

September 2021

Peace and Blessings dear Members of our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish Family. Hope you are enjoying the beautiful summer and the occasional refreshing rains, although some of them are accompanied by storms. It is an interesting imagery to our faith journey throughout these years of transition and the losses.

As I mentioned in my last monthly letter, I have also been going through the last part of the storm that you have been through over the past many years. I experienced through your sharing how the boat of our parish has been shaken and tossed in the winds. I was praying for reassurance that the Lord is with us in this boat. I am sure you have also been praying through all your pains for the Lord to guide us and calm the storm.

After lots of prayer, listening, discussions, consultations, and discernment, I am making the decision to move forward with the final plan of our merger with a slight modification. With the inaugural Mass on September 19, 2021, we will complete our merger process as decided in the past. Our Main Worship Site will be the 106th and Lincoln site. **All Sunday Masses and main celebrations of the liturgical year will be at this site from September 19th, 2021, on.**

Having heard the many voices and with the changed circumstances of the merger plan from 2018, I feel it is helpful to continue the Mass of Anticipation at 4:00pm on Saturdays at the 116th and Greenfield site. The Church cannot be decommissioned as we will continue to have the school Masses there. Moreover, I feel it is pastorally prudent to support the needs of the vastly senior and aging members who are attending the 4 pm Mass at the 116th site. **Therefore, the 116th site will be our Auxiliary site of the parish. All Sunday Masses, including the 9:30am Mass, will be celebrated at the main site on 106th and Lincoln.**

I know many of you will find this decision hard to understand. I feel it is the most pastorally appropriate decision moving forward to rebuild our community as one. Let us continue to build a vibrant and caring community in West Allis that is founded in our rich heritage of Faith and tradition of the three parishes. Let's celebrate our past and thank all who built our faith communities and pray for a new beginning, trusting that it is the Lord who is in charge of our boat.

Our Patroness, Mary, Mother of Perpetual Help will surely be our constant support and mediator with Jesus to become a new community with full of enthusiasm and hope. May she intercede for us always.

Entrusting you all under the care and protection of Mother of Perpetual Help,

Yours in Christ,

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