



# Mother of Perpetual Help Parish

WEST ALLIS, WISCONSIN



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 9, 2025

You shall  
worship  
the Lord,  
your God,  
and him alone  
shall you serve.

Luke 4:8



First Sunday of Lent

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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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**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 and Fridays 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



### First Sunday of Lent

**SATURDAY, March 8, 2025**

4:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of our Parish (West Site)

**SUNDAY, March 9, 2025**

8:30 AM † Dick Willms (East Site)  
10:30 AM † Kevin Kelleher (East Site)  
7:00 PM † Theresa Borowski (East Site)

**MONDAY, March 10, 2025**

8:00 AM In thanksgiving for prayers answered (East Site)

**TUESDAY, March 11, 2025**

8:00 AM James Rebholz (West Site)

**WEDNESDAY, March 12, 2025**

8:00 AM † Marion Gaeth (East Site)

**FRIDAY, March 14, 2025**

8:00 AM † Mary Dusick (East Site)

**SATURDAY, March 15, 2025**

4:00 PM † Lorraine Nell (West Site)

### Stations of the Cross

6:30 pm Wednesday, March 12,  
Church (106 Site)

2:30 pm Fridays, March 14,  
Church (116 Site) with School Children



### 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**



## REFLECTIONS FROM FR. MATTHEW

### Led by the Spirit, we journey through Lent

On this first Sunday of Lent, the gospel gives us the basis of our Lenten season. Jesus spends forty days in the desert, echoing the forty days of Noah's ark that was afloat and the forty years the Israelites spent in the desert before entering the Promised Land. After his baptism by John, Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness for forty days. We hear that it was the Holy Spirit who was guiding and accompanying Jesus, but at the same time he was tempted by the devil. Jesus wrestles with the same temptations with which we humans typically wrestle. These temptations arise simply because of our humanity.

We see in the gospel how Jesus is relying on the Word of God to guide and strengthen him. He reminds us of our need to daily immerse in Scripture to recognize the authentic voice of God to reject the traitorous lead of the tempter. Each temptation that Jesus faces offers insight into the spirituality we hope to develop as we keep the forty days of the season of Lent.

We worship God because God alone has dominion over us and our world. He is our Creator and the author of our lives. Jesus' rejection of the devil's temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the Word and authority of the Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil by his confidence in God's protection and faithfulness. The Gospel highlights for us one of the central themes of the Season of Lent. We are dependent upon God for all that we have and all that we are. Anything that leads us to reject this dependency or to distrust its sufficiency, is a temptation from the devil.

Lent provides us an opportunity to embrace anew such struggles as Jesus faced. Like him, we claim the power of the Spirit that has been given to us in baptism and daily immerse ourselves in the Word. Clarity in hearing that Word comes when we go apart to deserted places and when we fast so as to sharpen our hunger for God and for acting in solidarity with God's starving people – the three pillars of our Lenten journey: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. May the practice of these disciplines bring us back into right relationship with God, which in turn will move us toward the right relationship with our neighbors and ourselves.

## JUBILEE YEAR 2025

### How can I make Lent different in this Jubilee Year?



In Lent, we are called to journey into the spiritual desert of penance, prayer and sacrifice, a time when our hope can be both tested and renewed. Lent invites us to deepen our trust in God so that hope might spring anew, even in the midst of our trials. Lent offers a unique opportunity to live out this hope in concrete ways. It is not enough to "give something up," we should allow our small prayers and sacrifices to foster a greater trust in God's plan for our lives.

*As pilgrims of hope in this Jubilee Year, here are some practical ways to deepen our relationship with the virtue of hope:*

**Daily gratitude.** To grow in the virtue of hope, begin by taking stock of the blessings in your life. Write down a few things each day for which you are grateful, focusing intentionally on the good that God is doing in your life.

**Fasting for hope.** Be intentional about fasting not only from food or material goods, but also from expressions of cynicism, negativity or despair. Refrain from complaints or hopelessness and focus instead on encouragement and gratitude from God's blessings.

**Works of hope.** Invest time and resources into initiatives that spread hope, such a volunteering at a shelter or food pantry, or organizing an event at your parish to support a charity of your choice.

**Visits of hope.** Ask your parish if it knows of community members who are homebound, sick or suffering and would benefit from a visit.

**Words of hope.** Write a letter each week to someone in your life who is struggling or in despair. Use Scripture and personal testimony to remind them of God's faithfulness.

As we journey through Lent, let us trust that, through these small acts of hope, God will transform our hearts and lead us toward the fullness of like in Christ.

Fr. John LoCoco

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Readings for the week of March 9, 2025

Sunday:	Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (see 5b)/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13
Monday:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/ Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/ Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/ Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/ Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
Next 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





## SENIOR MINISTRY

**Director: Sr. Lincy Augustine, SJT**  
[pastoral@mphwa.org](mailto:pastoral@mphwa.org)

### The Gift of Love: A Blessing Returned

It was truly inspiring to see so many people stepping forward to deliver Valentine's gift bags to those unable to attend church.

Each visit was more than just a delivery—it was a moment of grace, a shared connection that brightened both the giver and the receiver. One touching story stood out—a volunteer shared how the person she visited had prepared a small gift in return. With heartfelt surprise, she asked, “Am I worthy to receive this? I was the one supposed to be giving.” But then, she realized something beautiful: *“If this giving brings her joy, I will gladly accept it.”*

Love has a way of multiplying, returning in ways we never expect. The kindness and care you show will always find its way back to you, overflowing like the blessing Jesus promised:

**“Give, and it will be given to you—a good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over.”** Lk: 6/38

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Director: Sr. Vita Lobo, SJT 414-595-7052**  
[faith@mphwa.org](mailto:faith@mphwa.org)

**“Lent is the favorable season for renewing our encounter with Christ, living in his word, in the sacraments and in our neighbor.”**

*- Pope Francis*



**March Classes: March 9, and 16**



**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. 106<sup>th</sup> 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](http://MenOfChrist.net) or contact: John Czepulis 414-541-0817, Devan Gracyalny 414-801-6886 or John Gomez 414-861-1101 for more information.

## News from Pastoral Council

**A Pastoral Council Is Empowering.** Every parish member has a contribution to make for the good of all. The pastoral council makes every effort to get to know parishioners' hopes and talents. Councils invite parishioners to share their expertise to deepen the faith of the individual, and to strengthen the parish and the broader community. Connecting parishioners' talents with community needs enables them to live out the mission of the Church in their daily lives.

### 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.



## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### SUNDAY, March 9, 2025

#### Daylight Saving Time Begins

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

### MONDAY, March 10, 2025

9:00 AM Sheepshead - PC 9 (106 St.)  
4:30 PM Discernment Committee Mtg. - ND (106 St.)  
6:00 PM Evening Prayer - Church (106 St.)

### TUESDAY, March 11, 2025

8:30 AM Sandwich Ministry - Ki (106 St.)  
1:00 PM Christian Women Mtg. - ND (106 St.)  
1:00 PM Stock Box Distribution - Gym (106 St.)  
2:30 PM Senior Ministry - ND (106 St.)  
6:45 PM Evening Prayer & Rosary - Church (106 St.)

### WEDNESDAY, March 12, 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.)  
5:30 PM Human Concerns Mtg. - 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 13, 2025

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

### FRIDAY, March 14, 2025

2:30 PM Stations of the Cross /MQSCA Students - Church (116 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 15, 2025

9:30-11:30 AM MPH Food Pantry - BH (116 St.)  
4 10:00 AM Pickleball - Gym (106 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

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## 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



## 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

## FOOD PANTRY REQUEST FOR MARCH: Soups & Chef Boyardee



### Christian Women Meeting

Tuesday, March 11th at 1:00 pm in the  
Notre Dame Room.

March 14, 2025  
**FRIDAY**  
FISH  
*Fry*  
4:30 pm - 7:00 pm  
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MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP PEC COMMITTEE PRESENTS

**TECHNOLOGY  
EDUCATION  
EVENT**

March 22nd, 2025  
10 am to 12 pm  
East Site  
Notre Dame Room  
(in the Parish Center)

- Bring your devices (phone or computer) to the event.
- Please RSVP to Don Pederson at 414-418-4141.



Coming Soon ~  
Save The Date!

MPH Parish Festival  
June 20, 21, 22

Mark your calendars now!

Food, Family Fun, Games, Awesome Bands, Fish Fry,  
Chicken Dinner, Spaghetti Dinner, Sunday Outdoor  
Mass with Archbishop Grob presiding, and much  
more!

Stay tuned in the coming weeks for all the  
Volunteer opportunities available plus **Booster ticket**  
and **Sponsorship** information!

**PICKLEBALL**  
*Fun and Fellowship*

**SATURDAY, MARCH 15**  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

AT 106TH ST PARISH CENTER GYM  
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