



Mother of Perpetual Help Parish

WEST ALLIS, WISCONSIN



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 30, 2025

While he was still
a long way off,
his father caught
sight of him,
and was filled with
compassion.
He ran to his son,
embraced him
and kissed him.

Luke 15:20



Fourth Sunday of Lent

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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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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



Fourth Sunday of Lent

SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2025

4:00 PM † Eileen Donovan (West Site)

SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025

8:30 AM † Victor Sinko (East Site)

10:30 AM Living and Deceased Members
of Our Parish (East Site)

7:00 PM † Doug Barnes (East Site)

MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2025

8:00 AM In Thanksgiving for the Sisters of
St. Joseph of Tarbes (East Site)

TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2025

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2025

8:00 AM † Emily Duberke (East Site)

FIRST FRIDAY, APRIL 4 2025

8:00 AM † Suzanne Pfersch (East Site)

FIRST SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2025

8:00 AM † Sr. Assumpta K. (East Site)

4:00 PM † Mary Herro (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

Day of Reconciliation, Reparation and Fasting

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

8:00 am - 8:00 pm

(St. Matthias Parish - 9306 W. Beloit Rd.)

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



REFLECTIONS FROM FR. MATTHEW

His Mercy is Greater than our Sins

The 4th Sunday of Lent, also known as **Laetare Sunday**, invites us to reflect on God's mercy, faithfulness, and the new beginnings He offers us. Through the stories of the Israelites' first Passover in the Promised Land, the parable of the Prodigal Son, and Paul's teaching on becoming a new creation in Christ, we learn about God's constant care and call to reconciliation.

Today, we reflect on one of the most beautiful and moving parables in the Gospel—the **Parable of the Prodigal Son**. This story is not just about a wayward child who squanders his inheritance; it is about a Father whose love, mercy, and generosity know no limits.

The younger son, filled with pride and selfish desires, asks for his inheritance and wastes it in reckless living. When he finally reaches the depths of despair, he realizes his mistake and decides to return to his father—not as a son, but as a servant. However, the father does something extraordinary: **he runs to meet his son, embraces him, and restores him to his place in the family**. Instead of punishment, he offers a feast. Instead of rejection, he gives love.

This parable reveals to us the heart of our Heavenly Father. God is not a master who waits to condemn us; He is a loving Father who longs to embrace us. No matter how far we have strayed, **His mercy is always greater than our sins**. The moment we turn back to Him, He welcomes us with open arms.

Lent is a time for us to be like the prodigal son—to recognize our need for God's mercy and return to Him with humble hearts. It is also a time for us to imitate the Father—to be generous and forgiving to those who seek our mercy.

St. Paul tells us in our second reading, *"If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come"* (2 Cor 5:17). When we truly encounter God's mercy, we are transformed. We are no longer defined by our past mistakes, but by the love of the Father who renews us.

Today, let us ask for the grace to return to the Lord with confidence and allow His mercy to make us a new creation. May our hearts, once touched by the Father's love, reflect that same love and generosity to others.

EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL



Living Lent is about discovering how much in love Jesus is with us personally—each one of us. This is the heart of the Eucharistic Revival

growing in the understanding that the center of our faith isn't a principle, it's a Person: Jesus Christ. We get to know him the same way we get to know any other person—spending time with him on a regular basis, whether through Mass a few times a week or adoration. Feeling bold? Spend time with Him!

"Our sharing in the Body and Blood of Christ leads to no other end than that of transforming us into that which we receive" – St. Leo the Great

Safe Environment Week March 30th—April 6th

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee recognizes March 30th - April 6th as Safe Environment Awareness Week. Each year in the month of April, which is recognized around the country as child abuse prevention month, we dedicate a week to elevating the general awareness of the Church's efforts to keep our children safe. We want people to know that we are committed to maintaining safe environments in our parishes and schools through adult child abuse prevention training: criminal background checks for all clergy, volunteers working with minors, and employees; safety training for children in each grade level; and adhering to all mandatory reporting requirement laws.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Readings for the week of March 30, 2025

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
Monday:	Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/ Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday:	Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday:	Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/ Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11 <i>Scrutiny:</i> Ez 37:12-14/ Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11 /Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45





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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

In this Jubilee Year of Hope, join us for a transformative 3-part Lenten Parish Mission as we explore the journey of discipleship as found in the Gospel of Luke and Acts of the Apostles (Year C). We will highlight the stages of following Jesus—from His initial calling of individuals, to forming a community of believers, and ultimately to being sent out on mission to share His work of building the kingdom of God.

Monday: 6:30 pm Introductions and Vespers
7:00 pm Presentation: **The Call to Discipleship**
8:00 pm Concluding Prayer and Hymn

Tuesday: 6:30 pm Gathering Hymn and Prayer
6:35 pm Presentation: **The Work of Building Community**
7:45 pm Penitential Rite followed by Confessions

Wednesday: 6:30 pm Gathering Hymn and Prayer
6:35 pm Presentation: **The Duty of Mission**
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

SENIOR MINISTRY

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

Stay Connected and Celebrate Life

I'm not a social person, and with the responsibility of caring for a sick loved one at home, I rarely make time for gatherings. But this time, I decided to step away for a while, hoping to relax and refresh my spirit.

Walking into the room, I was surprised—there were so many people! Most were familiar faces from church, but I had never spoken to them. I felt out of place and even considered leaving.

Just then, someone I barely knew approached me with a warm smile and invited me to join her table. Grateful, I accepted, and to my relief, they made me feel welcome. With that small act of kindness, my hesitation faded, and I truly enjoyed the event.

Laughter, conversations, and shared moments filled the evening. I realized how much I needed this—time to connect, to celebrate life beyond my daily routine. Sometimes, stepping out of our comfort zone leads to unexpected joy. That night, I left with a heart full of gratitude, reminded that even in life's busyness, connection and community matter.

From one of our parishioners

News from Pastoral Council

During this Lenten season, prayerfully consider whether you or another parishioner might be a good nominee for Pastoral Council.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Director: Sr. Vita Lobo, SJT 414-595-7052
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**April Classes:
April 6 & 13**

WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, March 30, 2025

Ham and Roll Sale after Masses

2:00 PM Crossroads Kitchen Food Prep
2:30 PM Crossroads cupcake drop-off -Office Parking lot

MONDAY, March 31, 2025

9:00 AM Sheepshead - PC 9 (106 St.)
5:30 PM MPH SVDP Meeting - BH (116 St.)
6:00 PM Evening Prayer - Church (106 St.)

TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2025

10:00 AM Book Buzz - BH Living Rm. (116 St.)
6:45 PM Evening Prayer & Rosary - Church (106 St.)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 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, APRIL 3, 2025

5:30 PM PEC Meeting - ND (106 St.)
6:00 PM Evening Prayer - Church (106 St.)
6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal - Church (106 St.)

FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2025

8:30-6:30 PM 10 Hour Eucharistic Adoration - Church (106 St.)
2:30 PM Stations of the Cross w/MQSCA Students - 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, APRIL 5, 2025

7:00 AM Men's Scripture Study - ND (106 St.)
9:30-11:30 AM MPH Food Pantry - BH (116 St.)

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

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Congo Helping Hands

Checks to MPH with CHH on the memo line

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Requested Items in travel or small size:

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FOOD PANTRY REQUESTS:

Sugar-free Jello

Hamburger Helper Jelly (Small)

St. Ben's Community Meal

APRIL dates: Serving date: April 21st

Sandwich making & Bag packing:

Thursdays Apr. 17th & 24th

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

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.

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