

Mother of Perpetual Help PARISH

SEPTEMBER

19
2021

INAUGURAL MASS

PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH

Mother of Perpetual Help,
you have been our refuge
from one generation to
another.

Intercede for us now with
your Son Jesus.

Help our parish to be an
instrument in the hands of
God.

Unite and guide us as people
of Faith, to become more like
Jesus.

May our worship give glory to
God.

May our service find its
model in your discipleship.
Make us living witnesses of
unfailing hope in our
troubled world.

Mother of Perpetual Help,
pray for us.
AMEN



MISSION STATEMENT

We are Catholics of Mother of Perpetual Help Parish in West Allis, Wisconsin. We encounter Jesus and grow as disciples through the Sacramental Life of the Church. We seek to proclaim the joy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through His life-giving and saving Death and Resurrection. We are called and sent to form new disciples through our worship, our service, and our witness, to share the joy of living the Good News in the world today.

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New Beginnings... Moving Forward....Building our Future with Hope

Fr. Matthew



Formally, we begin our new identity today as **Mother of Perpetual Help Parish**, after many years of struggle through our separate identities. We step into a new era of our shared history and legacy of St. Aloysius, Immaculate Heart of Mary and Mary Queen of Heaven, as we pledge to journey together as members of a new and vibrant faith community in West Allis.

As in every new beginning, we are anxious, confused and may be skeptical. But we also know it is not about us, but about God who brings us together to take up this journey of faith. Remember the image of Jesus sleeping in the boat with the disciples while it was being swamped by the waves. The disciples were terrified and thought they were going to sink down. So they went to him and woke him saying, “Save us Lord we are lost!” And he said to them, “Why are you so frightened, you who have so little faith?” And then he stood up and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was great calm. (Mt 8:24-26). In our anxieties and fears all we need is to have more faith and wake the Lord up to calm the storms and trust in Him as the one in charge.

It's also a time to look forward to our future with renewed hope and courage. Every change brings something beautiful, if we are open to the possibilities that are awaiting us. It can bring new vitality and growth to our lives. While we gratefully acknowledge and honor our past, we embrace our present and future with hope. We bring with us all the richness of our history to build a better future that is relevant for our faith community.

Let us begin to focus now on the rich foundations of **Faith** that our predecessors built and renew ourselves as the disciples of Christ through the sacramental life of the Church. As we thank God for the gift of our faith, may it take deep roots in us to produce fruits and proclaim the joy of the Gospel as Pope Francis reminds us.

Let us become a **Caring** Community, becoming a neighbor to one another, reaching out to those who are weak and vulnerable among us. Like the early Christian Community, let us share our life and resources with each other as true disciples of Christ.

May our new beginning also inspire and challenge us to be the powerful Witnesses of Christ in West Allis and beyond, **Evangelizing** the community and sharing the Good News.

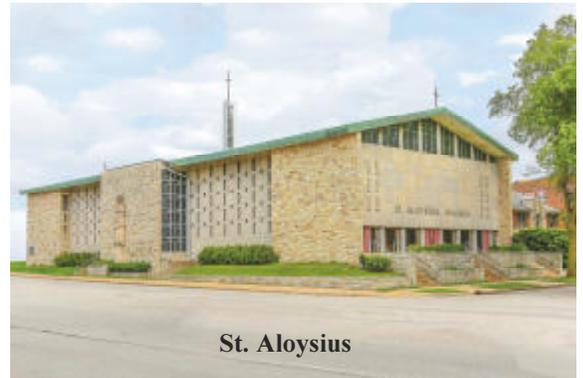
The following prayer known as Patient Trust Prayer sums up beautifully the prayer of our Parish community as we enter into this new era of our faith journey:

*Above all, trust in the slow work of God.
We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay.
We should like to skip the intermediate stages.
We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown, something new.
And yet it is the law of all progress
that it is made by passing through some stages of instability—
and that it may take a very long time.
And so I think it is with you;
your ideas mature gradually—let them grow,
let them shape themselves, without undue haste.
Don't try to force them on,
as though you could be today what time
(that is to say, grace and circumstances acting on your own good will)
will make of you tomorrow.
Only God could say what this new spirit
gradually forming within you will be.
Give Our Lord the benefit of believing
that his hand is leading you,
and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself
in suspense and incomplete.*

—Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, SJ

Reminiscing.... St. Aloysius

Because of rapid industrial growth in the City of West Allis during World War I, many families moved into the area. Archbishop Sebastian G. Messmer recognized this growth and appointed Rev. Francis L. Knoernschild to begin a new catholic church to supplement the work of Holy Assumption Church. On April 8, 1920, the first meeting of prospective members of this new parish was held at Holy Assumptions hall and in the spring of 1920, the parish bought the entire block from South 92nd Street west to South 93rd Street and from Greenfield Avenue south to Orchard Street. So led by Fr. Knoernschild, the first pastor, the brave handful of pioneering catholics began laying the foundation for the parish of St. Aloysius.



St. Aloysius

Father Knoernschild, who was a devoted friend to young people, was responsible for choosing St. Aloysius as the Church's patron saint, thus giving this parish its name. Two military barracks from Michigan were transported to West Allis and became the first church and school which were dedicated in 1920.

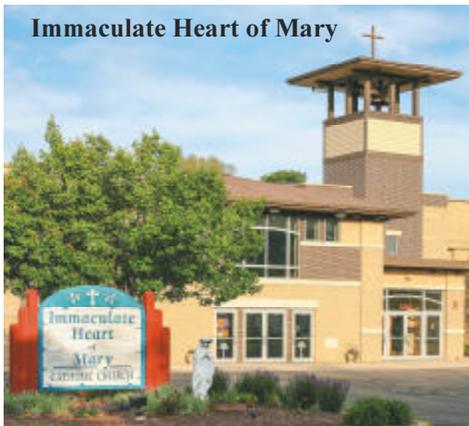
The School Sisters of Notre Dame opened the school in January of 1921, four days after their arrival. Soon the need for a larger facility became clear and in 1926 a two-story building was erected with the first floor serving as the church and the second as the school. The Great Depression which followed was a time of significant financial and emotional strain for the parish. Nevertheless, 15 years after its founding the parish had recorded 1,044 baptisms and 458 children had graduated from the school. Additions to the convent and school followed. Parishioners were urged to contribute one dollar each week to help pay for the improvements.

The Church celebrated its Silver Jubilee shortly after the end of World War II. After the sudden death of Rev. John Feest, Rev. Oscar Winninghoff was appointed pastor in 1946. He would serve the parish for the next 27 years. His tenure coincided with a time of great growth and development. Groups such as the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO), Scouts, choirs, the Holy Name Society, Christian Mothers' Society, and the St. Vincent de Paul Society flourished. Ever-increasing numbers led to the eventual creation of two "daughter" parishes: Immaculate Heart of Mary and Mary Queen of Heaven. Even with that, there was a need for a new and larger church building. In 1957, a block long church—unique for its design with the altar in the middle and the priest facing the people—was dedicated. It had a seating capacity "in excess of 1100 people." A gym and parish hall completed the complex, making St. Aloysius a popular destination for both athletic and social events.

The Vatican Council led to continuing changes. Following the death of Msgr. Winninghoff, Rev. Don Elverman created the first parish council. Saturday evening and Sunday evening Masses were instituted. "Folk choirs" shared musical leadership with traditional choirs. Lay men and women took on staff leadership roles.

Demographic changes led to the need for the eight West Allis Catholic schools to merge into Mary Queen of Saints Catholic Academy in 2004. St. Aloysius began to share a pastor (Rev. Jeff Prasser) with St. Rita Parish. In 2018 the three parishes on the west side of West Allis were "dissolved." On July 1 of that year the new Mother of Perpetual Help Parish was formed, bringing together parishioners from those three churches. Liturgies continued at all three sites. In 2021 the former St. Aloysius complex was sold. The last Mass was celebrated there on Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2021.

Reminiscing ...Immaculate Heart of Mary



On May 25, 1948, the Decree of Erection of the Parish of Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) was issued. The first church building was a barn on the parish property, and the pastor resided in the original farmhouse. These buildings were the center of parish services, social activities, meetings, etc. The first mass was at 7:30am on December 19, 1948 and the first pastor, Fr. Raymond Welter (1948-1965), was the celebrant. In February of 1954, permission was given for construction of a basement church, with plans for the future addition of a school on top of the church. The church was blessed and dedicated on May 8, 1955.

Statistics show that during its first eleven years, IHM had grown from 297 families to 687 families with 547 children enrolled in the daytime school. A new convent was built in 1964 to house the four School Sisters of Notre Dame on the faculty. In February, Fr. Leroy Dierbeck (1966-1978) became the new pastor. Also, ground was broken for a new rectory in May 1967. In 1976, under the direction of Fr. Art Heinze, the parish youth performed the play *Godspell*.

In January of 1979, Fr. Bob Surges (1979-1986) became the 3rd pastor of IHM followed by Fr. Joseph Coerber (1986-1990). In June 1990, Fr. Chuck Wheatley (1990-1994) returned to IHM as the fifth pastor. Because of declining enrollment, the IHM school closed in 1993. In 1994, Fr. Karl Schneider (1994-2011) was appointed as pastor. During that fall term, Marian College began offering its classes on IHM grounds. In addition, the parish was served over the years by four deacons: Dennis Fietz, Walt Henry, Ray Kaczmarek and Keith Marx.

The parish grew and prospered. In 1998 the need for renovation of the existing property became evident based on changes in liturgical norms and to meet the ever-growing needs of parishioners, a priority that emerged during the Strategic Planning process of the parish. The planning moved forward and the final masses in the "old church" were held the weekend of March 10/11, 2001.

Weekend masses during the renovation took place at Nathan Hale High School in West Allis and we returned to the renovated facilities on December 2, 2001. On February 10, 2002, Bishop Richard Sklba presided at the blessing and dedication of the renovated worship space.

During the renovation stage, a disastrous fire struck the parish offices and pastor's residence (May 8, 2001). A scented candle left burning in an office was the culprit. The residence reopened Christmas Eve, 2001 and the offices in January 2002. The current MPH offices are located here.

Many changes and improvements were made to the IHM worship space during the renovation in order to create an environment of welcome, community, and worship. An addition to the building exterior provided a gathering area, a bell tower, a handicap accessible entrance, and an elevator with access to the church, hall and school classrooms.

Upon Fr. Karl's retirement, Fr. Jeff Prasser (2011-2021) became the 7th pastor of IHM. Under his leadership, he was the pastor of three parishes: IHM, St. Aloysius and Mary Queen of Heaven. Also, in 2018, Marian University no longer held classes at the IHM campus. However, in August 2020, Mary Queen of Saints Catholic Academy relocated their school from the St. Aloysius location back to the IHM campus. In addition, after many planning meetings, Fr. Prasser along with parish leadership committees, moved forward, to establish one parish on July 1, 2018: Mother of Perpetual Help (MPH). Upon his passing, Fr. Matthew Perumpil, M.I. (2021 – present) became the current administrator of MPH. Today, the 116th Street location (formerly IHM) will be the Auxiliary Site for MPH and the 4:00 Saturday mass will be celebrated here; all other weekend liturgies will be at the 106th Street site.

Reminiscing...Mary Queen of Heaven

Over the years Mary Queen of Heaven Parish has been blessed with parishioners who worked long and hard to create a caring, spiritual parish. What follows is a brief summary of our history:

In the spring of 1951 Archbishop Moses E. Kiley instructed Fr. Oscar Winninghoff of St. Aloysius Parish to find an area in the southwest part of Milwaukee County for a new Catholic Church and school. The location was to be equidistant from St. Aloysius, Immaculate Heart of Mary, and St. Matthias Parishes. He called together interested parishioners who lived in the area of the proposed new church and after several meetings the Archdiocese agreed to purchase eleven acres of farmland on Lincoln Ave. between 105th and 106th Streets for \$11,908.00.



Mary Queen of Heaven

Continuing to work to make the parish a reality, a meeting on September 18, 1952, was scheduled at St. Aloysius. 41 members attended and were told that it would be 4 years or more before a pastor would be appointed and were asked to canvas all homes within the area. Fr. Winninghoff paid out of his own funds to bus children and elderly in the area to St. Aloysius for Sunday Mass and religious instruction. Since the parish was not incorporated the first sign read "Site of a Future Catholic Church" but was better known as St. Aloysius Mission Church. By 1953-54, the people living within the boundaries of the parish had grown to 221. On September 19, 1958, Archbishop Albert G. Meyer established Mary Queen of Heaven Parish with Rev. William Bonesho as Pastor and Assistant Pastor of St. Aloysius. Fund raising was a priority and members were asked to put \$1.00 a week in their membership envelope and one hour's pay per week in their building fund envelope. By 1959, Fr. Bonesho announced plans to build a temporary church that would seat 468 people and house 6 classrooms. The Articles of Incorporation for Mary, Queen of Heaven were read and signed February 2, 1959.

"Success is the result of hard work and cooperation" Fr. Bonesho wrote. He recognized that a successful parish necessitated active involvement of parishioners, organizing the Altar Society (later know as Christian Women) and the Holy Name Society. Under his guidance the cornerstone of the present school was laid in 1959, containing a relic of St. William. The school opened in September 1959, with grades 1 – 4. Sr. Mary Fatima, School Sisters of Notre Dame, was the first principal, Sr. Jean Louise (SSND), Mrs. Richmond and Miss Bujanovich making up the staff. Mothers of the school children shuttled the sisters from St. Aloysius each day. The first Mass was celebrated in the present gym on October 14, 1959.

MQH continued to grow with 765 families by 1965. Many of our ministries had their roots in the early years. Fund-raising continued, additional classrooms and a convent were built. The cornerstone of the present church building was laid on June 17, 1968. The first mass was celebrated in the church on June 21, 1968, by Fr. Bonesho. As times changed the SSND left MQH in 1987. The convent was vacated and remodeled with a meeting room known as the Notre Dame Room, in honor of the sisters. We have been served by priests and nuns over the years but now we have Liturgists, Youth Ministers, Business Managers, Directors of Christian Formation, and greater involvement of lay people. The interior of the church building saw renovations in 1999 – 2002; confessionals were removed for the addition of two shrines, vigil lights, new light fixtures, speakers, and exterior doors. In 2003, Archbishop Dolan determined that the six Catholic Schools in West Allis would collaborate, closing six schools and forming a new Catholic School System that opened in the fall of 2004. The parish experienced an increase in the average age of its members, seeing more retired couples and widows/widowers living in the area.

Our 25th Anniversary Book, printed in 1983, included the following quote: *"We bow in humble thanks to our God for the countless ways He has graced us all.....The Masses, the marriages, baptisms and confirmations, the anointings of the sick and funerals; the abundant joy in the peace of soul that flows from the parish; the good times at parish festivals and other gatherings; the children who had the Faith passed on to them through our school and religious education program. Thank You, Lord! We are truly grateful!" (Fr. Paul Esser, Pastor, 1980 – 1991)*

Fitting words today as well, as we express our thankfulness for Mary, Queen of Heaven and our parish family over 60 years. THANK YOU, LORD! WE ARE TRULY GRATEFUL!

OUR PARISH TEAM

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Brian Zarcone - Maintenance

To everything there is a season ...

... and to every place there is that special person who makes it that much better.



For over twenty-two years, Laurie Cosson has served Mary, Queen of Heaven and Mother of Perpetual Help Parishes. Not only did she oversee the music program, direct the traditional choir, lead the small-group ensemble, assemble cantors and musicians, take care of planning all things liturgical - and there is more work involved in these areas than one may think - but she also did many tasks which most people do not know need to be done, nor know who does them. She did it all with willingness, a happy spirit, true dedication ... and a bright smile. She deserves our appreciation and gratitude.

Laurie ... thank you. You shall be missed. Farewell.

MASS INTENTIONS



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11:00 AM For Mother of Perpetual Help
Community (106 St.)
7:00 PM † Fr. Jeff Prasser (106 St.)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

8:00 AM † Pat O'Loughlin (106 St.)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

8:00 AM † Eleuterio Alejandro (116 St.)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

8:00 AM † Robert P. Martin (106 St.)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2021

No Mass

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2021

8:00 AM For George Berger and Friends - -
In Thanksgiving (106 St.)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2021

4:00 PM † Kathy Clausing (116 St.)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM † Joseph Zubarik (106 St.)
9:30 AM † Charles, Frances, Chuck Jr., Lynn,
Tyler Collins (116 St.)
11:00 AM † Mary Zelazoski (106 St.)
7:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of Our
Parish (106 St.)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Readings for the week of September 19, 2021

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/
Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37
Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/
Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/
Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/
Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf.
10d]/Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/
Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

GOD'S WORD

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time/ September 19, 2021

First Reading: Let us condemn him to a shameful death; for according to his own words, God will take care of him. (Wis 2:20)

Second Reading: And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace. (Jas 3:18)

Gospel: "The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise." (Mk 9:31)

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP



The Mary Candles at 106th St. Site are burning this month
In Loving Memory of Donald Frohmader and Balistrieri and Elliott Families' health

The Chapel Candle at 106th St. Site is burning this month
In Loving Memory of Roy Simmons

The Sacred Heart Votive Light at 116th St. Site is burning this month
In Loving Memory of Paul Mikelonis

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

2020 - 2021

WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

Membership	\$10,594.00
Repair and Maintenance	737.00
Scholarship	198.00
Offertory	1,468.00
Holy Day	25.00
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