



# Mother of Perpetual Help PARISH

MARCH  
**14**  
2021

## 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

### 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



## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God. - Jn 3:20-21

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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

### FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

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**SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2021**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

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

**9:30 AM** † Ronald Anderson (116 St.)

**11:00 AM** For the health of Fr. Jeff (106 St.)

**7:00 PM** † Dan Lawton (92 St.)

**MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2021**

**8:00 AM** † Lucy Bieganski (106 St.)

**TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021**

**8:15 AM** † Thomas J. Brown (116 St.)

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2021**

**8:00 AM** † Arlene Volkert (106 St.)

**THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2021**

**No Mass**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2021**

**8:00 AM** † Ted Koch Sr. (106 St.)

**SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 2021**

**4:00 PM** † Joseph Wiesner (116 St.)

**SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2021**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

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

**9:30 AM** † Florence Walczak (116 St.)

**11:00 AM** † Darlene Burgarino (106 St.)

**7:00 PM** † Guy Long (92 St.)

### Mother of Perpetual Help Parish Priests' Weekend Mass Schedule

March 13 <sup>th</sup>	4:00pm	116th site	<b>Fr. Bill Key</b>
March 14 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am	106th site	<b>Fr. Dick Robinson</b>
March 14 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	116th site	<b>Fr. Bill Key</b>
March 14 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	106th site	<b>Fr. Bill Key</b>
March 14 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	92nd site	<b>Fr. Dick Robinson</b>



## PARISH OFFICE / STAFF

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### Parish Website

www.mphwa.org

## 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 March 14, 2021

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-4



## MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP



The Immaculate Heart Votive Light at  
116th St. Site is burning this month  
**In Loving Memory of Florence Walczak**

The Mary Candles at 106th St. Site are  
burning this month  
**In Loving Memory of Sammie Blagg  
And  
For the healing of Melissa Bennetts**

The Chapel Candle at 106th St. Site is  
burning this month  
**For the health of Fr. Jeff  
Get well soon - we love you!**

## GOD'S WORD

### 4th Sunday of Lent / March 14, 2021

#### **First Reading:**

Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire, and destroyed all its precious objects. (2 Chr 36:19)

#### **Second Reading:**

For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them. (Eph 2:10)

#### **Gospel:**

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. (Jn 3:16)

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

**March 14, 2021**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

Is there something to Lent that goes beyond our own spiritual house cleaning and spiritual refinement? Yes, there is! It has to do with listening and learning so that we can take up the task of the Gospel with greater clarity and fortitude. While the spiritual refocusing of Lent is necessary, the fruit of this Lenten conversion has much more to do with learning how we can be a better Church than it does about our eternal salvation. Salvation is a gift that flows out of God's unconditional Mercy and cannot be merited. The spiritual maturity we can experience as a result of our Lenten disciplines serves to reduce the anxiety and apprehension we may experience as messengers of good, but very challenging, and unsettling, news.

St. Oscar Romero said that, "a church that doesn't provoke any crises, a gospel that doesn't unsettle, a word of God that doesn't get under anyone's skin, a word of God that doesn't touch the real sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed, what gospel is that?" When we listen to those descriptive and provocative words, do they resonate with anything in our experience? As messengers of the Gospel, we are called to bring an unsettling message to the world. If our main concern is protecting our self-interests, then we are missing something huge! Many really struggle with being rejected, dismissed, or perceived as someone who is speaking out of turn. There is a counter cultural message that must be preached that clearly sides with the poor, marginalized, victimized, oppressed, neglected, disregarded, and lost souls throughout the world. There is a widespread misery among the peoples that is all too often allowed to fester with no one coming forward to offer a change or resolution.

The Church can speak to the needed structural changes that will allow people to earn just wages, feed their families and share abundantly and equally in the gifts of God's good earth. Such a vision is not some optimistic fairy tale, but the vision of the Creator himself. Lent reminds us, as St. Oscar Romero also states, that, "we are workers, not master builder, ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own." We are not called to labor simply for the benefit of the here and now but of the "what is to come." Our myopic vision can be replaced by a more far reaching Lenten vision that is much greater and deeper in scope. As long as we are carrying the right blueprints with us and our thoughts extend beyond ourselves, then even the little things we do and the simplest prayer we utter go a long way. They give witness to our preference for the light of Christ and not the darkness of error and sin.

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### Rosaries Needed

If you have extra rosaries that you would like to donate to the Mary Queen of Saints School children, please drop them off at the parish office. Even if they need repair, we will take them. Thank you!



### 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 106<sup>th</sup> 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](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:

<http://www.youtube.com/c/MPHWACatholicChurch>

## THE EASTER TRIDUUM



**Holy Thursday, April 1st** - Mass of the Lord's Supper  
7:00 PM - 106th Street Site

**Good Friday, April 2nd** - Liturgy of the Passion of Our Lord  
1:00 PM - 106th Street Site

**Holy Saturday, April 3rd**  
2:00 PM - Blessing of the Food - 106th Street Site  
7:00 PM - Easter Vigil - 116th Street Site

**Easter Sunday, April 4th**  
8:00 AM 106th Street Site  
9:30 AM 116th Street Site  
11:00 AM 106th Street Site  
**No 7:00 PM Mass will be held at 92nd Street Site**

**\* Please call the parish office at (414) 453-5192 to make reservations for Easter Sunday Masses only. Thank you.**

### MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

2020 - 2021

WEEK ENDING MARCH 7, 2021

Membership.....	\$21,171.50
Repair and Maintenance.....	1,131.50
Scholarship.....	271.00
Offertory .....	756.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$23,330.00</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

## 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](http://www.mphwa.org) and Facebook page [mphwestallishc](https://www.facebook.com/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/box 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

### Confirmation - Teens Only Meetings:

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

### First Communion - Children only - Meetings:

March 13th or March 20th  
9:00—11:00 a.m.  
At 106th St. site

**simply give**

together, we can help end hunger in our community.

**Next Double Match Day:  
April 3**

Purchase \$10 donation cards now through 4/10/21 to provide food to your local food pantries for families in need.

**meijer**

visit [meijercommunity.com](http://meijercommunity.com) for more details

### How to Give

Campaign runs Feb. 14-April 10  
Cash may be turned in at church (collection baskets in envelope marked "SIMPLY GIVE") or at the parish office **NOW until March 29** and we will turn it in for you on the remaining Double Match Day

(if you have shopped at Meijer with a check, then you can make a check out to Meijer and turn that in)

OR

During the campaign, parishioners 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!**

## MQSCA SCHOOL

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

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!



**ONE% CHALLENGE**

**TO GET TO KNOW JESUS**

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

[WWW.ARCHMIL.ORG/ONE-PERCENT-CHALLENGE](http://WWW.ARCHMIL.ORG/ONE-PERCENT-CHALLENGE)

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### The MPH Food Pantry is Now Accepting Bags of Produce

For example:

Apples, oranges, potatoes ...

In addition to the regular non-perishables



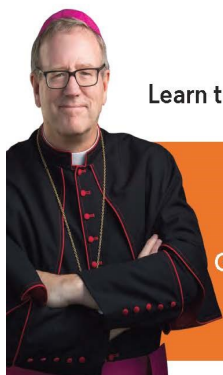
Items should be dropped off  
in the boxes at 116th Street in church or in the box at the Parish Office lobby (M-Th 8:30-4:30)



As always – we thank you for your generosity to your fellow community members in need!

**WORD on FIRE  
ENGAGE**

Learn the Faith. Join our parish discussion.



Just text **MPHWA** to 84576 to sign up.  
It only takes a minute!

OR

Go to [Flocknote.com/MotherofPerpetualHelpPar](http://Flocknote.com/MotherofPerpetualHelpPar)

Text STOP to 84576 to stop text notifications at any time. Text HELP for help. There is no charge for this service, but your carrier message and data rates may apply. Your information is private and will only be shared with your parish.

**Sewing Machine:** If you recently purchased a sewing machine and paid for it, but have not picked it up, please contact Mary Margaret at 262-786-9542. Thank you.



# Mother of Perpetual Help Pastoral Council 2021



**Name:** *Julie Barkow-Peck*

Why did you want to serve on council? *To make a difference in the way we come together and represent the voices of the Parishioners.*

What is your vision for the parish? *That everyone feels welcome at Mass.*

What area would you like us to come together in and why? *To increase membership and bring our Parish community together.*



**Name:** *Susan Scharmach*

Why did you want to serve on council? *Because I have the energy and enthusiasm to work together as a team to build a strong faith community.*

What is your vision for the parish? *That as we experience the "hills and valleys" of change, we come together as a family.*

What area would you like us to come together in and why? *I would like us to come together as one Parish Family and help each other embrace change.*



**Name:** *Gilbert Van Blaricom*

Why did you want to serve on council? *I want to contribute in any way to help make a difference in our parish.*

What is your vision for the parish? *To continue to grow and come closer to God.*

What area would you like us to come together in and why? *I would like us to love one another as we would like to be loved and treated and not to look at our faults. To forgive one another.*



**Name:** *Grace Elliott*

Why did you want to serve on council? *To work toward seeing our merger become a beacon of light for Catholicism in West Allis.*

What is your vision for the parish? *To become a vibrant community to show what the love of Jesus Christ really looks like.*

What area would you like us to come together in and why? *To bring all of our ministries together for a better Parish community.*



**Name:** *John Gomez*

Why did you want to serve on council? *To serve our Parish and to help bring about a new beginning as one community.*

What is your vision for the parish? *To be united in faith and to serve one another for the greater glory of God.*

What area would you like us to come together in and why? *Community building and making us a welcoming parish. I would like to work towards more parishioner involvement.*



**Name:** *Mary Lou Hopkins*

Why did you want to serve on council? *I felt called to live out my baptismal commitment to be of service to others.*

What is your vision for the parish? *That of a life giving Catholic Faith Community for one another.*

What area would you like us to come together in and why? *I would like to help us and use my gifts to respond to the always changing needs of our Parish Community.*



**Name:** *John Czepulis*

Why did you want to serve on council? *To thank the parish for the many blessings I have received and to make a difference as our community moves forward.*

What is your vision for the parish? *To offer our community a visible, vibrant, faith-filled Catholic worship site, one that welcomes all Catholics to the faith.*

What area would you like us to come together in and why? *Bringing us all back to experience the Mass-the word of God and His sacrifice through the Eucharist, heals and unites. Focusing on the liturgy and its impact on our members is vital.*



**Name:** *Jon Leonardelli*

Why did you want to serve on council? *To point out areas of opportunity and hope to set goals for unity and growth.*

What is your vision for the parish? *To continue to have some traditions from our past and to start new ones to establish a strong basis for the future.*

What area would you like us to come together in and why? *Bringing us all together as readers, cantors, ushers, Eucharistic ministers.*



**Name:** *Gary Jensen*

Why did you want to serve on council? *To utilize my 25+ year experience in parish and business leadership to support the mission of MPH.*

What is your vision for the parish? *One of unity and visionary actions to grow the Parish into a dynamic worship place that is the pride of its parishioners and attracts new members.*

What area would you like us to come together in and why? *Outreach in any form be it feeding the hungry, a thriving youth ministry program or evangelization efforts.*



**Name:** *Mary Maberry*

Why did you want to serve on council? *To give back for the many blessings I have received by working together with parishioners to bring our parish community together as one united in Christ.*

What is your vision for the parish? *I believe we can be a vibrant, faith-filled Catholic presence in West Allis, putting our prayer into action to help the greater community.*

What area would you like us to come together in and why? *Our faith is what unites us. It's important for us to pray and celebrate Eucharist together. Accepting one another, treating others with respect, being kind to all and forgiving one another, will help us all grow from our worshiping together.*



**Name:** *Doug Barnes—Trustee*

Why did you want to serve on council? *As a member of St. Al's since 1984, I joined the Council in 1989 when I noticed that a new way of thinking was needed. Questions were always answered with "that's how we have always done this". As we merge, we are in the same position. We need to be open to change.*

What is your vision for the parish? *That we once again become a vibrant, welcoming Catholic Parish and that we become a magnet for the community.*

What area would you like us to come together in and why? *To grow our ministries. The reason for the merger was that as 3 separate churches, all could do little, but mainly had to focus on maintenance and day-to day circumstances. Now the power of 3, with growth, can afford us the opportunity to strengthen the Catholic Faith in West Allis.*