

April, 2025

Today is the first day of Spring and as Christians, we are in the Springtime of our spiritual life, reawakening our faith life through all the Lenten observances. During these coming weeks of Lent, I encourage each of you to embrace this sacred time as an opportunity for spiritual renewal. Through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving—the rich spiritual practices of our Catholic faith—we open ourselves to God’s grace, allowing Him to transform us more fully into His disciples. Please join us as you are able, in the many different opportunities the parish is offering to renew our lives as a believing community.

Let us use these remaining weeks to reinvigorate our faith, turning away from sin, receiving the grace of the Sacraments, especially Reconciliation, and growing in love for God and one another. May this journey not only prepare us for Easter but also empower us to live as true witnesses of Christ, bringing His light into our world. Please remember the Day of Reconciliation in our Archdiocese is April 9<sup>th</sup>. For us the most convenient location is St. Mathias from 8 am to 8 pm on that day. Our new Archbishop has invited us to observe this day as a Day of Reparation and Penance.

I am happy to share with you that our parish Lenten Mission will be on **April 7, 8, 9** from 6:30 pm to 8 pm on the theme **“Walking with Jesus: From Call to Community to Mission”** led by Dr. Don Scholz. If you are not able to join us physically, join us through the live telecast by visiting our website, [www.mphwa.org](http://www.mphwa.org).

As our parish is preparing to elect four new pastoral council members using the discernment model, I humbly request you to pray for our parish to have committed leaders who will come forward to serve the church. The nominations will be invited through the end of April.

Another upcoming, exciting event that is fast approaching, is the **Festival on the weekend of June 20, 21, 22**. Booster tickets are available at the church after all the Masses. Consider also volunteering to make the Parish Festival a great celebration of our faith community in West Allis.

I had a short trip to visit my family recently, especially because my mom is struggling with a serious illness. Please keep her in your prayers. I thank you and assure you of my continued prayers as we journey through this holy season of Lent. May the Lord bless and guide us as a faith community witnessing the saving power of our Divine Savior.

With Prayers and Blessings,

Fr. Matthew Perumpil, MI  
Pastor