



Mother of Perpetual Help Parish

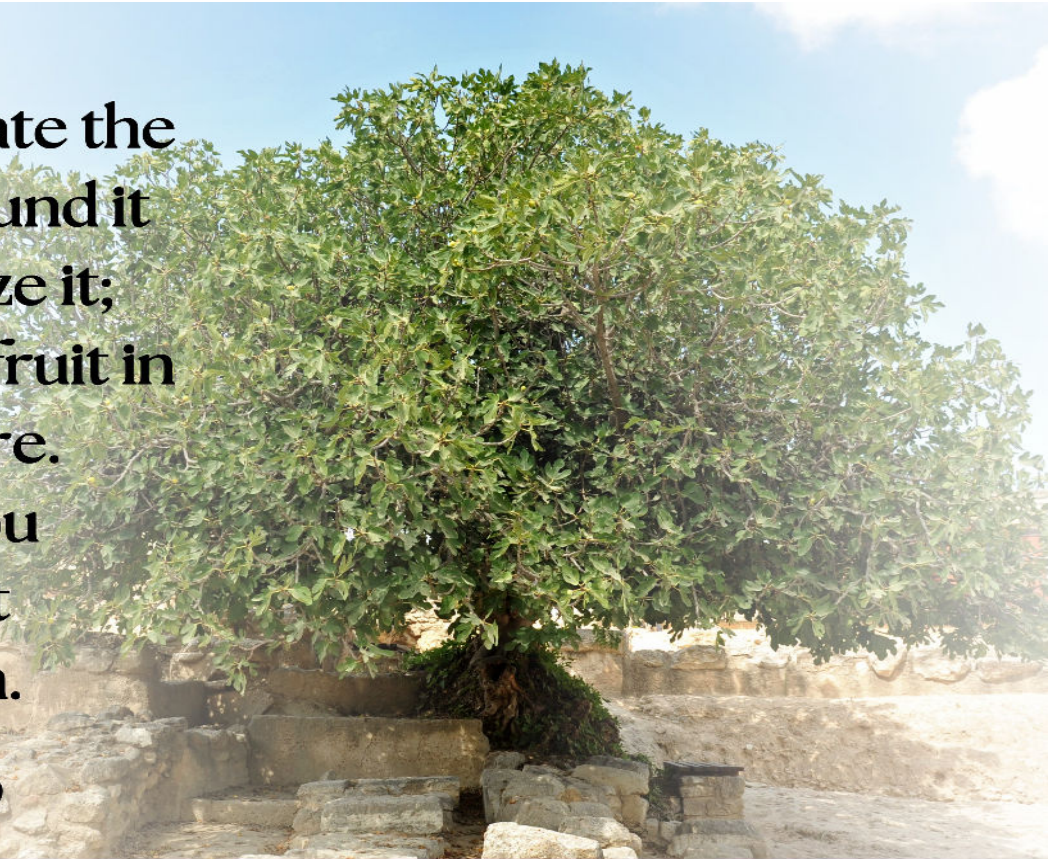
WEST ALLIS, WISCONSIN



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 23, 2025

I shall cultivate the
ground around it
and fertilize it;
it may bear fruit in
the future.
If not you
can cut
it down.

Luke 13:8-9



Third 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.



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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

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MASS INTENTIONS



Third Sunday of Lent

SATURDAY, March 22, 2025

4:00 PM † Mary Herro (West Site)

SUNDAY, March 23, 2025

8:30 AM Living and Deceased Members of Our Parish (East Site)

10:30 AM † Thomas Kelleher (East Site)

7:00 PM † Marianne Brenner (East Site)

MONDAY, March 24, 2025

8:00 AM † Nancy and † Keith Faber (East Site)

TUESDAY, March 25, 2025

8:00 AM † Beth Varela (West Site)

WEDNESDAY, March 26, 2025

8:00 AM † Sammie Blagg (East Site)

FRIDAY, March 28, 2025

8:00 AM † Fr. Jeff Prasser (East Site)

SATURDAY, March 29, 2025

4:00 PM † Eileen Donovan (West Site)

Lenten Observances at MPH this week

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 or call Father.

12 Hours of Reconciliation: Wednesday, April 9th at St. Matthias Parish, Milwaukee 8:00 am - 8:00 pm



Prayers

We extend our sympathy to the Schacht family on the death of **Margaret Schacht**. May she rest in peace and be risen to eternal glory!



REFLECTIONS FROM FR. MATTHEW

Call to Repentance and Become Fruitful

The 3rd Sunday of Lent brings us readings that emphasize God's call to free us, the importance of staying faithful, and the need to bear fruit in our lives. These readings also invite us to come to the fountain of mercy through the church by repenting our sins and receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

In the first reading, God promises to free the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. This powerful message shows that God is always working to set us free from our own struggles and sins. Just as He heard the cries of the Israelites, He hears our cries too. We often feel trapped by our own sins and problems. Like the Israelites in Egypt, we might think there is no escape. But God's promise shows that there is always hope.

In the second reading, Paul warns against idol worship and turning away from God. He reminds us to stay faithful and avoid anything that takes us away from God. This message is crucial for our spiritual journey through Lent.

The parable of the fig tree in the Gospel reading highlights God's patience. Jesus tells us that God gives us time to change and grow in faith. However, we must respond to this opportunity. The fig tree in the parable had not produced fruit for three years. The owner wanted to cut it down, but the gardener asked for more time. This shows that God is patient with us, giving us time to repent and improve. The gardener's request for more time is a reminder that we are given chances to change. God does not give up on us easily. He waits for us to bear fruit in our lives.

Jesus calls us to daily repentance and transformation. The fig tree in the Gospel symbolizes Israel's final chance to show true repentance. Lent is our time to let Christ, the gardener, cultivate our hearts and help us bear lasting fruit. Through prayer, fasting and the reception of sacraments, especially the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the Lord invites us to receive His mercy and grace to be freed of our sins becoming fruitful. The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is so much more than our confession of sins; it includes the *forgiveness of our sins and the grace we need to live a holy life*. God is calling us to holiness, and we are assured of his help.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a vital part of our spiritual journey, restoring our relationship with God and the Church by granting us His mercy and grace. The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that "individual and integral confession of grave sins followed by absolution remains the only ordinary means of reconciliation with God and with the Church" (CCC 1497). Furthermore, the Church requires the faithful to confess serious sins at least once a year (CCC 1457), ensuring that we remain in a state of grace and open to God's sanctifying work in our lives.

Lent, a season of conversion and renewal, is the perfect time to approach this sacrament with sincerity and trust in God's mercy. As we prepare to celebrate the joy of Easter, I invite you to take this opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, allowing Christ to renew your heart and fill you with His grace. Make use of the opportunities at our parish or nearby churches or retreat centers to renew yourselves with the grace and forgiveness of the Lord through this beautiful sacrament.

"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 23, 2025

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
Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/ Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/ Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/ Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday:	Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/ 2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 <i>Scrutiny:</i> 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/ Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38






Mother of Perpetual Help PARISH

PARISH MISSION

**Walking with Jesus:
From Call to Community to Mission**

**April 7-9, 2025
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm**



LED BY DR. DAN SCHOLZ

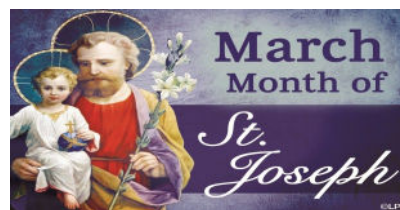
Monday:	6:30 pm	Introductions and Vespers
	7:00 pm	Presentation
	8:00 pm	Concluding Prayer and Hymn
Tuesday:	6:30 pm	Gathering Hymn and Prayer
	6:35 pm	Presentation
	7:45 pm	Penitential Rite followed by Confessions
Wednesday:	6:30 pm	Gathering Hymn and Prayer
	6:35 pm	Presentation
	7:30 pm	Adoration, Eucharistic Reflection and Benediction
	8:00 pm	Conclusion & Thanksgiving followed by light Refreshments

East Worship Site - 2322 S 106th Street - West Allis, WI 53227

News from Pastoral Council

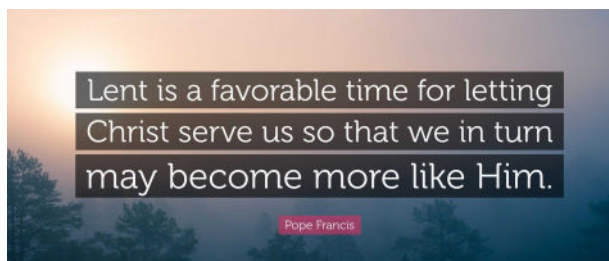
Love our parish and want to help shape its future?

Mother of Perpetual Help is inviting four (4) committed members to prayerfully consider a role on the Pastoral Council in the upcoming member discernment. As a vital leadership body, the Pastoral Council advises the Pastor to ensure Christ's mission is carried out and addresses the faith needs of our community. This is your chance to help build a welcoming community of disciples, fulfill Jesus' pastoral mission, and participate in meaningful pastoral planning. If you are ready to use your gifts to serve, we invite you to prayerfully consider this opportunity.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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



April Classes: April 6 & 13



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.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY, March 24, 2025

9:00 AM Sheepshead - PC 9 (106 St.)
 6:00 PM Evening Prayer - Church (106 St.)

TUESDAY, March 25, 2025

9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Mtg. - BH Living Rm. (116 St.)
 11:30 AM Senior Social Club Mtg. - ND (106 St.)
 6:45 PM Evening Prayer & Rosary - Church (106 St.)

WEDNESDAY, March 26, 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 - PC Classroom (106 St.)
 6:00 PM Prayer Shawl Mtg. - BH Living Rm. (116 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 27, 2025

8:00 AM St. Ben's food delivery & prep - Ki (106 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 28, 2025

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

SATURDAY, March 29, 2025

7:00 AM Men of Christ Conference - Gym, ND (106 St.)
 9:30-11:30 AM MPH Food Pantry - BH (116 St.)
 5:00 PM Ham and Roll sale after Mass

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HUMAN CONCERNS/OUTREACH

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

LENTEN OUTREACH STEWARDSHIP:

PRAYER: For all of these Groups
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

FISH FRY DESSERTS NEEDED



If you can donate a cake or two for the Fish Fry on Friday March 28th, please drop them off at MQSCA Hall after 2PM on that day.

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!



St. Ben's Community Meal

MARCH dates: Sandwich making & Bag packing:
Thursday Mar. 27th

8AM Kitchen at 106th Parish Center

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

Contact Kathy: to donate/serve

Kathy Smith 414-453-5192x125 or kathy@mphwa.org



Parish Festival Booster Raffle Tickets

are available for pick up after all Masses. 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.

March 28, 2025

FRIDAY FISH Fry

4:30 pm - 7:00 pm

MQSCA School Building Cafeteria

1212 S 117th Street
West Allis, WI

Adults Are Kids Are

\$15 \$5

Under 4 Years

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Jim Madritsch Duo

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

Membership Support	\$44,712.50
Offertory	5,886.78
Repair and Maintenance	4,842.50
Scholarship	1,322.00
Flowers	1,185.00
Other	100.00
Total	\$58,048.78

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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