Third Sunday of Advent † December 14, 2014

ST. BRUNO PARISH

“While the world changes, the cross stands firm.”

FAIR TRADE EVENT

I rejoice heartily in the Lord,
in my God is the joy of my soul . . .

—Isaiah 61:10
AS I was trying to come up with something for this column I was looking for something to do with the third week in Advent. I thought about the pink candle. I thought about Gaudente Sunday (Rejoice). Nothing struck me until I came upon the second reading in the Office of Readings for the Third Sunday in Advent. I really like it and hope you will, also. In a way, it is what I often feel when I deliver a homily. Here is an edited version of it:

From a sermon by Saint Augustine:

John is a voice, but the Lord is the Word who was in the beginning. John is the voice that lasts for a time; from the beginning Christ is the word who lives forever.

Take away the word, the meaning, and what is the voice? Where there is not understanding, there is only a meaningless sound. The voice without the word strikes the ear but does not build up the heart.

However, let us observe what happens when we first seek to build up our hearts. When I think about what I am going to say, the word or message is already in my heart. When I want to speak to you, I look for a way to share with your heart what is already in mine.

In my search for a way to let this message reach you, so that the word already in my heart may find place also in yours, I use my voice to speak to you. The sound of my voice brings the meaning of the word to you and then passes away. The word which the sound has brought to you is now in your heart, and yet it is still also in mine.

When the word has been conveyed to you, does not the sound seem to say: The word ought to grow, and I should diminish? The sound of the voice has made itself heard in the service of the word, and has gone away, as though it were saying: My joy is complete. Let us hold on to the word; we must not lose the word conceived inwardly in our hearts.

…The voice of one crying in the wilderness is the voice of one breaking the silence. Prepare the way for the Lord, he says, as though he were saying: “I speak out in order to lead them into your hearts, but he does not choose to come where I lead him unless you prepare the way for him.”

To prepare the way means to pray well; it means thinking humbly of oneself. We should take our lesson from John the Baptist…He understood that he was a lamp, and his fear was that it might be blown out by the wind of pride.

AS we continue on this journey of Advent, let us not be afraid to break the silence and cry out in the wilderness. Let us make sure our hearts are prepared to hear the Word and let it rest in our hearts until in its restlessness it breaks free to cry out to others so they can feel the Word in their hearts.

Due to my upcoming retirement in June, there will be some reorganization needed for the Liturgical Lay Ministries. We need one person from each Liturgical Ministry to take on the responsibility of scheduling. For example: The Head Usher would coordinate and schedule the ushers needed for each weekend Mass. Responsibilities include recruitment for the Usher Ministry, along with a training/formation session. If you are a Reader, Greeter, Eucharistic Minister or Usher, prayerfully consider this leadership position. Please contact me by Dec. 29 at 414-807-8453 or email kwarnes@wi.rr.com. It has been a great blessing for me to serve this community for over thirty years.

Baptized In Christ

Dec. 7, 2014  Cally Rose Schneider
Daughter of Jon & Lynda Schneider

This is the final weekend for the Giving Tree. If you forgot to bring your gift, you can still drop it off by the tree in the Gathering Place on Monday. We will be sorting and bagging the gifts on Tuesday morning. Thank you for your generosity.

The Parish Of St. Bruno Parish

Advent Communal Penance Service is on Dec. 20 at 10:00 a.m. Both St. Theresa (Eagle) and St. Jerome (Oconomowoc) have Communal Penance Services at 7:00 p.m. on Dec. 17. See website for additional times/locations.

If you want your year-end contributions posted for 2014 tax purposes, your contributions must be postmarked no later than Dec. 31, 2014 – or delivered to the Parish Office by 12:00 p.m. on Dec. 31.

The Parish Office will close at Noon on Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2014 & reopen Jan. 5, 2015

All donations received or postmarked after December 31, 2014 will be posted to tax year 2015.

~The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

~Blessings, Karen Warnes

~The Giving Tree

~My Parish, Our Future

2014 Year-End Commitments
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January 21, 2015 • 7:00 p.m.
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Guatemalan Letters

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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. Local composers Andy Gladbach and Torrin Hallett will feature premieres at our Lessons and Carols concert on Dec. 21. Works for brass ensembles and combined choirs, brass and organ by Torrin Hallett, with an improvisational medley of traditional sing-along carols with internationally renowned Andy Gladbach on keyboards. Come and “Sing in the Season” with St. Bruno’s Music Ministry.

Reception Help Needed

Reception helpers are needed for the Lessons & Carols Concert on Dec. 21. The Reception will take place following the concert, at around 3:00 p.m. If you can help with this community event, please call Karen Gould (262-567-3964), or Laura Evans (262-567-5996). Thanks in advance for your service and your sweets. Contributions of refreshments are also welcomed.

Thank You!

Thanks to all who helped with the Sweet Singing for Sweet Citrus fruit sale. $1200 in proceeds for special Christmas music was earned. A special thank you to Karen Gould and the fruit movers, Mark Wilkinson, John Kimpel and the Greg Biewer Family, for contributing their backs and vehicles. A small quantity of navel oranges, grapefruit and tangelos are still available for sale.

School Happenings

Chili’s

Need a quick dinner idea? Why not head to Chili’s in Oconomowoc for Dine-In or To-Go. Please pick up a Chili’s voucher at the SCRIP table after Mass, or in the Parish or School Offices during regular business hours. You can also visit our websites and print out a voucher to use (see the home page). 15% of your purchase comes back to St. Bruno Parish School. These vouchers are good the ENTIRE month of December.

Market Day

Start 2015 right and Eat Well with Market Day! Market Day offers more than 90 healthy items - just look for the Taste For Health® symbol online or in the order guide. All of these items contain no more than 300 calories, 10g total fat and 600mg sodium. Place your order online by Jan. 1 at marketday.com. If you have any questions, please call Aimee Kelchen at 414-732-3726. Thank you for your continued support!
FAITH FORMATION CORNER

K-11 FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE
K-8: 9:00-10:15 a.m.
Upcoming Classroom Sessions: Dec. 21; Jan. 11, 25
Upcoming Family Session: Jan. 18
HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9-10): 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Upcoming Sessions: Dec. 21; Jan. 11, 25
CONFIRMATION (GRADE 11): 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Upcoming Sessions: Jan. 11, 18

TIME TO DECORATE!
We need help getting our environment ready for Christmas. Please join us at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 22 in the church. We need at least 2-3 people who can climb ladders, six people to carry the fragile Christmas figures into church and arrange them, and four more people to arrange the flowers. All are invited to help decorate for Christmas. “Many hands make light work”.

MIDNIGHT MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL
Join Archbishop Jerome E. Listecki as he celebrates Midnight Mass on Dec. 25 at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 812 N. Jackson St., Milwaukee. The Mass will also be televised LIVE on WISN Channel 12.

Hats Off To St. Bruno Volunteers!
Please join the St. Bruno Parish Staff for a THANK YOU DINNER TO YOU, our St. Bruno Volunteers!
When: Friday, January 23, 2015
Time: 6:00 p.m. • Place: St. Bruno Gym
Please wear your favorite hat – a prize will be given for the most creative/best “Topper”.
There will be a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place in early January.

JINGLE BELL DINNER
St. Jerome Parish will host its 25th Annual Jingle Bell Dinner on Christmas Day, serving from 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. in Marian Hall (cafeteria). The free meal is for anyone who would like to be with a Christian community on Christmas Day. All are welcome!

THE “HOLY DUSTERS” NEED HELP!!!
We are in need of one person willing to join a team for light church cleaning one hour a month on a Friday morning. Please call Erna Hugery at 262-646-2661 if you can help out.
The blessings far outweigh the effort!

WHAT IS YOUR CATHOLIC IQ?
We celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12. One of the other Marian devotions honors the Lady of LaVang. Where is this mainly celebrated?
a) China; b) Vietnam; c) Japan; d) Turkey.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THIS WEEK
MONDAY, DECEMBER 15
1:00 p.m. Homemaker’s Group / Parish Room
6:30 p.m. RCIA / Parish Room
7:00 p.m. Adult Basketball / Gym
7:30 p.m. Alcoholic Anonymous / Staff Work Room
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16
9:00 a.m. Mom2Mom / Parish Room
2:00-9:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration / Chapel
7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council / Parish Room
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal / Church
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18
9:00-11:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry / Family Room
7:00 p.m. Green Team / School Science Lab
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19
9:30 a.m. Masonic Health Care Center Mass / Three Pillars
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20 - WELCOME WEEKEND
10:00 a.m. Communal Penance / Church
1:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal / Church
New Parishioner Registration
Blood Pressure Screening
5:00 p.m. Mass / Church
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21 - WELCOME WEEKEND
New Parishioner Registration
Blood Pressure Screening
8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Masses / Church
9:00-10:15 a.m. K-8 Faith Formation / Gym & Classrooms
11:40 a.m. Choir Rehearsal / Church
2:00 p.m. Lessons & Carols Concert / Church
4:30 p.m. Hispanic Mass / Church
6:30 p.m. Gr. 11 Faith Formation Class / Gathering Place

COMING SOON
Dec. 24 - Parish Office Closes at Noon
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.
Dec. 25 & 26 - Parish Office Closed
Dec. 31 - Parish Office Closes at Noon
Dec. 31 - Holy Day Vigil Mass, 7:00 p.m.
Jan. 1 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, 9:00 a.m. Mass
Holy Day of Obligation
Jan. 1 & 2 - Parish Office Closed
Jan. 13 - Common Meeting Night (Committee Pictures Taken)

BEYOND OUR PARISH
Dec. 16 - Catholic Study Club: Christmas Musical Program;
Call Marilee 352-3532 or Anna Marie 392-2516 for lunch reservation.
Dec. 17 - Communal Penance Services; St. Jerome, O’woc & St. Theresa, Eagle; 7:00 p.m.
Dec. 19-21 - Nutcracker Ballet; Oconomowoc Arts Ctr. (OAC);
www.theoac.net (Parishioners performing)
Dec. 19-21 - Young Adult (Discernment) Retreat; St. Francis de Sales Seminary; www.thinkpriest.org or 414-747-6437
Dec. 25 - Midnight Mass at the Cathedral; Live Broadcast on WISN Channel 12; Archbishop Listecki, Presiding
Dec. 25 - Jingle Bell Dinner; St. Jerome, O’woc; 11:30-1:00
Jan. 2 - St. Andrew Dinner; St. Francis Seminary; 5:00 p.m.
RSVP to 414-747-6437 or thinkpriest.org | Events
WHAT IS YOUR CATHOLIC IQ?
The answer is b) The Lady of LaVang reportedly appeared during the great persecution of the Vietnam people in 1798. She continues to be an inspiration to people who suffer for their faith.

DECEMBER 15, 2014
Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a
Matthew 21:23-27

DECEMBER 16, 2014
Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13
Matthew 21:28-32

DECEMBER 17, 2014
Genesis 49:2, 8-10
Matthew 1:1-17

DECEMBER 18, 2014
Jeremiah 23:5-8
Matthew 1:18-25

DECEMBER 19, 2014
Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a
Luke 1:5-25

DECEMBER 20 & 21, 2014
I Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38
www.usccb.org/nab/

St. Vincent De Paul
In today’s Gospel, John the Baptist says, “I am the voice of one crying in the desert; make straight the way of the Lord.” As we prepare for Christmas, let us ask for the grace to help others to know the love of the Lord.

Christmas is a time of love and gift-giving... please share your abundance by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who do not have clothes and food can share in the blessings of Christmas.

Cookies!
It’s baking time again... We need dozens of cookies for our St. Ben’s Meal Program on Sunday, Dec. 28. Please bake or buy, but BRING your sweet treats and place them on the cart near the Gathering Place Kitchen. Over 500 people were served last month – they see Christ’s love through you! Thank you for your kindness.

The Word Of The Lord

Liturgical Prayer

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.
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Mass Of Thanksgiving
In gratitude to God for the appointment of the Most Reverend Donald J. Hying as Bishop of the Diocese of Gary (Indiana), a Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated on Sunday, December 21, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, with a reception in the Cathedral atrium honoring Bishop Hying following Mass. All are welcome to join in the celebration.

Create Christmas Joy
Help spread Christ’s Love by helping others: Take an elderly person shopping; help decorate a disabled person’s house; encourage a friend who needs to feel God’s Love!

Christmas TV Mass
Please invite homebound loved ones to join in the Heart of the Nation Catholic TV Mass at 7:00 a.m. on Christmas Day on WCGV Channel 24 or WITI Fox6. The Christmas Scripture readings & traditional hymns will give TV Mass viewers the gift of rejoicing in the meaning and blessings of Christmas.

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

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Liturgical Ministers

Hospital Communion Ministry
Thursday, December 18
S. Carrao

5:00 p.m. Saturday, December 20
Greeters: J. Burgireno, J. LaPorte
Ushers: A. & M. Bretl
A. & P. Maloney
C. Neubert, E. Phillips
Servers: † E. Grady
J. & E. Phillips
Readers: J. Harnack, B. Frank
Euch. Min: M.A. Harpster, J. Narr
S. Siepmann, D. Hendrick
D. & J. Jablonski
S. Mayernick

8:00 a.m. Sunday, December 21
Greeters: I. Marks, W. Schwister
Ushers: J. & D. Becker
M. Herbert, P. Tabat
R. Humpal
Servers: † M. Seegers
G. Fontaine, J. Seegers
Readers: C. Pinter, J. Hying
Euch. Min: K. Hoffman, T. Pinter
S. & J. Kuenzli
M. Pfaff, J. Weinkauf
B.J. Wagner

10:30 a.m. Sunday, December 21
Greeters: J. A. Finn, J.R. Mezydlo
Ushers: J. Riley, K. Lawnczak
M. Jablonski, J. Finn
B. Klemp
Servers: † B. Bridge
N. Parulski, C. Coghlan
Readers: J. Utzerath, M. Lawnczak
Euch. Min: K. Marcus, Jm. Brahm
H. Mezydlo, J. Rood
M. Karpfinger, A. Borth
S. VandenHouten
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**Bulletin Articles**

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