ST. BRUNO PARISH

“While the world changes, the cross stands firm.”
First Sunday of Advent † November 30, 2014

Soles For Catholic Education Walk
October 25, 2014
ASSOCIATE PASTOR’S PEN

Welcome To Advent

Advent – from the Latin adventus which means “to come”. A coming into place, view, or being; arrival. An arrival or coming, especially one which is awaited.

Advent, historically, was a time for penance and preparation, much like Lent. Though it is still a part of the preparation, penance has become less a part of Advent preparation (at least with respect to the emphasis on penance we see in Lent). One of the most popular symbols of Advent has become the Advent wreath. The origin of the Advent wreath is uncertain, but it has become one of the ways that helps with our preparation as we count down with longing for the celebration of Christmas (God’s incarnation into our world).

The symbolism of the Advent wreath is really quite beautiful. The many types of evergreens that are used symbolize continuous life. The circle of the wreath, with no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternal nature of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life found in Christ. Pine cones and seed pods remind us of the resurrection and life.

Along with the wreath are the four candles. Traditionally, you will find three purple and one rose. There have been many meanings set with each of the purple candles (prayer, penance, preparatory sacrifices done at this time/hope, faith, peace). The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday (Gaudete Sunday) – the week of joy and rejoicing. It is the Sunday that marks when we have made it past the midpoint of Advent in our preparation.

The light of the candles symbolizes our growing expectation and hope that surrounds the coming of Jesus in the past, present and future. As the light of day diminishes, the light of the candles increases, until the blazing light of Christ bursts into the world as the Angels sing, “Glory to God in the Highest and on earth peace to people of good will.”

The Advent wreath can be easily adapted to use at home as a continuation of our communal celebrations. You can construct a simple wreath with candles and if no wreath material is available, four candles can be used or perhaps a simple drawing where a candle is colored every Sunday to mark the days of our Advent journey.

The important thing to remember, as I see it, is that as we wait with eager anticipation, we prepare ourselves in a special way during this time, and in the din of all the craziness of the Christmas season, we take time to be quiet and allow the glow of the light of the Advent wreath to fill us with hope, faith, joy and peace.

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2015 Mom2Mom Retreat

Attention Mothers with Children of any age! The Mom2Mom Retreat is approaching!

If you have heard about the great things happening on the retreat, email or call Carla Schreiner for a packet of information or to sign up. Don’t miss out on this opportunity for fellowship and renewal. Carla’s contact information: carlaschreiner@wi.rr.com or call/text 920-390-9222.

The Giving Tree

From November 29 – December 14, the Human Concerns Committee will be collecting gifts for the needy in our area. Look for a Christmas tree in our Gathering Place. Choose an ornament with a list of needs – then provide a gift by Dec. 14. Please put gift cards in the collection basket at Mass or in the box on the SCRIP table and place other unwrapped items in a large decorated box by the tree.

Thank you for your generosity.

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Don’t Forget! Please remember to turn in your My Parish—Our Future pledge cards. Thank You!

Welcome To St. Bruno Parish!

Whether you’re new or visiting, we welcome you to our Parish! If you’re interested in becoming a member, or just want to find out more about us, please see page six, or go to our website: www.stbrunoparish.com. We’re glad you’re here!
FOCCUS Couples Needed

We are in NEED of married couples that would be willing to help engaged couples in their preparation for marriage. FOCCUS is a tool to help couples learn more about themselves and the manner in which they relate to their partner. The FOCCUS couple helps this process of communication through guiding the engaged couple through the FOCCUS inventory. This ministry is not only for the engaged couple, but also for the married couple that guides them through the process. As they discuss the inventory with the engaged couple, many married couples will also think about and strengthen their own marriages. As they teach, they learn and grow. It might be a great ministry for you. Please think about it, pray about it, and if you have any questions, please call Fr. Ralph or Fr. Chuck.

The Nazareth Project has scheduled a day-long FOCCUS training on Saturday, January 31, 2015, at Gesu Parish Center, Fr. Herian Hall, 1210 W. Michigan Street, Milwaukee, for those wishing to become FOCCUS Couples. The cost for the training is $100.00 per couple and includes lunch. St. Bruno Parish will take care of the cost of the program.

For more information and/or to sign-up, you can go to the webpage: http://www.johnpaul2center.org/NazarethProject/EngagedEnrichment/FOCCUS.htm or come by the Parish Office for a sign-up sheet. Thank you for considering this ministry. We need more members for this important ministry.

Music Ministry

“A Heavenly Homecoming” Sunday, December 21, 2:00 p.m.

This year’s Lessons & Carols devotional concert will feature alumni of the concert who are coming home from college. Andy Gladbach, pianist and film composer at Pepperdine University in Malibu, will be featured as a soloist. David Wittmann, a freshman at St. Norbert’s in DePere, will be the primary keyboard accompanist for Handel’s Messiah with Choir and Orchestra. Torrin Hallet, a composition student at Oberlin Conservatory near Cleveland, will write another premiere for instruments. Other string players will also be coming home from college to join the Orchestra and Choir. Please consider joining us or attending the concert, as you come home to Christ, your family and your Parish community to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus! In addition, a small Youth Choir is organizing for carols for both the Lessons & Carols concert and for Christmas. Ability to read basic music is needed. See Mr. Gould if interested in trying out.

Fruit Pick-Up Is Dec. 6 & 7

Extra Fruit will be available for purchase.

School Happenings

And the Angels Sang!!

Join us for our Glorious Christmas Concert celebration on Wednesday, December 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the Church. Hear our St. Bruno Angels sing the praises of Jesus’ birth.

Our newly-formed band will be making their debut appearance. Come and celebrate the season with YOUR Parish School!

Gift Shop

Home and School is sponsoring a Holiday Treasures Gift Shop December 6-11. Items available are reasonably-priced and make perfect gifts for children to buy for parents, siblings, grandparents, etc. The Gift Shop is located in the Parish Room, and will be available to all parishioners to purchase items after Masses on the weekend of Dec. 6 & 7. Come check it out!

Advertiser of the Week

Wolf Automotive

See their full-sized color ad on the back cover of this bulletin.
**WHAT IS YOUR CATHOLIC IQ?**

As we prepare for the birth of Our Savior, there are many ways to increase our prayer life (e.g., Eucharistic Adoration, the Divine Mercy Chaplet or practicing *Lectio Divina*).

*Lectio Divina* means:

- a) Divine Reading;
- b) Divine Lecture;
- c) Divine Dreams;
- d) Divine Chocolate.

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**COMING SOON**

- Dec. 8 - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, *Holy Day of Obligation*, 9:00 a.m.
- Dec. 10 - School Christmas Concert, 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 20 - Communal Penance, 10:30 a.m.
- Dec. 21 - *Lessons & Carols* Christmas Concert, 2:00 p.m.
- Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Family Mass, 4:00 p.m.
- Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Mass, 10:00 p.m.
- Dec. 25 - Christmas Day Masses, 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
THE WORD OF THE LORD

DECEMBER 1, 2014
Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 8:5-11
DECEMBER 2, 2014
DECEMBER 3, 2014
Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37
DECEMBER 4, 2014
Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27
DECEMBER 5, 2014
Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31
DECEMBER 6 & 7, 2014
Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
II Peter 3:8-14
Mark 1:1-8
www.usccb.org/nab/

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

As we begin Advent, we are called to “Be watchful! Be alert!” as we stand in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives.

Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Basket will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God’s love this Christmas.

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

Friday, December 19-21, 2014
St. Francis de Sales Seminary
This is a discernment retreat for young men in their 20s and 30s. For more info and to RSVP, please call Carla Dal Santo in the Vocation Office at 414-747-6437 or visit us at www.thinkpriest.org / Events / Dues in Altum Retreat.

ADOPTION

Lutheran Counseling and Family Services is accepting inquiries regarding our domestic, independent, step-parent, and relative adoption programs. If you’ve ever wanted to help children grow and develop to their fullest potential, consider adoption. For more info, contact LCFS adoption coordinator Kathryn Feiertag at 414-536-8333 or adoption@lcfswi.org.

WHAT IS YOUR CATHOLIC IQ?

The answer is a) Lectio Divina

“Divine Reading” and is an ancient Christian practice of reading the Scriptures. You read the Scripture, meditate (think about), pray about it and then contemplate what the Word means to you in your life.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

Move over Rudolph, Santa and Frosty! The real reason for the season is Jesus! But how can families keep the focus on the true meaning of Christmas with all the distractions? Families develop their own meaningful traditions to help them remember the real reason for the season. Read about some of these traditions and how they help local families remember the birth of Christ in the December issue of Catholic Herald Family in the Nov. 27 issue of the Catholic Herald. To subscribe to the weekly publication, call 414-769-3500, toll free 877-769-7699 or visit www.catholic herald.org.

CATHOLIC STUDY CLUB

Dec. 16 • Waukesha Civic Theatre
Broadway Singers – Christmas Musical Program.
Luncheon incl. with program. Contact: Cathy Labinski, 262-392-2982, Marilee Burzyc, 262-352-3532 or Anna Marie, 262-392-2516 for reservations and further information.

MORE EARLY DUE DATES

It’s Christmas Season, and there are several early bulletin announcement deadlines coming up:

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THANK YOU!

MERRY CHRISTMAS

LITURGICAL PRAYER

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1
8:00 a.m. † Robert Cossens
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2
8:00 a.m. † Anne Coveney
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3
8:45 a.m. † Fr. Rudolph Kundert
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4
8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer with Communion/Chapel

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5
8:00 a.m. † Marguerite Ryan
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6
5:00 p.m. † Frank & Ginny Fiore
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7
8:00 a.m. † Carl & Irene Peeters
10:30 a.m. For All Our Parishioners
7:00 p.m. † Deceased Members of Kronschnabel & Wendell Families

MASS/DEVOTION TIMES

Weekend Mass Times: Saturday 5:00 p.m. • Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
We pray the Rosary daily at 7:40 a.m. before the 8:00 a.m. Mass. The Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel is open 24/7 for private prayer. Eucharistic Adoration is every Tuesday from 2:00-9:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Hospital Communion Ministry
Thursday, December 4
M. Duppies

5:00 p.m. Saturday, December 6
Greeters: J. LaPorte, J. Burgireno
Ushers: A. & M. Brelt
C. Neubert, E. Phillips
K. Lawniczak
Servers: † H. Pfaff
Readers: M. Smith, D. Schaefer
Euch. Min: D. Hendrick, M.A. Harpster
S. Mayernick, B. Schultz
J. Jablonski, C. Maloney
R. Borowski

8:00 a.m. Sunday, December 7
Greeters: D. Griffin, S. Carrao
Ushers: J. & J. Race
M. Herbert, P. Tabat
A. Uglum, R. Humpal
Servers: † G. Fontaine
A. Dittman, S. Meyer
Readers: C. Wilson, J. Kershek
Euch. Min: C. & T. Pinter
J. Weinkauf, J. Hying
M. Pfaff, R. Carrao
P. Felton

10:30 a.m. Sunday, December 7
Greeters: J.A. Finn, L. Hedrick
Ushers: J. Riley, S. Kelehen
J. Finn, M. Jablonski
S. Vandenhouten
Servers: † S. Briscoe
N. Katzka, J. Stuart
Readers: B. Igl, J. Brahm
Euch. Min: Jm. Brahm, L. McComis
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Welcome!
If you are a visitor to St. Bruno Parish, or new to our area, we welcome and thank you for praying with us. We are a church family and care about each other, our church, our community and our world. You are invited to become a member of the St. Bruno Parish Family. Please call Karen Warnes, Pastoral Associate, at 262-965-2332 for registration information.

On the Cover
The Soles for Catholic Education Walk collected 306 pairs of shoes for the needy and raised $4,300.00 for our School. Thank You!

Sacramental Life and Assistance Information

Mass – The Eucharist
Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Hispanic Mass – First, Third, and Fifth Sundays at 4:30 p.m.

Reconciliation
Saturday: 4:00 p.m. or by appointment

Baptisms
To arrange Baptism, please contact Deacon Tom at least one month in advance, at 262-392-2516 or 262-366-1505.

Marriage
Please contact the Pastor at least six months before the anticipated wedding date. At least one of the parties must be a registered, practicing Catholic member of our parish community.

Anointing of the Sick
We encourage parish members to celebrate the Anointing of the Sick for healing and strength at the time of serious illness or before surgery.

Communion to the Sick
Parish members bring Holy Communion to the homebound. If you are unable to attend Mass for a few weeks because of health or weather, please call the Parish Office.

Danny’s Helping Hands
If you need occasional help with errands, companionship, transportation or meals, contact Rita Mezydlo at 602-885-0299 or rmezydlo@sbcglobal.net.

Meals For Families With Newborns
Expectant and new mothers can receive meals made by fellow parishioners for them and their families. Contact Carla Schreiner at 262-965-2353 or carlaschreiner@wi.rr.com.

Prayer Network
If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, we have a group of parishioners at St. Bruno’s who would like to pray for your special needs. Call Donna at 262-965-3224, or Ruth at 262-965-2329.

St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP)
Contact the Parish Office for assistance from SVDP: 965-2332

The Endowment for St. Bruno
We have established a permanent endowment fund for the future of our church and school. We invite a contribution in honor of family members, friends, or in memory of a loved one. Information and contribution envelopes are in the Gathering Place.

Parish Office Hours
Every weekday from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Bulletin Articles
Please submit your stories, announcements, photographs and ideas for the bulletin to Susan by 10:00 a.m.
Monday morning via email: stbruno@wi.rr.com.