



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

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)

OFFICE MAILING ADDRESS:
 1121 S. 116th Street, West Allis, WI 53214

www.mphwa.org | (414) 453-5192

PARISH OFFICE / STAFF

Pastor: Father Matthew Perumpil, MI	Ext. 121 frmatthew@mphwa.org Cell (414) 324-5291
Deacon: Deacon Keith Marx (Ret.)	den.keith09@gmail.com
Parish Secretary: Carrie Gorski	Email: office@mphwa.org Ext. 110
Director of Finance & HR Nicole Hirthe	Ext. 135 finance@mphwa.org
Bookkeeper Kari Utzerath	Ext. 123 kariu@mphwa.org
Pastoral Ministry Sr. Lincy Augustine, SJT	pastoral@mphwa.org Cell (414) 204-2623
Faith Formation Sr. Vita Lobo, SJT	faith@mphwa.org Cell (414) 595-7052
Communications Rita Baumann	communications@mphwa.org
Bulletin Editor: Leanne Effinger	Bulletin deadline: Monday @ 9:00 am leanne@mphwa.org
Director of Liturgy/Choir: Joseph P. Wittmann, MTS	josephw@mphwa.org
Music Ministry: Joseph Dusick Janice Gregory	joe@mphwa.org pupka8@mphwa.org
Human Concerns/Outreach: Kathy Smith	Ext. 125 kathy@mphwa.org
Mary Queen of Saints Catholic Academy: K3-8th grade 1227 S. 116th St. West Allis, WI 53214	mqsca.org
Principal: Nick Lee	leen@mqsca teacher.org 414-476-0751

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

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

“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. 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.

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.)

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP OF WEST ALLIS

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.or

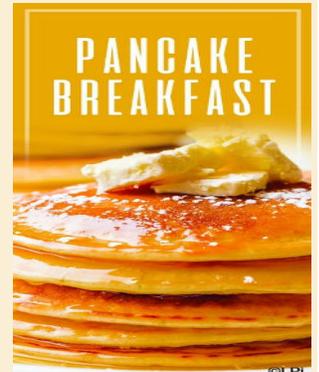
Donate.online;www.crsricebowl.org

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
MQSCA School
Building Cafeteria
1212 S 117th Street
West Allis, WI

Adults Are Kids Are
\$15 \$5
Under 4 Years
Free!

Credit Cards
Accepted!

Live Music with
Jim Madritsch Duo

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.

PICKLEBALL
Fun and Fellowship

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

AT 106TH ST PARISH CENTER GYM
2322 S 106th Street, West Allis, WI



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!

Attorney
Gary A. Glojek
 General Practice - Wills & Estate Plans
 Family Law - Title 19 - Personal Injury
 6212 W. Greenfield Ave. 414-774-3414

ALL ABOUT LEARNING
 INFANT • PRESCHOOL • SCHOOL AGE
 (414) 545-0100
 2360 S. 106th • West Allis, WI
 www.aalchildcare.com

Bevsek - Verbick
 Funeral Homes & Cremation Services
 Family Owned & Operated Since 1989 - Parish Member
 10210 W. Lincoln Ave. - 414-546-4342 - bvfh.net

WEST ALLIS AUTO BODY
 Complete Auto Body Repair & Painting
 8808 W. National Ave.
 Bus.: 327-4140 - Towing: 476-8697
 www.westallisautobodyrepair.com



Office Space for Lease
 400 to 2,000 sq. ft.
 Call: (414) 321-2323
 109 Parking Spaces
 Family Owned & Managed
 Parish Member
 2323 South 109th Street, West Allis

Office Space for Lease
 400 to 2,000 sq. ft.
 Call: (414) 321-2323
 109 Parking Spaces
 Family Owned & Managed
 Parish Member

WE'RE HIRING!
 AD SALES EXECUTIVES
 BE YOURSELF.
 BRING YOUR PASSION.
 WORK WITH PURPOSE.

- Paid training
- Some travel
- Work-life balance
- Full-Time with benefits
- Serve your community



Contact us at
 careers@4lpi.com or
 www.4lpi.com/careers

KOMP TECH
 AUTOMOTIVE & SERVICE
 Trailer & Camper Rental
 Family Owned Since 1935
 Parish Member
 414-257-2090
 8832 W. Greenfield Ave.

SUPPORT OUR PARISH
 Daily 9-9
 Sunday 10-2
 Beer - Wine
 Soda - Liquor
Discount LIQUOR
 5031 W. Oklahoma Ave. • 545-2175
 WWW.DISCOUNTLIQUORINC.COM

NORTHERN GEAR
 TURN • MILL • HOB
 BROACH • GRIND • ASSEMBLY
 IMMEDIATE OPENINGS:
 CNC Machinists - All Skills
 W16056609 Commerce Drive
 Muskego, WI 53150
 Northern Gear & Machining is located off of Moorland Road between Janesville Road and College Avenue.
HOW TO APPLY
 Apply online at: www.northerngear.com under "Join Our Team"

Schaff
Funeral Home
 Family Owned & Operated
 5920 W. Lincoln Ave.
 414-541-7533 • www.schafffuneralhome.com

Peace Of Mind
 Funeral and Cremation Services
 414.453.1562
 Robert Prostek - owner
 5325 W. Greenfield Ave.

IF YOU LIVE ALONE
MDMedAlert!
 As Low As **\$19⁹⁵** mo.
 ✓ Ambulance/Police
 ✓ Family/Friends
 ✓ GPS & Fall Alert
CALL NOW! 800.808.9294
 md-medalert.com



COLDWELL BANKER REALTY
David Cajka
 Realtor Serving Milwaukee Areas
 Call or Text
 262-344-4655
 David.Cajka@cbexchange.com
 www.Davidcrealtor.com
 Parish Member

zimmerman
 ARCHITECTURAL STUDIOS, INC.
 414-476-9500 | www.zastudios.com

Lazarczyk
 Family Funeral Home
 ~ Parish Member ~
Delavan Chapel
 118 S. 2nd St. • Delavan
 (262) 728-2500
Lake Geneva Chapel
 515 Center St. • Lake Geneva
 (262) 248-2320

WE APPRECIATE OUR ADVERTISERS!

ADT-Monitored Home Security
 Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust
 • Burglary • Flood Detection
 • Fire Safety • Carbon Monoxide
 833-287-3502

ADT-Monitored Home Security
 Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust
 • Burglary • Flood Detection
 • Fire Safety • Carbon Monoxide
 833-287-3502

ADT-Monitored Home Security
 Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust
 • Burglary • Flood Detection
 • Fire Safety • Carbon Monoxide
 833-287-3502

ADT-Monitored Home Security
 Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust
 • Burglary • Flood Detection
 • Fire Safety • Carbon Monoxide
 833-287-3502

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!

Cermak FRESH MARKET 414.988.9051
 Local and imported fresh produce and groceries
 www.cermakfreshmarket.com • 1541 Miller Park Way West Milwaukee

LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS
 Place Your Ad Here and Support Our Parish!
CONTACT ME Kim Broyard
 kbroyard@4LPi.com • (800) 477-4574 x6322

FREE AD DESIGN
 with purchase of this space
CALL 800-950-9952

Studer Body & Paint Inc.
 Collision Repair Specialists
 661 S. Hawley Rd • 414-259-9935
 Bob & Patti Studer • Parish Members

Church and Chapel
 Skubal Koelsch Larsen
 Funeral Home
 77th & Greenfield 453-6541
 www.churchandchapel.com

Place Your Ad Here and Support our Parish!
 Instantly create and purchase an ad with
AD CREATOR STUDIO
 4lpi.com/adcreator

L LAKESIDE
 A Local Manufacturer Of Stainless Steel Equipment For Food Service, Medical And Industrial Markets
 We are always looking for talented people to join our family.
 Apply on-line at elakeside.applicantpro.com/jobs or apply in person at
 4900 W Electric Ave • 414.902.6400

DOES YOUR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION NEED A NEWSLETTER?
 Engaging, ad-supported print and digital newsletters to reach your community.
 Visit lpicomunities.com