ST. BRUNO PARISH

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

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
DECEMBER 25, 2014
God chose to become flesh. For a thousand years before Jesus’ birth the prophets proclaimed the coming of a Messiah. Their words were really the Word (of God). That Word became flesh and actually “dwelt among us”. God no longer was simply the God of creation, the creator of the earth, sky, sea, sunrise, animals and people. He became more than the author of the Ten Commandments, the Pillar of Fire, the Wind that split the Red Sea, and the Ark of the Covenant. God Himself became flesh in the world. He was incarnated. What a gift, an undeserved gift, for all of humanity! This was an event that would change all of humanity. Jesus’ birth in flesh made it possible for all of humanity to be rescued and freed from sin, sadness and eternal damnation. Hopefully we understand that Jesus becoming flesh was, is and will be the most important happening that ever took or takes place on this earth.

So we need to celebrate the birthday of Jesus Christ, the Son of God which happened on the earth over 2,000 years ago.

Today, the incarnation takes a different twist. Although Jesus lived, died and rose from the dead on this earth 2,000 years ago, He is still being “in-carnated” in this moment of history, in us. It is His will to continue to be with us. His most powerful and profound presence is now experienced at and in the Eucharist. We receive the real presence of Christ in communion. Mass is the ultimate empowerment of our life in Christ. God is divine life in us. He dwells in and fills our whole being with the gift of Himself. The saving events of the past continue in a new and full way right NOW. This is our salvation that we are dealing with. Become and remain the “incarnation” of Christ. God is with you! Merry Christmas! ~Fr. Ralph & Fr. Chuck
The men of the Knights of Columbus are offering FREE Christmas & New Year Valet Parking for the elderly and disabled. This service will run through the New Year Masses, and will include Holy Day Masses. If you would like to use this service, please arrive a minimum of 30 minutes prior to the start of Mass. It’s easy! Just pull up to the Valet Sign at the church entrance (on the circle driveway). Questions? Call Joe Senglaub at 262-442-7888 or Scott Vandenhouten at 262-470-3094.

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 figurines 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”.

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. ~Blessings, Karen Warnes

Many thanks to our School Cantors of the Month, 4th Graders Rachael Kinnard, Mayson Wiza and Caelinn Carraher. Thanks for your service in song during this Advent Season!

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.

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**My Parish – Our Future**

Our budget & planning process depends on your support. Thank You!

2015-2017 THREE-YEAR PLEDGES TO DATE:

$2,346,628 Toward Our Final Goal Of $3,000,000

31% of Families Have Turned In Pledge Cards

**Mortgage Countdown**

Current Balance: $1,082,452.92

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**Music Ministry**

**Heavenly Songs**

Join the angels in their heavenly song of praise to welcome Jesus our Lord and King this Christmas. We will rehearse on Monday, Dec. 22 from 6:00–7:15 p.m. Join Alex Meeth and Ethan Grady with your voices or instruments. You will be part of the 4:00 p.m. Family Mass and the 3:30 p.m. Prelude Concert. Thanks for sharing the Spirit of Christmas in song. Contact Director of Liturgy and Music, Mark Gould, at cantemusvv@yahoo.com or call 262-370-5570 if you are interested. Hope to hear from you soon.

**School Happenings**

**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.

**Market Day**

Market Day makes it easy to stock up on game day favorites like Breaded Mozarella Sticks, Spinach Artichoke Dip, Angus Sliders and much more! Simply order online by Jan. 1 at marketeday.com. If you have any questions, please call Aimee Kelchen at 414-732-3726. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
**Merry Christmas!**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” ~Romans 15:13

We wish all of our St. Bruno families a safe and joyful Christmas.

~The Faith Formation Staff

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**What Is Your Catholic IQ?**

Scripture traces the kingly bloodline of Jesus to:
- a) Elijah; b) David; c) Moses; d) Joseph.
WHAT IS YOUR CATHOLIC IQ?
The answer is b)
Jesus’ earthly family was of “the house of David” which is why Mary and Joseph went to the city of David, Bethlehem, to be enrolled for the census.

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.

CHRISTMAS LITURGICAL MINISTERS

8:00 a.m. Thursday, December 25
Greeters: C. Maloney, ________
Ushers: J. & S. Dorff
S. & E. Marcus
P. Tabat, ________
S. Vandenhouten, ________
Servers: † T. Brim
V. Brim, D. Meyer
Readers: M. Karcewski, J. Bramh
Euch. Min: C. Malaney, L. Evans
A. Golden, C. Wilson
S. Atwater, C. Brim
M. Karpfinger, K. Marcus
D. Hendrick, L. Diodato

10:30 a.m. Thursday, December 25
Greeters: __________, __________
Ushers: __________, __________
____________, __________
Servers: † J. Stuart
E. Stuart, __________
Readers: J. Keller, __________
Euch. Min: Deacon Tom, __________
E. Stuart, __________
J. Lamparski, __________

EARLY DUE DATE
Monday, Dec. 22, is the due date for the Jan. 4, 2015 bulletin.
**CHURCH INFORMATION**

**Parish Staff/Resources**

**Pastor:** Fr. Ralph Gross  
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**School Principal:** Lisa Hedrick  
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Cell Phone ... 262-907-8453

**School Website:** www.stbrunoparishschool.com

**Emergency:** 920-838-5740

**Deacons:**  
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**Parish Secretary:** Tammy Price  
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Cell Phone ... 920-838-5740

**Parish Administrator:** Karen Warnes  
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**Pastoral Council Chair:**  
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**Business Manager:** Leann Gronowski  
E-Mail: LeannG@wi.rr.com  
Cell Phone ... 262-907-8453

**Music Ministry:**  
Mark Gould, Cell Phone ... 262-370-5570

**Youth and Family Ministry:**  
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E-Mail: aldgolden@gmail.com  
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**Child Ministry:**  
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Cell Phone ... 262-965-2332 x110

**Hispanic Ministry:**  
Betty Igł  
E-Mail: igl@centurytel.net  
Cell Phone ... 262-965-2332 x110

**Parish Administrative Assistants:**  
Pam Schmitt, Susan Atwater  
E-Mail: stbruno@wi.rr.com  
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**Cemetery:**  
Paul Tabat  
E-Mail: stbruno@wi.rr.com  
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**Maintenance:**  
Kurt Hendrick  
E-Mail: stbruno@wi.rr.com  
Cell Phone ... 262-965-2332 x101

**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 via email to stbruno@wi.rr.com by 10:00 a.m. Monday, 12/22/14 for the 1/4/15 Bulletin.

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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**

Emmanuel † Savior † Prince of Peace  
Jesus Christ, Lord of All

Cover based on image from Liturgical Publications Inc.

**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, & Fifth Sundays at 4:30 p.m.

**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 group of parishioners at St. Bruno’s who would like to pray for you or someone you know is in need of prayer, we have a group of parishioners for them and their families. Contact Carla Schreiner at 262-965-2353 or carlaschreiner@wi.rr.com.

**Prayer Network**  
If you or someone at St. Bruno’s 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.