have a brand new year, filled with new hopes and expectations. We at Mother of Perpetual Help Parish are looking forward to more of our community coming before the Lord in Adoration at our 106th Street site. Many parishioners take advantage of the safe, peaceful opportunity we offer in our weekday Adoration hours. Many miracles happen as we gaze upon the Lord and He gazes upon us. One on One! Did you know that you can bare your soul to Him, good or bad, and the sense of peace you will feel is incomparable?

"It is the time of the Eucharist. When we spend time in front of the Blessed Sacrament, we feel a power similar to that during elevation of the Host. We encounter a holiness second only to Mass. While nothing is more powerful than the liturgy, Adoration comes in second. During Adoration, which keeps the Blessed Sacrament right there in front of us, prayers are heard and answered."

----Michael H. Brown, Secrets of the Eucharist

Whether you start your week in praise and hope, or end your week with praise and thanksgiving, He is here for you. Check the bulletin for available times. If you come after 1:00 pm to the church you will need a code to access the building which you can receive by calling the parish office at 414-453-5192. Can you give Him a little more time in your week? Do you need a few more blessings?

Grace Elliott

HUMAN CONCERNS/OUTREACH

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

LENTEN OUTREACH Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17, just 10 days away!! In 2021, we again have chosen CONGO HELPING HANDS

as the group we will highlight, and collect funds for their amazing, life-giving missionary work. There will be a video and handout covering their outstanding accomplishments in the Congo, together with their dreams for the future, at all the masses in mid-February.

The video and handout will also be 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



CHILD AND YOUTH MINISTRY

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

> RE Sunday Pack Pick-Up: <u>February 7th</u> <u>March 7th</u>

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

Confirmation - Teens Only Meetings:

February 7th, 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

There is so much occurring at Mary Queen of Saints. We had a lovely time celebrating Catholic Schools Week! It was especially lovely to give our Trimester 1 awards for students who have exemplified the values of Prayer, Justice and Service. To do this safely, we held our first all school virtual assembly and boy did the students and staff have a great time. We also completed our Winter MAP testing of our digital learners on Friday. This week, we will give the MAP test to our in-person learners. We can't wait to see their growth! In addition, we are now registering new students for the 2021-2022 school year. Our goal is to recruit 46 new early childhood students. If you know of families with children ages 3, 4 or 5, please let them know about our fabulous, 5-Star school. They can contact the main office for information about how to enroll their children. Enrolling children in early childhood programs gives them a solid foundation in faith and academics. Thank you for helping spread the word about our school.

In peace,

Jen Vega

The Audacity of Holiness

Do you know a holy person? I'm not talking about piety that's important, too, in its own way. But right now, I'm speaking of holiness.

St. Therese of Lisieux called holiness "a disposition of the heart that makes us humble and little in the arms of God, aware of our weakness, and confident — in the most audacious way — in His Fatherly goodness."

The holy person sees a storm on the horizon of life, and rather than give themselves over to fear and despair (natural and understandable reactions), regards the gathering winds as an opportunity to rely more fully on God. The holy person takes a bad situation and sanctifies it with charity and understanding that defies our fallen human nature.

Peter's mother-in-law was still in the throes of a fever when Jesus grasped her hand. It wasn't until she took his hand and allowed him to help her up that "the fever left her and she waited on them." Before the fever could leave her, she had to commit to holiness — to put her trust in him in a most audacious way. She had to find it within herself to lift her weakened hand to grasp his — and as soon as she did, she was rewarded. Her bodily health restored, she gave thanks, and attended to his needs.

God's hand is always outstretched to us. Will we take it, even if the fever of sin and pride and worldly concerns rages in our souls? Will we muster the strength? Will we be audacious enough to have confidence in His Fatherly goodness?

– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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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 <u>mphwa.org</u> 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.



Donate

Online

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	\$	
0.1	Building Maintenance	\$	
Cash	Scholarship	\$	
	Holy Day	\$	
	Other	\$	
	TOTAL	\$	
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As we continue to attend Mass during this Covid 19 pandemic, we are revisiting How to properly wear a mask



Have two or more layers of washable, breathable fabric.



Completely cover *BOTH* your <u>nose</u> <u>and mouth</u> and secure it under your chin.



It should fit snugly against the sides of your face without any gaps.

REMINDER: A mask <u>must be</u> properly worn to attend Mass.

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE Wednesday, February 17th

8:15 a.m. 116th St. site (with the school children)
12:00 noon 92nd St. site
7:00 p.m. 106th St. 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.



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

"When you pass before a chapel and do not have time to stop for a while, tell your Guardian Angel to carry out your errand to Our Lord in the tabernacle. He will accomplish it and then will still have time to catch up with you." (St. Bernadette Soubirous).

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.

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.



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