



Mother of Perpetual Help Parish

WEST ALLIS, WISCONSIN



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - FEBRUARY 16, 2025

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MASS TIMES:

Saturday: 4:00 pm (MPH West)
Sunday: 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 7:00 pm (MPH East)
Weekdays: 8:00 am (MPH East)
Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and First Saturdays

SCHOOL YEAR WEEKDAY MASS:
Tuesdays 8:00 am (MPH West)

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
8:30 - 4:30 pm Monday - Thursday
8:30 - 1:00 pm Friday

Celebrating the Sacraments

Baptism call the parish office to register for Baptism.

Reconciliation (Confession) is celebrated on the First Saturday of the month at 8:30 am and on Wednesdays after the 8:00 am Mass.

Anointing of the Sick Will be celebrated the last weekend of the month after all Masses. Also, you may request anointing by calling the pastor or the parish office.

Weddings Please call the Parish office to make arrangements no later than 6 months prior to your anticipated date.

MASS INTENTIONS



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2025

4:00 PM † Theresa Borowski (West Site)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2025

8:30 AM † Emily Duberke (East Site)
10:30 AM † Thomas Kilcullen (East Site)
7:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of our Parish (East Site)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2025

8:00 AM † Edward Holzem (East Site)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025

8:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of the Phil and Antoinette Haevers Family (West Site)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2025

8:00 AM For the Elliott and Balistreri Families (East Site)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2025

8:00 AM † Bill and JoAnn Barwick (East Site)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025

4:00 PM † Mary Herro (West Site)

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP



The Mother of Perpetual Help Votive Light at 116th St. Site is burning this month for **Living and Deceased Members of the George Clemens Family**

Prayers

We extend our sympathy to the families of the following people who have died. May they rest in peace and be risen to eternal glory!



Darlene Hutterer
Marianne Brenner
Matthew Kerhin



REFLECTIONS FROM FR. MATTHEW

Trusting in God

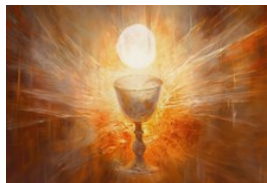
The readings for the 6th Sunday focus on themes of trust, resurrection, and true happiness. Jeremiah, Paul, and Jesus each offer insights into how we should live our lives in faith. They invite us to reflect on what it means to trust in God, the hope found in Jesus' resurrection, and the blessings and woes of our earthly lives.

Jeremiah, in the first reading, warns us against trusting in human strength. He compares those who trust in humans to a shrub in the desert, dry and struggling to survive. This shows that relying on ourselves or others can leave us feeling empty and lost. Instead, Jeremiah calls us to trust in God. Those who trust in God are like a tree planted by water, always green and fruitful. This image helps us understand that God's support brings life and strength. Trusting in God means turning to Him in all situations. It means praying and seeking His guidance.

In the second reading, Paul talks about the resurrection of Jesus. He explains that our faith is built on the truth that Jesus rose from the dead. Without the resurrection, our faith is useless, and we have no hope. Resurrection of Jesus is central to our faith. It gives us hope for eternal life with Jesus. This hope helps us face difficulties and challenges with confidence. Believing in the resurrection means trusting that Jesus conquered death. It means having faith that we too will have eternal life.

In the Gospel we hear the Lucan version of Beatitudes. With this famous sermon, Jesus makes clear that God does not measure success in the same way that we do. Things like wealth, satisfaction, good cheer, and solid reputation may seem like signs of God's favor, but they are not the things that ultimately matter. God instead promises to be present in a special way to those who are poor, hungry, weeping, and reviled. That is not to say that God does not love those who have more, but God seeks out those who are suffering and offers them particular love. The Beatitudes highlights the importance of where we place our trust and heart. Our deepest center should belong to God, not worldly things. If our heart belongs to God, we thrive like a tree by water. If it belongs to the world, we become like a dried-up bush in the desert.

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL



Who Is Love?

During this month, as the world celebrates love, we remember the greatest love of all – the love of Christ poured out for us in the Eucharist. His presence in the

Blessed Sacrament is the ultimate sign that we are never alone. This is the powerful truth of the Eucharistic Revival. You are invited to embrace His love more deeply and share His love with others. – *Excerpts from National Eucharistic Revival*

“The Eucharist is the sacrament of love: it signifies love, it produces love. The Eucharist is the consummation of the whole spiritual life.” - St Thomas Aquinas

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

“Hope strengthens us in times of trial”

In his Message for the 33rd World Day of the Sick, observed on February 11, the liturgical commemoration of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lourdes, Pope Francis says God remains close to those who suffer, through encounter, gift, and sharing. Although true hope “does not disappoint,” and in fact “strengthens us in times of trial,” this confidence can often prove perplexing in real situations of suffering. “In these situations,” the Pope says, we sense our need for a strength greater than our own. We realize that we need God's help, His grace, His Providence, and the strength that is the gift of His Spirit.”



Pope Francis concludes his Message with a special word for those who are sick and suffering, reminding them that they have an “especially important” part to play in the Jubilee. “Your journey together is a sign of hope for everyone, ‘a hymn of dignity, a song of hope’.”

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Readings for the week of February 16, 2025

Sunday:	Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/ 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26
Monday:	Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/ Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26
Thursday:	Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/ Mk 8:27-33
Friday:	Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 8:34—9:1
Saturday:	1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19
Next Sunday:	1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/ Lk 6:27-38





Mass of Welcome
WITH
ARCHBISHOP GROB

**MONDAY,
FEBRUARY 24, 2025
6 P.M.**

St. Matthias Parish
9306 W. Beloit Road, Milwaukee

Join in welcoming Archbishop Grob as the 12th Archbishop of Milwaukee! This Mass, held in gratitude to God, celebrates the bond between Archbishop Grob and the more than 500,000 Catholics now under his guidance in the 10-county archdiocese.

ARCHDIOCESE of MILWAUKEE



Attention men: You're invited to join the 2025 Men of Christ conference—**Courage Under Fire**—which will be held in parishes across the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, including our parish—with both virtual and live elements. The morning will feature well-known speakers, Mass, Adoration, Confession and fellowship. Get all the details and register at MenOfChrist.net

When: Saturday, March 29, 2025

Where: {Mother of Perpetual Help Parish, 2322 S. 106th St.} Church and Parish Center.

Time: 7:00 A.M. Rosary, 7:30 A.M. Mass (in Church) with a breakfast and program in the parish center to follow, ends at 12:30 P.M.

Register at MenOfChrist.net or contact: John Czepulis 414-541-0817, Devan Gracyalny 414-801-6886 or John Gomez 414-861-1101 for more information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Director: Sr. Vita Lobo, SJT 414-595-7052
faith@mphwa.org

March Classes: March 2, 9, and 16

SENIOR MINISTRY

Director: Sr. Lincy Augustine, SJT
pastoral@mphwa.org

Jubilee 2025- Pilgrims of Hope!

A family is like a beautiful garden, and its values are the deep roots that keep it strong. Without them, even the strongest branches struggle. But when we nurture **respect, love, and faith, our family—both at home and in our church—remains unshakable.**

We know that life can be challenging, and at times, families may face storms that shake their foundation. But even in the midst of trials, **hope in Christ is our anchor.** A broken family does not mean a broken future. God's grace is always at work, **healing, renewing, and binding us together.**

Let us take inspiration from the Holy Family—living in **humility, charity, and unity.** Just as Mary, Joseph, and Jesus relied on faith and love, so too can we find strength in God's presence in our lives.

As the **Ministers of Care**, one of our deepest commitments is to pray for you, especially those who carry the concern of your children's spiritual journey in your hearts. You are not alone in this longing—together, as a faith community, we lift them up in prayer.

We invite you to join us in spirit as we come before the **Blessed Sacrament every First Friday**, offering our time in prayers for all our loved ones. Let us unite in faith, trusting that God's grace will guide and nurture them.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, February 16, 2025

9:15 AM Faith Formation Classes - All PC, ND & Gym (106 St.)

MONDAY, February 17, 2025

9:00 AM Sheepshead - PC 9 (106 St.)

4:00 PM St. Ben's Community Meal Serve - (930 W. State St.)

6:00 PM Evening Prayer - Church (106 St.)

TUESDAY, February 18, 2025

9:30 AM Book Buzz - BH (116 St.)

11:30 AM Senior Social Club Mtg. - ND (106 St.)

6:45 PM Evening Prayer & Rosary - Church (106 St.)

WEDNESDAY, February 19, 2025

9:00 AM MPH Helping Hands - BH (116 St.)

9-11 AM MPH Food Pantry - BH (116 St.)

9:00 AM Sheepshead - PC 9 (106 St.)

6:00 PM Evening Prayer - Church (106 St.)

THURSDAY, February 20, 2025

8:00 AM St. Ben's food delivery & bag - Ki (106 St.)

2:00 PM St. Ben's food delivery & bag - Ki (106 St.)

6:00 PM Evening Prayer - Church (106 St.)

6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal - Church (106 St.)

FRIDAY, February 21, 2025

6:00 PM Evening Prayer and Chaplet of Divine Mercy - Church (106 St.)

SATURDAY, February 22, 2025

7:00 AM Men's Scripture Study ND (106 St.)

9:30-11:30 AM MPH Food Pantry - BH (116 St.)

6:00 PM Trivia Night - Gym/Ki (106 St.)

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP OF WEST ALLIS

HUMAN CONCERNS/OUTREACH

Director: Kathy Smith 414-453-5192 ext. 125
Kathy@mphwa.org.



*May Everyone have a
Blessed Valentine's
Weekend!*

St. Ben's Community Meal

FEBRUARY dates:

Serve: Monday, Feb. 17

Sandwich making & Bag packing:

Thursdays Feb. 20th & 27th

8AM Kitchen at 106th Parish Center

Food Drop Off: 8AM-9AM or 2-2:30PM

Contact Kathy: to donate/serve

Questions/volunteer:

Kathy Smith 414-453-5192x125 or kathy@mphwa.org
Blessings to all who help with this ministry!

MQSCA SCHOOL

Join us for an evening of FUN!

MQSCA

Annual Sip and Support,

Saturday, March 8th

(Live Music, wine & beer tasting,
appetizers, raffles)



Contact the school for tickets: 414-476-0751

Senior Social Club

Tuesday, February 18th 12:00 noon—3:00 pm

All seniors welcome! Doors open at 11:30 am. We ask that you bring a dish to pass. We furnish the meat, bread and dessert. Due are \$2.00. Any questions call Mary Margaret at 262-786-9542.



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**"MONTHLY
COLLECTION ITEM
SPOTLIGHT"**



FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY:

SOUPS

Large or Small Cans

**Broth NOT Cream types
preferred**

All donated items
will be distributed
to patrons at our
MPH Food Pantry



Calling All Trivia Fans

It's time to get your teams together for the
annual MPH Trivia Night

Saturday, February 22nd

\$100 per table for up to 10 people

Space is limited.

Call the parish office to register.



MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2025

Membership Support	\$45,115.80
Offertory	6,364.87
Repair and Maintenance.....	3,404.50
Scholarship.....	747.00
Flowers.....	100.00
Total.....	\$55,732.17

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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