

July 19, 2020

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Welcome to  
Mother of Perpetual Help Parish  
West Allis*

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



16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.” - Mt 13:43a

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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 unending 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, JULY 19, 2020**

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**8:00 AM** Living and Deceased Members of Our  
Parish (106 St.)

**9:30 AM** † Ethel Cindric (116 St.)

**11:00 AM** † Angeline Herden (106 St.)

**7:00 PM** † Margie and Carl Peterson (92 St.)

**MONDAY, JULY 20, 2020**

**7:00 AM** † Frances and Claudia Renner (Mass held  
at 106 Site)

**8:00 AM** For the People (Private)

**TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2020**

**8:10 AM** † Vincent Azzolina (Private)

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2020**

**8:00 AM** † Thomas J. Brown (Mass held at  
116 Site)

**THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2020**

**7:00 AM** † Tom Werner (Private)

**FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2020**

**7:00 AM** For the People (Private)

**8:10 AM** † Manual Lezama (Private)

**SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2020**

**1:00 PM** Wedding: Alyssa Grabowski and  
James Wunder

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

**SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2020**

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**8:00 AM** † Mary Frohmader (106 St.)

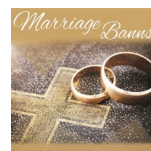
**9:30 AM** † Art Stueck (116 St.)

**11:00 AM** † Margaret Wierzba (106 St.)

**7:00 PM** † Luty and Kerhin Families (92 St.)

### Wedding Banns:

III Alyssa Grabowski and James Wunder



## PARISH OFFICE / STAFF

### Parish Priests:

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Deacon Keith Marx

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### MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

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

In Loving Memory of Samantha Blagg  
And  
For Fr. Thomas and his father Joseph

## 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 at 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 July 19, 2020

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 [5a]/  
Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and  
23 [23b]/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6,  
7-8 [8a]/Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/  
Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/  
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab,  
8-9, 10-11 [10a]/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/  
Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [5]/  
Mt 20:20-28

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128,  
129-130 [97a]/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or  
13:44-46



## GOD'S WORD

### 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time/July 19, 2020

#### First Reading:

For your might is the source of justice; your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all. (Wis 12:16)

#### Second Reading:

And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because it intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will. (Rom 8:27)

#### Gospel:

“Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, “First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.””

(Mt 13:30b)

# FROM THE PASTORS' DESK



## 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](http://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: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJS8KsrDvckKyz2270XF9PA>.

## PLEASE NOTE:

The last 4:00 p.m. Mass at the 106th Street Site will be held **JULY 25TH.**

## 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.



## Do What Needs to Be Done

A friend recently confided in me that although he prayed frequently each day and was involved heavily in his parish, he did not sense much fruit coming from it all and was left feeling unsatisfied. I assured him he was not alone. I told him of a deceased pastor of mine who had spoken frequently about being in this type of situation. Even as a priest, he knew all too well of how we can feel like we are simply going through the motions. It is precisely at those times that continuing to pray and practicing good stewardship is most important, because it would be easier to simply take a break and risk never coming back. He liked to say, "Do the drill," meaning just do what needs to be done.

We are all called to be mature disciples who answer the call of Jesus Christ regardless of the cost. We cannot choose when and where the call will come. We cannot schedule our stewardship in a way that is always most convenient for us. Even when the fruits of our faithful efforts seem hidden from us, we hold to the promise that we are never called to give of ourselves for nothing. God is working through us and in us. No matter how dry the land may seem, seeds are being planted to yield a harvest greater than we can ever realize. Stay strong and do the drill!

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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Grace and sin, belief and unbelief, good and evil all exist together. While we wrestle with these two dimensions of reality inwardly, they are also witnessed in the actions and words of others. Many, all too often, beat themselves up because of their sin. We are also all too quick to pass judgment on others whom we perceive to be in error and walking down a wrong path. God does not make rash judgments, nor should we. Patience is the order of the day as is an understanding that God is ultimately the caller of the shots.

Our faith tells us that while God allows the wheat and the weeds to coexist, the wheat will always triumph. As long as we can cultivate even a little faith and a small measure of desire for God, He can produce abundant blessings and good things. Even when the weeds seem to have triumphed, there still may be a small measure of faith remaining that can be cultivated and grown. It doesn't take much! Unless a person totally allows the weeds to reign, there is always to be found at least a small measure of faith, good, light, and love. With even this small portion, God can produce abundant growth.

Admittedly, it is easy to give into the weeds, and they grow very quickly. Any gardener knows this to be true. Sometimes, the weeds even seem more attractive and vibrant. Dealing with weeds can quickly become a losing battle, and they can look healthier and grow faster than the very plants we are trying to protect. It's easy to give into them and let them win. While God will deal with all things in due time, we are responsible for keeping things in check in the short term. It is our task to keep our eyes fixed on God's presence and mercy. We are asked to avoid judgment. And, it is not our responsibility to deal with the weeds in someone else's garden, only our own. One garden is enough responsibility for anyone.

Weeds have power. We have to realize this. While they can appear attractive and healthy, they can quickly choke us off from God's presence. Our task is one of maintenance and cultivating a desire for God. Even the smallest kernel of faith can grow into something wonderful. In God's time, the eternal harvest will come, and we will no longer have to worry about the weeds.

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## MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

2019 - 2020

WEEK ENDING JULY 12, 2020

Membership .....	\$16,092.50
Repair and Maintenance .....	1,616.50
Scholarship .....	230.00
Offertory .....	484.50
Festival Replacement Fund.....	185.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$18,608.50</b>

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

# MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP OF WEST ALLIS

## ADULT AND FAMILY

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

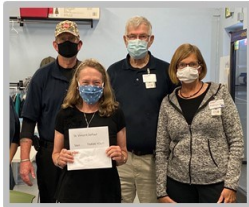
Coming Soon: **Small Groups**  
(Zoom or outdoors)  
To study USCCB's "*Open Wide Our Hearts*"  
A Pastoral letter against racism  
Watch for details



The MPH St. Vincent de Paul Conference  
says **THANK YOU** to Meijer Foods!



Typically at this time of year, it is the conclusion of the Spring *Simply Give* campaign with an announcement of how much money was generated by the Meijer LPGA Classic for *Simply Give*. Unfortunately, this year's tournament was cancelled due to the ongoing concerns surrounding COVID-19.



Despite the cancellation and to demonstrate their understanding of the impact of the challenges faced by food pantries, Meijer made the decision to match the donation amount of last year's tournament, to help us continue our mission of feeding hungry families. We were very happy to receive \$2,500 in food only Meijer cards on July 6 to be used by our MPH SVDP Food Pantry!  
Thank you, Meijer Foods!!

## MQSCA SCHOOL

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

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## Just a Reminder:

To schedule Masses, please stop in at the parish office located at the (116th Street site) or you can call the parish at 414-453-5192, inform Kelly you would like to schedule a Mass. She will be happy to assist you.



# You're Invited!

## Come to Fr. Thomas' Farewell Celebration

Date: Sunday, August 2, 2020

Mass at 11:00 a.m. ~ Reception following the Mass

- ◆ Please note there will be only one Mass on August 2nd at 11:00 a.m. out doors in the tent area weather permitting.
- ◆ There will be **NO 8:00 am Mass on 106th or 9:30 am Mass on 116th , THAT SUNDAY ONLY!**
- ◆ If you would like to attend the Mass and simple lunch to follow, please call the parish office 414-453-5192 or fill out the purple slip available in church.

With respect to all attending Fr Thomas' party, and for the safety of everyone in attendance, the following will be observed:

- ◆ Social distancing will be followed, please sit in areas marked during Mass & maintain social distancing in all areas on the grounds.
- ◆ Please wear a mask when under the tent and as appropriate outside of the tent.
- ◆ Masks will be provided if you do not have one.
- ◆ Hand sanitizers will be available.
- ◆ A lite box lunch will be served.

## STAY CONNECTED

In an effort to stay connected with our parishioners during this time of separation, many calls were made last month to remind the MPH community that they have not been forgotten.

Because of this effort, we learned of many sicknesses, incidents of falls resulting in broken ankles, legs, hips, etc., feelings of isolation, depression, cancers, terminal illnesses, brain tumors, children who lost both parents within months of each other, deaths whose funerals could not be held, caregivers of elderly parents who also need prayers for their own health issues, and the huge outpouring need for prayers.

As a community, it is our duty to pray for one another, and you are encouraged to pray for our parish, for our priests and for the MPH community at large.

We also learned how, just one phone call to a member of our community who may not have any relatives close by, can mean the world and brighten up their day. Do you know someone who fits that description and would love to hear from you today?

We are the people of God. We are blessed by Our Mother of Perpetual Help. Let us ask Our Lady to intercede to Her beloved Son on behalf of all those who so desperately need His healing touch. I have always been told: He never refuses his Mother!

Grace Elliott

### 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 July they will accept help from  
Certified Volunteers**

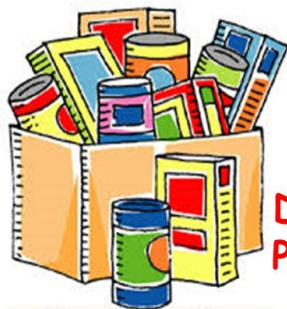
**To become a CERTIFIED VOLUNTEER to help  
 with the take-out meal go to**

<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](mailto:kathy@mphwa.org)  
 BLESSINGS to all those so faithful to this ministry!



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. 117<sup>th</sup> 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

**Feeding the  
 Community**

Open to the Community and  
 ALL Parishioners in Need

## MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP 2020/2021 BUDGET

### REVENUE

Weekly Envelopes & Offertory	\$	844,250.00
Special Collections	\$	41,600.00
Vigil Lights/Environment	\$	22,500.00
Donations/Bequests	\$	20,000.00
Special Collections for Others	\$	15,400.00
Stipends/Stole Fees	\$	26,000.00
Other	\$	200.00

### OTHER INCOME

Tuition & Program Fees	\$	7,900.00
Rentals Total	\$	317,868.00
Other Income	\$	11,000.00
Festival	\$	-
Other Fund Raisers	\$	125,000.00

**TOTAL REVENUE \$ 1,431,718.00**

### EXPENSES

Salaries & Benefits	\$	591,506.97
Supplies & Purch Serv.	\$	103,350.00
Buildings & Grounds	\$	426,789.00
Other Expenses	\$	18,574.00
Interest Expense	\$	56,455.32
Arch Assessment	\$	62,371.60
School Subsidy	\$	144,557.20
Special Collections for Others	\$	15,400.00
Fundraising Expenses	\$	100,000.00

**TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 1,519,004.09**

**OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT) \$ (87,286.09)**

## Men's Group (106th St. Site)

The Men's Group would like to start to meeting every other Saturday starting July 31st. Please call Devan at 414-801-6886 for location and time.



### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEAL PROGRAM

Volunteers can now sign up for a date to assist as needed at the Meal Program sites! Please read the Letter of Explanation (can be found on the parish website, [www.mphwa.org](http://www.mphwa.org)) and click on the corresponding link below to reserve a spot. You do not need to fill all the open slots with a group of volunteers. Individual volunteers are greatly needed as well.

Thank you for your patience and understanding!

#### Crossroads Kitchen:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b49aca82ca3f85-cross>

**CROSSROADS KITCHEN** 931 W. Madison St. 414-649-9555

Sun.-Fri. 4:00PM-6:15PM

Meal Program staff are preparing and serving hot-to-go boxed meals following CDC guidelines.

No indoor sit-down service at either location until further notice.

Contact John Donovan or the Parish Office if you wish to be a part of the MPH team of volunteers (do not need to be a Vincentian)

*“In three words I can sum up everything I’ve learned about life:  
it goes on.”*

**Robert Frost**

I have received my new assignment at St. Lucy, Racine/St. Sebastian, Sturtevant, beginning on August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Yes, it is time for me to say Goodbye to West Allis after 12 years. This is the way for us priests; life goes on from one parish to another parish or from one mission to another.

I know this is the most difficult time to leave a parish after twelve years and to take new assignments. Everyone in the world is going through some type of dilemmas and difficulties with this pandemic. So, we have to learn to live in this new situation though it is painful. There is no other way.

I don’t know if I will be able to see you in person before I leave to express my gratitude for all your love and prayers over the years and thank you. So, I am writing you these few lines.

First, I thank our Lord for the opportunity to be with you over the years and the bountiful blessings He has showered. I am really humbled.

I have a big brother, friend, guide, and mentor in Fr. Jeff. He was there for me whenever I needed him. I have gone through a lot during these years, including the loss of my mom. The love and support I have received is amazing. Even when I was the administrator for MQH for 5 years he was there - one call away. As I move forward with the responsibility of two parishes, everything I have learned from him is treasured. Twelve years of smooth working together is really a blessing. Thank you so much Fr. Jeff. I will always remember you.

I am grateful to all the staff members, deacons, trustees, Parish council, Finance council, all the other committee members, and everyone who made my ministry easier. The hard work and support from your part during the merger process is commendable. Thank you....

St. Paul writes in his letter to the Philippians 1:3 “I thank my God every time I remember you” ...

Dear parishioners, I do the same whenever I remember you. You were there for me. You loved me as your own. I will not forget you. On behalf of my community I thank you for all the generous support you have given to our missions through the mission appeals.

I don’t know if any of you are hurt by any means during my ministry here. If so, please forgive me.

You are welcome to Racine and Sturtevant anytime. Please don’t forget to stop by me if you are in the area. I will have the same cell number.

Please continue to bless me by praying for me,

Fr. Thomas Vathappallil