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Peace and Blessings of the Risen Lord! May the Peace of Christ fill your hearts and homes and fill you with Joy.

I am writing this monthly letter on the eve of the solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. The disciples had to wait in prayer for another 10 days for the coming of the Holy Spirit to be fully ready and courageously proclaim the Good News. I feel the same with our parish community. It's been one year since I joined you to be your shepherd. Surely the Lord has been preparing me, guiding me throughout this year. You have been also very kind and patient with me as we work together to live our Christian mission of witnessing the Good News. Thank you for all your support and care. I humbly ask you for your prayers as we wait to be renewed and filled by the Holy Spirit again at this Pentecost. We are so blessed that the Mother of Perpetual Help, our patroness, is praying with us to receive the Spirit and be renewed again.

I am so happy to see four more members to our Parish Council elected by you to be part of our leadership team. The other four who came forward are also stepping into new roles to lead our parish to be a witnessing Christian community in West Allis. Thank you all for your generosity.

I have been working with our Finance team and staff to prepare and plan our next year's budget. In these trying times I fully understand how responsible we should be in spending every resource we have. As we conclude this fiscal year, I thank you for your sacrifices and generosity in supporting the parish and our mission. I also thank our staff who were very understanding as we tried to reduce hours or consolidate positions to balance our budget to the stewardship contributions we receive from you.

I feel now it is time we look to our future with hope to renew our parish and our mission. If you remember, my first monthly letter was sharing my vision with you about becoming a FAITH Community, CARING Community and WITNESSING Community. At this Pentecost, my prayer is that the Holy Spirit come down upon us so powerfully to live our Christian lives more joyfully and courageously, so that seeing us, others be drawn to Jesus.

I wish you a great summer and memorable days with your loved ones. I know Wisconsin is the best place to enjoy the summer. May the Lord Bless you all abundantly and may the Holy Spirit fill you at this Pentecost to be new people of God.

Your humble Shepherd,
Fr. Matthew Perumpil, MI