



Mother of Perpetual Help Parish

WEST ALLIS, WISCONSIN



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 16, 2025

This is
my chosen
Son;
listen
to
him.”

Luke 9:35

Second Sunday of Lent

OUR PARISH MISSION

We are a dynamic faith community, truthful to Catholic teaching, spiritually nourishing, united in the Eucharist, reaching out and accompanying one another through engaging ministries, witnessing the gospel through the example of our lives.



MPH East
2322 S. 106th Street



MPH West
1212 S. 117th Street

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

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP



The Mother of Perpetual Help Votive Light at 116th St. Site is burning this month

In Loving Memory of Thomas J. Brown

The Mary Candles at 106th St. Site are burning this month

In Loving Memory of Sammie Blagg and

In Loving Memory of Robert Elliott

The Chapel Candle at 106th St. Site is burning this month

In Loving Memory of Peter and Marie Balistrieri

MASS INTENTIONS



Second Sunday of Lent

SATURDAY, March 15, 2025

4:00 PM † Lorraine Nell (West Site)

SUNDAY, March 16, 2025

8:30 AM † Edward Holzem (East Site)

10:30 AM † Florence Walczak (East Site)

7:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of our Parish (East Site)

MONDAY, March 17, 2025

8:00 AM † Lorraine Nell (East Site)

TUESDAY, March 18, 2025

8:00 AM † Eileen Donovan (West Site)

WEDNESDAY, March 19, 2025

8:00 AM † James Kusik (East Site)

FRIDAY, March 21, 2025

8:00 AM † Beth Varela (East Site)

SATURDAY, March 22, 2025

4:00 PM † Mary Herro (West Site)

Lenten Observances at MPH this Week

Vespers

Tuesday, March 18th: 6:30 pm followed by Rosary

Stations of the Cross

6:30 pm Wednesday (106 Site)

2:30 pm Friday (116 Site)

Eucharistic Adoration with Divine Mercy

Friday: 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Reconciliation (Confession) is available after 8:00 am Mass on Wednesdays and Fridays.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Child: Oliver LeRoy Raupp
Parents: Colin and Jessica Raupp





REFLECTIONS FROM FR. MATTHEW

Climbing the Mountain with Jesus: A Call to Renewal

On this Second Sunday of Lent, we hear the Gospel account of the Transfiguration from **Luke 9:28-36**. Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up the mountain to pray, and there, in their presence, His glory is revealed. This moment is a powerful invitation for us to climb the spiritual mountain with Jesus in prayer, allowing ourselves to be renewed and strengthened on our Lenten journey.

Lent is a time of spiritual ascent, a journey of drawing closer to Christ through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Just as Jesus led His disciples up the mountain, He invites us to step away from the distractions of daily life and spend time with Him in prayer. On that mountain, the disciples were overwhelmed by the radiance of Jesus' glory and the voice of the Father, calling them to listen to His Son. In the same way, Lent is an opportunity for us to listen more deeply to the voice of God, to be renewed in our faith, and to prepare our hearts for the celebration of the Paschal Mysteries—Christ's passion, death, and resurrection.

But the climb is not always easy. Like Peter, James, and John, we may struggle with fatigue or fear when faced with the challenges of conversion and self-denial. Yet, just as Jesus revealed His glory to strengthen them for the road ahead, He gives us moments of grace to sustain us in our Lenten commitments. These moments may come through prayer, the sacraments, or acts of charity that remind us of God's presence and love.

The Transfiguration also reminds us of our ultimate goal: union with Christ in His glory. Lent is not just about self-denial but about transformation. As we journey through these forty days, may we embrace the call to climb the mountain with Jesus, seeking renewal in prayer and allowing His grace to prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter.

Let us ask for the grace to listen to the voice of the Father: "This is my chosen Son; listen to Him" (Luke 9:35). May our time in prayer this Lent lead us closer to Christ, so that we may be transformed by His love and become witnesses of His glory in our daily lives.

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

What good is our Lenten discipline if it fails to lead to greater discipleship?



"Alone with Jesus before the tabernacle, we can speak freely with him about everything in our lives, what's in our minds and hearts, what we and our loved ones dream about and fear and need. It is a heart-to-heart moment of intimacy and trust. It is where we offer God our praise and adoration and blessing, where we are called to conversion and confidence and thanksgiving.... Eucharistic adoration is where we hear God whisper his love, a place that is quiet enough that we can listen in the stillness for the voice of the God who made us, loves us, and ever sustains us."

— Sr. Kathryn J. Hermes, FSP

During these weeks of Lent will you give more time to Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration?

"Until we have a passionate love for Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament, we shall accomplish nothing"- (St. Peter Julian Eymard)

"Awaken the Flame of Faith"

Join us for a special hour of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament dedicated to our dear ones who have drifted away from the practice of their faith. Together, we will seek God's grace to touch their hearts and renew their relationship with Him.

Every Friday from 3.00 PM – 4.00 PM at 106th St.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Readings for the week of March 16, 2025

Sunday:	Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/ Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36
Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/ Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/ Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/ Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday:	Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 (8a)/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9 <i>Scrutiny:</i> Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42



SENIOR MINISTRY

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

Stay Connected and Celebrate Life

After experiencing several weeks of extremely cold weather and keeping up with medical appointments, I was thinking that it would be nice to do something “fun” before Lent begins. The very next day Sister Lincy invited me to register for the Stay Connected and Celebrate Life event at Mother of Perpetual Help Parish. I am certainly happy that I did. I enjoyed the singing, the speaker, and the delicious meal including a paczki as well as a chance to win a bingo prize. Spending time with parishioners including some I hadn’t seen in years and the chance to make new friends really brightened my day. Thank you to Sister Lincy and her helpers. I promise to remember you in my prayers daily especially during this season of Lent.

From one of our parishioners



Attention men: You’re invited to join the 2025 Men of Christ conference—**Courage Under Fire**

When: Saturday, March 29, 2025

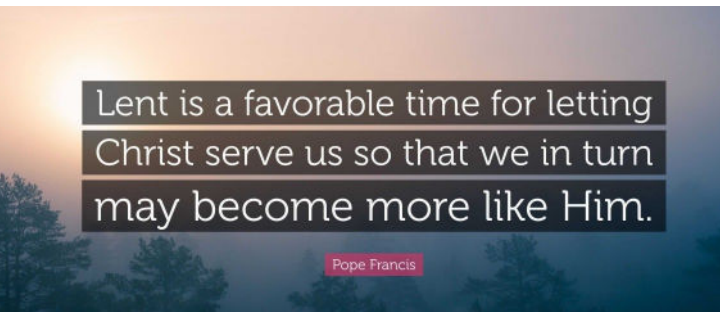
Where: {Mother of Perpetual Help Parish, 2322 S. 106th St.} Church and Parish Center.

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



“Wishing all our families strength and serenity this Lent as you draw closer to God.”

April Classes: April 6 & 13

News from Pastoral Council

A Pastoral Council Is Collaborative. The pastoral council challenges itself as well as individual members, the staff, committees, organizations and other groups in the parish to work together. A clear, common understanding of the parish's mission fosters collaboration. The parish will strive to seek ways to collaborate with other parishes, community organizations and congregations to foster the common good of the broader community. In society and in the Church, the demands of the present and future will stretch limited resources. Collaboration is an effective way to meet those needs and to utilize the resources.

MPH Lenten Outreach 2025
CONGO HELPING HANDS

This group has acted as the hands and feet of Jesus on the ground in the Democratic Republic of the Congo representing our parish through our missionary parishioner Jeff Mullins, his partner Woody Collins, and the team they have created in the DRC through help from MPH's generous stewardship of prayer & treasure through the years.

Please be generous again this year:
Checks payable to MPH with CHH on the memo line
THANK YOU, BLESS YOU!

WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, March 16, 2025

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

MONDAY, March 17, 2025

9:00 AM Sheepshead - PC 9 (106 St.)
4:00 PM Serve at St. Ben's (930 W. State St.)
6:00 PM Evening Prayer - Church (106 St.)

TUESDAY, March 18, 2025

6:30 PM Vespers, Evening Prayer & Rosary - Church (106 St.)

WEDNESDAY, March 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.)
1:00 PM Lenten Women's Bk Discussion - ND (106 St.)
6:00 PM Dartball - Gym (106 St.)
6:00 PM Evening Prayer - Church (106 St.)
6:30 PM Stations of the Cross - Church (106 St.)

THURSDAY, March 20, 2025

8:00 AM St. Ben's food delivery & prep - Ki (106 St.)
8:30 AM Monthly Letter Prep - Conf. Room (116 St.)
2:00 PM St. Ben's food delivery & prep - Ki (106 St.)
6:00 PM Evening Prayer - Church (106 St.)
6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal - Church (106 St.)

FRIDAY, March 21, 2025

2:30 PM Stations of the Cross - Church (116 St.)
3:00-4:00 PM Hour of Adoration - Church (106 St.)
6:00 PM Evening Prayer and Chaplet of Divine Mercy - Church (106 St.)

SATURDAY, March 22, 2025

7:00 AM Men's Scripture Study - ND (106 St.)
9:30-11:30 AM MPH Food Pantry - BH (116 St.)
10:00 AM Tech Event - ND (106 St.)
5:00 PM Ham and Roll Sale - Church (116 St.)

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HUMAN CONCERNS/OUTREACH

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

SUGGESTED LENTEN OUTREACH STEWARDSHIP

PRAYER: For all of these Groups

TIME: Putting Dignity Kits together for Project
Return (date to be announced)

TREASURE: For all of these Groups

Congo Helping Hands

Checks to MPH with CHH on the memo line

Project Return

Requested Items in travel or small size:

Toothpaste; Deodorant (men's & women's);
Tissues; Small. Bottles Hand Sanitizer; Shaving
Cream; Wash Cloths; Lip balm

Container will be at both sites through Lent

CRS Rice Bowls

Boxes available at the parish office

Checks payable to MPH with Rice Bowl on the
memo line or

Donate online: www.crsricebowl.org

St. Ben's Community Meal

MARCH dates: Serving: Mar. 17th

Sandwich making & Bag packing:

Thursdays Mar. 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

Tech Made Easy - Stay Connected

A special **Tech Event** will take place on **March 22**, at **ND room from 10 am-12 Noon** particularly designed for **Seniors**. This will cover **basic online security, smartphone usage, and troubleshooting common tech issues** — all in a simple, easy-to-follow format.

We encourage everyone, especially our senior community, to join us and gain valuable skills to stay safe and connected. Don't miss this opportunity to learn, ask questions, and feel empowered in the digital world. Come with your smart phone.

RSVP Don Pederson (414) 418-4141. Coffee and a light breakfast will be served.

Mary Queen of Saints Catholic Academy

Join us for breakfast,
meet our amazing staff
and enroll for next year!

Saturday, March 22
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
MQSCA Hall

Questions: mqscs.org/ 414-476-0751



Senior Social Club Meeting March 18th

Doors open at 11:30 am

All are welcome. We ask that you bring a dish to pass and this month something that pertains to St. Patrick's Day. We will provide the corned beef, bread and desserts. Dues are \$2.00 per person. Come and celebrate with us St. Patrick's Day and Spring. Any questions please call 262-786-9542.



FOOD PANTRY REQUEST FOR MARCH: Soups & Chef Boyardee



Parish Festival Booster Raffle Tickets

are available for pick up after all Masses beginning this **weekend, March 15/16**. The sale of booster tickets is important to the financial success of our festival. Please take a moment to pick up your tickets today. Tickets are located in the gathering area at 116th St. and at the West entrance at 106th St.

HELP WANTED

The Festival Committee needs individuals to serve as booth captains in two Areas:

- Coordinator for the sale of Booster Raffle Tickets on the grounds during the festival
 - BINGO Coordinator ... The Festival Committee would like to bring BINGO to our festival. We can only do that with the help of one or two people willing to coordinate the effort.
- No experience is necessary, just a willingness to help.

The festival committee will be there to guide you every step of the way. Sound like the perfect position for you?

Contact the parish office with your name and phone number and a committee member will contact you.