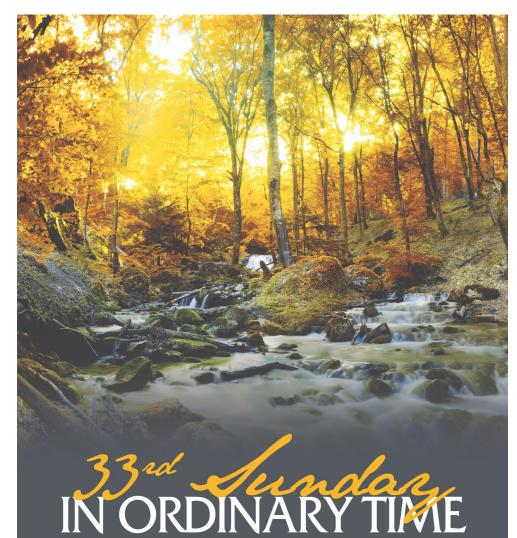
November 15, 2020

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome to Mother of Perpetual Help Parish West Allis

Website: www.mphwa.org (414) 453-5192



"The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.'" - Mt 25:20

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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

Fr. Jeff Prasser (262) 424-3341 prasserjap@gmail.com

Mother of Perpetual Help Sites

Mass Intentions



92ND STREET SITE 1414 S. 92nd Street



106TH STREET SITE 2322 S. 106th Street







SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2020 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:00 AM † Samantha Blagg (106 St.) 9:30 AM † Carl and Marge Peterson (116 St.) 11:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of Our Parish (106 St.) 7:00 PM † Linda Gradecki (92 St.)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2020 8:00 AM † Albert Renner (106 St.)

TUESDAY, NOVEMEBR 17, 2020 8:15 AM † Marie Balistrieri (116 St.)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2020 8:00 AM † William Cavanaugh III (106 St.)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2020 No Mass

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2020 No Mass

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2020 4:00 PM † Donald Frohmader (116 St.)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2020 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

- 8:00 AM † William Dowling, MD (106 St.)
- 9:30 AM † Thomas J. Brown (116 St.)
- 11:00 AM Deceased Gunderman and Hanson Families (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. Classes will be held quarterly in 2020/2021, so it is recommended you schedule a class early, possibly before your child is born. You must call the parish office to register for the class and the Baptism.

<u>Reconciliation (Confession)</u> 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.

<u>Anointing of the Sick</u> Until further notice, individual anointing may be requested by calling the pastor.

<u>Weddings</u> 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 November 15, 2020 Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/1 Thes 5:1-6/ Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21 Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Rev 2:17]/ Monday: Lk 18:35-43 Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [Rev 3:21]/Lk 19:1-10 Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 Wednesday: [1b]/Lk 19:11-28 Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a Thursday: and 9b [Rev 5:10]/Lk 19:41-44 Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 Friday: [103a]/Lk 19:45-48 Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1b]/Lk 20:27-40 Saturday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 [1]/1 Next Sunday: Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

GOD'S WORD

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time/Nov. 15 2020

First Reading:

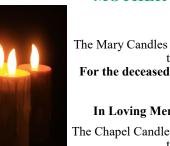
Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her a reward for her labors, and let her works praise her at the city gates. (Prv 31:30-31)

Second Reading:

For all of you are children of the light and children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober. (1 Thes 5:5-6)

Gospel:

"His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy."" (Mt 25:21)



MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

The Mary Candles at 106th St. Site are burning this month For the deceased Gunderman and Hanson Families and

In Loving Memory of Victor Weitzer The Chapel Candle at 106th St. Site are burning

this month For the Gunderman and Hanson Families

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Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thursday, November 26th at 9:00 a.m. at the 116th St. site.

Please Note: The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, November 26th - Thanksgiving Day.

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.



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

November 15, 2020 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

God gives us the gift of His very self and asks us to invest it. Investing God's greatest gift of Himself wisely, allows God's kingdom to grow and flourish. God trusts us with this pearl of great price in hopes that it will produce abundant fruit. While God's gift of self is realized in the gifts of faith, hope, and love, they are not meant to be solely for personal benefit. They are intended to be shared and are at the heart of Jesus' blueprint for happiness, the Beatitudes.

When we properly invest God's greatest gift, His most treasured possession, we invest in the wellbeing of all of our brothers and sisters and the world in which we live. We take up most seriously our call to be stewards and properly manage, not only our own affairs, but the affairs of those around and before us. God has put tremendous confidence in us. Do we have that same confidence in God?

We often go the extra mile and put in the additional effort when it comes to those concerns closest to us: our families, friends, careers, home and securities. But when it comes to things that are not as close to us, we can become lax and less conscientious. Tending to God's treasure requires a great deal of focus and persistent hard work. It demands that I see the bigger picture, God's picture, in which self-sacrifice is a given as we labor for the establishment of God's kingdom, God's vision. Fear and a lack of trust can loom large, however. We are afraid of letting go of what is "mine" and apprehensive of jeopardizing what we have in order to venture into something bigger and more promising.

Fear and a lack of trust serve no purpose in God's kingdom. They benefit neither the person nor God. What is required is a courageous resolve that produces the fortitude necessary to stay the course and do what God is asking. Doing all in our power to cultivate the seeds of faith, hope, and love in our world, working diligently to put all of our relationships in proper order, becoming attentive to systems and ideologies that hurt and oppress people, being mindful of injustice, and laboring on behalf of the poor and the needy are at the core of what each of us is asked to do. It is how we invest God's most precious gift wisely. If persistent, alert and attentive, then life will gradually improve around us, there will be greater peace and we will experience joy.



WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday and Wednesday 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.

Friday morning Mass at the 106th Street site will return in December.

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. 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.

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP 2019 - 2020 WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 8, 2020

Total	
Offertory	848.00
Scholarship	
Repair and Maintenance	
Membership	\$14,887.00

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

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HUMAN CONCERNS/OUTREACH

Director: Kathy Smith 414-453-0300 ext. 25 Kathy@mphwa.org ADVENT OUTREACH 2020

> House of Peace Toy Drive (Capuchin Community Services) at the 106th Street site only



Barb's Baby Ministry At the 116th Street site only



Collection will run the first and second Sundays of Advent (Nov. 28, 29 - Thanksgiving weekend and run to Dec. 5, 6) Collections are separated according to the Covid protocol.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!



CHILD AND YOUTH MINISTRY

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

RE Sunday Pack Pick-Up: <u>December 6th</u> January 10th

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

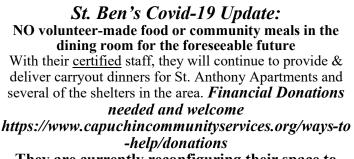
First Reconciliation Meeting

November 14th or November 21st, Parents and children, 9-10 am at the 106th St. site in the church.

MQSCA School

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

Our November focus is on service. The students are spending time learning about service and the impact service can have on a community. In learning about service, we are also learning about St. Teresa of Calcutta and her countless contributions to humanity. It was amazing to discover that one of my good friends worked directly with Mother Teresa in India. His experience working alongside her was transformative. We hope that our students will also be transformed and take what they are learning in the classrooms and apply it to their lives. My own experience in Jesuit schools has created a strong desire to serve others. As soon as we are able, we will be launching a school wide initiative of service where each grade takes on a service project. In the meantime, we are hosting a school wide food drive. All donations will be given to the MPH food pantry and the class that donates the largest percentage of items will receive a dress down day. Thank you for your continued support as we continue to transform the lives of our students.



They are currently reconfiguring their space to better accommodate the carryout system

Questions/volunteer: contact Kathy Smith 414-453-0300 x25 or kathy@mphwa.org BLESSINGS to all those so faithful to this ministry!



FOOD PANTRY REQUEST

Our MPH SVDP pantry is in need of 10-12 lb. turkeys for the Thanksgiving food distribution.

<u>Please deliver to the Pantry or the Office</u> <u>by November 18.</u> Thank You!



Buried in Your Backyard

I remember watching a television show about a high school that dug up a time capsule that students had buried 25 years earlier. They had buried it with the purpose of showing others many years later the trends of the day and how student life was at that time. It was a fun exercise and everyone — the current students as well as those now grown — laughed at the clothing styles, corny photos, and lack of technology from years ago.

I wonder how the former students felt about how they had grown in those 25 years. How many of them realized their high school dreams? Did they find their purpose in this world and feel fulfilled in life? Did they use the talents and gifts God gave them to really make a difference in the world?

We have all been given talents and gifts by God to be cultivated and offered back to Him and those around us for His glory. As time has passed, hopefully we have taken seriously our stewardship of these gifts. But sometimes out of fear, misunderstanding, or even apathy, we have taken one or more of our gifts and buried them, hiding them away from others and stifling all growth. This is no way to honor God and certainly not a path to fulfillment in life. If we have anything buried in our backyard, we might do well to dig it back up, clean it up, and begin building upon it. Like a time capsule, those things will not be buried forever. One day the giver of that gift will ask what you have done with it. When that day comes, I pray you don't need to find a shovel.

– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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MPH Food Pantry Wish List:

Cereal Mac & Cheese Ketchup Jelly Chef Boy'R'Dee (canned pasta) Canned Fruit Pork & Beans Soup (no cream) Jello (3oz.) Pancake Mix/Syrup Instant Pudding Creamy Peanut Butter Hamburger Helper Cake Mixes Frosting

Please check that products are not expired, we cannot serve our clients with any out of date products (thanks!) We also accept your bounty of produce.

Virtual Baby Bottle Campaign!

Pro-Life Wisconsin's Helping Both Program fills the gap for families and gives hope to moms in crisis pregnancies. Your generosity provides the financial resources to continue supporting families in need.

Donate at: www.prolifewi.org/donate



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

"Our Lord is hidden in the Blessed Sacrament, waiting for us to come and visit Him. . . .See how good He is!. . .If He had appeared before us now in all His glory, we should not have dared to approach Him; but He hides Himself like one in prison, saying: 'You do

not see Me, but that does not matter; ask Me for all you want. ..."(St. John Vianney).

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.

Catholics and the Mystery of Death IV: How to Help a Grieving Person during the Holidays

A family member, neighbor, co-worker or friend may be dreading the approach of the holidays and you are wondering how you can help them. Here are some thoughts:

- 1. Listen to them. Listen to their feelings, their thoughts, their stories, their memories. Then listen some more.
- 2. Become at ease with any bursts of emotion. Don't immediately force any tissue on them. Let them emote.
- 3. Go on walks with them, on their schedule, preferably outdoors.
- 4. Assist them if they wish, with their holiday chores: shopping wrapping, decorating, mailing.
- 5. Assist them, if they wish, with their everyday chores: grocery shopping, errand running, household tasks or child care. Remember their energy is in short supply.
- 6. Let food be an elemental way to express your loving care. Take meals in to them or invite them to eat with you.
- 7. Give them a gift basket or box that they can open immediately and fill it with things like a candle, writing, some of their favorite treats.
- 8. Accept and protect their need for privacy and solitude.
- 9. Let go of any expectations about how they should grieve so they can grieve in their own best way.
- 10. Be a consistent, calming, accepting presence with phone calls, your emails, your visits, your notecards.
- 11. If they ask for your feedback on decisions they are making, give it. If they ask...
- 12. Radiate genuine hope for them, either with or without your words.
- 13. Ask them, "What would help?" and then do it.
- 14. Be present to them after the holidays in as many ways as before the holidays. Each time brings its own need.
- 15. Carry this person you love, and carry their loved one too, in your heart and soul through each of the days leading up to and away from each holiday. You need not let them know you are doing that because if you really are doing it, they will know and be grateful.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Brothers and Sisters of MPH Parish,

Once again, thank you for all the kindness, prayers and good wishes you have sent my way these past few weeks. This week I want to share some news as well as some thoughts for us as we move forward. I will begin with my current situation.

- A few years ago, when my gallbladder surgery happened, I found out that I have what is called NASH or Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver disease. It has several possible side effects, but mostly invisible symptoms until they begin to occur. The past year or so I had some digestive and other physical issues and found it had progressed to cirrhosis. Around Labor Day weekend I became very ill and went to the hospital the first time. I have had several attempts at treatments but, none have brought any permanent relief. On the 6th I was transferred from Elmbrook to Froedtert and have since learned that my long-term prognosis will require a liver transplant. Over the past two weeks the process to figure out the details and possible time frame have been taking place. I know that this will mean a significant change in my life for a while, but I wanted to share that information with all of you at this time. When I know more, I will share that with you as the story unfolds. I would also like to tell you how important it is to take care of yourselves. Fatty liver is impacting millions of lives, and many people are unaware that it can often be treated successfully before it's too late. It is truly a challenge to us all, especially given our lifestyle and diet as North Americans.
- As we talk about so many of the challenges to our lives and the life of our parish community, we often wonder what will happen next? First, as mentioned in previous communications, we have received an offer from a charter school to purchase our St. Aloysius property. The Archbishop has given us the necessary permission to move ahead with negotiations. If all works out, we will be selling the property shortly after the New Year.
- At that time, the 7 PM Mass Sunday night will move to the 106th Street site. We will share in a farewell mass after Christmas, and then move on with our plans to create one liturgical site. To move ahead, we will also be implementing the rest of the Mass changes the first weekend of July. We waited two years to make this move and the time has come to embrace it. All weekend masses will take place at the 106th Street site beginning July 4th weekend. I have learned several important lessons during these last months and beginning each day with confidence and faith renewed is the only way to continue our development as a Faith Community. I know it is hard for all of us, and I know and respect the fact that some will choose not to continue with us, but the time has come to act faithfully and sincerely. To continue to stand still or accept the status quo will only prolong implementing decisions that have already been made.
- Let us move together as we strive to come closer to God through our Worship and Ministry. There will be more information in the monthly letter in two weeks, and until then, please be safe, be careful and take care of yourselves as we make our way through these interesting and challenging times.

Peace,

Fr. Jeff



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