Second Sunday of Advent † December 6, 2015

ST. BRUNO PARISH

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

Prepare

2ND Sunday of
ADVENT

I will make a just shoot spring up for David;
He shall do what is right and just in the land.

-JEREMIAH 33:15
In this Advent Season, as we prepare for Christ’s birth and the many things we will give and receive, are we able to give without first being grateful?

Somehow as I think about this, I think the answer is “no”. Before we can reach out and give what we have we are grateful for having:

❖ When we walk down the street and give something to someone who asks, is there not at least a split moment that we are grateful for having that ability to give?
❖ When we offer our time in ministry, are we not first grateful for what we receive and for our time that we are able to give?
❖ When we give that smile to someone passing by, are we not grateful for something in our day, for the smile we received from that person, for the breath that we are able to take?
❖ When we give consolation to someone, are we not thankful for the relationship that we have with that person?
❖ When we are on the receiving end of any of this, are we not more readily willing to then give? Why? I dare say it is because of our gratitude that we were shown/received that we then give mercy, care, and love.

Before we give, we are grateful for our many blessings/gifts that we receive. Understanding that ALL is gift can give us a new perspective on life. Take a moment (or many moments) each day to be thankful for something. As we grow in gratitude we grow in generosity of the gifts that God has given us of the love that He extends constantly and we can share so easily. As we give of our gifts are we not actually being an extension of the hand of God in giving what He has already given us?

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THE GIVING TREE

From November 28 – December 13, 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. 13. Please put gift cards in the collection basket at Mass or in the box on the SCRIP table and place other unwrapped items in the large decorated box by the tree. Thank you for your generosity.

FRUIT SALE PICK-UP IS TODAY!

Thank you for stopping by after Masses to pick-up your fruit! The Middle School students thank you for your generous support!

GUATEMALAN LETTERS

Your translated Guatemalan letters are here! You can pick them up in the Gathering Place after Masses this weekend & next. Thank you for your continued support of our Guatemalan students.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

Join Louise Diodato, Pastoral Council Secretary, at Three Pillars Village on the Square Learning Center at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesdays for a weekly Bible Study based on the readings for the upcoming weekend Mass. Questions? Contact Louise at: 262-965-7342 or Lwdiodato@gmail.com.

HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE

JANUARY 21, 2016 • 7:00 P.M.

The Deacons of St. Paul’s and St. Bruno’s are joining with all the Deacons of the Milwaukee Archdiocese in sponsoring a HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE. This is an ongoing project of the Deacons of our area. We will be praying for all life from birth to natural death, on the eve of the disastrous and immoral decision of the Supreme Court regarding abortion. You are all invited to join us as we storm Heaven with prayers at 7:00 p.m. on Jan. 21. The Holy Hour will consist of Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, prayers, readings and a stirring homily by Deacon John Mezydlo. John will be assisted by Deacon Tom Filipiak and Deacon-candidate Joe Senglaub. Please join us and help us pray for all human life.

VALET PARKING

Once again this year, the Knights of Columbus are pleased to provide Valet Services for those in need. Questions? Call Scott Vandenhouten at 262-470-3094 or Arnie Uglum at 262-965-3401.

MAKE SOMEONE HAPPY

For Christmas each year, our St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Society sponsors the family of an incarcerated parent. This year, we are helping six children on behalf of Waukesha County Inmates. If you would like to sponsor a family, please contact Sue James at 262-646-3518. We need the gifts by December 8. Thanks and God Bless!

MUSIC MINISTRY

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MASS

Join us at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Dec. 12, as we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Once again this year, we will be led in worship by Voces de Fe, a Catholic Hispanic musical group from St. Patrick’s in Whitewater. Come, join in the celebration!

CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIRS

Sing in the Season with the Angels!

Join the angels in their song of “Glory to God in the Highest”, as they first sang at Jesus’ birth. There are two Prelude Concerts for the Masses on Dec. 24: CHILDREN & YOUTH CHOIR: Rehearsals for the 4:00 p.m. Mass with Prelude are on Sat., Dec. 12 & 19, from 3:00-4:00 p.m. (2nd Gr. and older). ADULT CHOIR: Rehearsals for the 10:00 p.m. Mass with Prelude are on Wed., Dec. 9 & 16, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Contact Director of Music & Liturgy, Mark Gould (262-370-5570) for more information or to register your interest. Instrumentalists are welcome to join our band.

MUSIC MINISTRY

CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIRS

AWAY IN A MANGER

Join us for our Christmas Concert celebration in Church at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 10. Hear our St. Bruno Students sing the praises of Jesus’ birth. Our band will also be participating. Come and celebrate the season with YOUR Parish School!

GIFT SHOP

Home and School is sponsoring a Holiday Treasures Gift Shop Dec. 7-13. 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. 12 & 13. Come check it out!

CHILI’S FUNDRAISER

Time to eat at Chili’s during the month of December and earn money for St. Bruno Parish School! Vouchers will be available at the SCRIP table after Mass. Reminder: To help even more, use your SCRIP to pay for your meal!

MAKE SOMEONE HAPPY

It’s Time To Decorate!

Volunteers of all ages are needed to come and help with the decorations for Christmas. This is a great family project!!! We need adults who can climb ladders and children to carry things, as well as someone to help clean up after the decorating. We will be decorating on Sunday, December 20, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.
K–11 FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

**Upcoming Classroom Sessions:** Dec. 20; Jan. 10, 24
**Upcoming Family Sessions:** Dec. 13; Jan. 17
**High School (Grades 9-11):** 6:30-8:00 p.m.
**Upcoming Sessions:** Dec. 20; Jan. 10*, 24

*At St. Paul’s: Joint Parishes (with Mass)

John 10 Youth Ministry

**What’s Next?**

**Wednesday, 7:00-9:00 p.m.**
**St. Paul’s Youth Room**

Have you ever wondered what’s next? What do you do after class, how can you live out your faith, and how do you take that next step? Well, we have an answer.

**What’s Next this week?**

**Movie Night: Elf**

**WHAT’S NEXT CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION!**

**Wed., Dec. 23 • 7:00-9:00 p.m.** in St. Paul’s Youth Room
Pizza, cookie decorating, Christmas games, prayer, and more!

Open to all high school students

Mom2Mom Retreat

Please join us for our Winter Retreat at Holy Hill, Friday, Feb. 26 & 27, 2016 (Friday & Saturday), Directed by: Joyce Brahm. Arrive at 6:00 p.m. Friday (dinner not included) Depart at 6:00 p.m. after Mass on Saturday. This is an opportunity to get away from the busy demands of life, and spend some time refreshing your soul! All women are welcome to join us for this 24-hour retreat. $75 includes a private room, two meals, and all retreat materials. To reserve your spot, contact Amy Golden at aldgolden@gmail.com or 262-402-8229.

What Is Your Catholic IQ?

Pope Francis has declared Dec. 8, 2015 to Nov. 20, 2016 as the Holy Year of:

- Mercy
- Grace
- Holiness
- Wisdom

Calendar of Events

**THIS WEEK**

**HOLIDAY TREASURE SHOP - PARISH ROOM - DECEMBER 7-15**

**MONDAY, December 7**
7:00 p.m. Holy Day Vigil Mass / Church
7:00 p.m. Adult Basketball / Gym
7:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous / Staff Work Room

**TUESDAY, December 8**
- **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BVM**
  8:45 a.m. Holy Day Student Mass / Church
  9:00 a.m. Book Club / Family Room
  1:00 p.m. Bible Study / Three Pillars Village on the Square
  2:00-9:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration / Chapel
  7:00 p.m. Building & Grounds / Gathering Place
  7:00 p.m. Holy Day Mass / AT ST. PAUL’S

**WEDNESDAY, December 9**
8:45 a.m. Mass / Church *(This is NOT a Student Mass)*
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal / Church
7:00-8:30 p.m. Prayer & Yoga / Gym

**THURSDAY, December 10**
5:30-7:00 a.m. Men’s Group / Gathering Place
9:00-11:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry / Family Room
6:00 p.m. K of C Cards & Meeting / Staff Work Room
6:30 p.m. School Christmas Concert / Church
6:30 p.m. Green Team / Language Arts Classroom
6:30-7:30 p.m. A Biblical Walk Through The Mass / Science Lab

**FRIDAY, December 11**
(Holiday Treasure Shop)

**SATURDAY, December 12**
Guatemalan Letter Pick-up
10:00 a.m.-Noon First Reconciliation / Church
3:00-4:00 p.m. Children’s Choir Rehearsal / Church
5:00 p.m. Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass / Church

**SUNDAY, December 13**
Guatemalan Letter Pick-up
8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Masses / Church
9:00-10:15 a.m. Faith Formation Family Session / Gym

Upcoming St. Bruno Events

**Dec. 24**
- 3:30 p.m. Children’s Prelude Concert
- 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Mass
- 9:30 p.m. Adult Choir Prelude Concert
- 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass

Dec. 25
- 10:30 a.m. Christmas Day Mass *(no 8:00 a.m. Mass)*

Upcoming St. Paul Events

**Dec. 8**
- Immaculate Conception Mass: **8:45 a.m.** & **7:00 p.m.**
- Dec. 16 St. Paul School Christmas Concert, 1:30 & 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 24
  - 4:00, 6:00 & 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Masses
  - 9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass

Beyond Our Parish

**Dec. 6 - A Festival of Lessons & Carols; St. Jerome; 3:00 p.m.**
**Dec. 8 - A Dickens of a Dousman Christmas!**
**Dec. 8 - Grief Support Group Meeting; 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**
**San Camillo, Wauwatosa**
**Dec. 8 - Year of Mercy Opening Mass; Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist; 5:15 p.m.; Archbishop Jerome Listecki, Presiding**
**Dec. 9 - Advent Day of Prayer; Redemptorist Retreat Center; 9:15 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; $25**
**Dec. 10 - Bingo; 7-9 p.m.; www.stjamesmukwonago.org; 262-363-7615**
**Dec. 11 - Fish Fry; 4:30-7:30 p.m.; St. Theresa, Eagle**
**Dec. 11-13 - Duo in Altum HS Silent Retreat; Mt. Tabor Center, Menasha; www.thinkpriest.org / Events; 414-747-6437**
Please join us in prayer at the family, and to reach out to those in need. This is what Advent is all about. We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord. In today’s Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to “Prepare the way of the Lord”, and this is what Advent is all about. We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family, and to reach out to those in need.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that we together can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.

Leaving is never easy. Saying goodbye is even more difficult . . . I want to personally thank all of you for three wonderful years at St. Bruno’s. It has been a blessing to be a part of this amazing staff and to have had the opportunity to work alongside so many dedicated volunteers and parish members. You have all made a difference in my life.

May you all have a blessed Christmas season. With love and prayers, Pam

Taking Care of the Home We Share

Adjust the Temperature
• When you are at home and awake, set your thermostat as low as is comfortable.
• When you are asleep or out of the house, turn your thermostat back 10°-15° for eight hours and save around 10% a year on your heating and cooling bills.
• A programmable thermostat can make it easy to set back your temperature.

For more info go to www.energy.gov and www.stbrunoparish.com. Click on Ministries / Green Team.

The Word Of The Lord

December 7, 2015
Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26

December 8, 2015
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Genesis 3:9-15, 20
Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12
Luke 1:26-38

December 9, 2015
Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30

December 10, 2015
Isaiah 41:13-20; Matthew 11:11-15

December 11, 2015
Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19

December 12 & 13, 2015
Zephaniah 3:14-18a
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:10-18

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Year of Mercy

Opening Mass

Please join us in prayer at the Year of Mercy Opening Mass on Tuesday, December 8, 2015, 5:15 p.m., at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 812 N. Jackson St., Milwaukee. Archbishop Jerome Listecki will formally open the Year of Mercy with a proclamation and a blessing of the Cathedral “Holy Door.” The Mass will begin with a beautiful new song commissioned specifically for the Year of Mercy.

What Is Your Catholic IQ?

The answer is a) The Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy is to have the mercy of God as its center. We are to live the year in the light of the Lord’s words: “Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.” (Luke 6:36)

Liturgical Prayer

Monday, December 7
8:00 a.m. † David Kronschnabel
7:00 p.m. † Marge Ryan

Tuesday, December 8
8:45 a.m. † Bill & Catherine Rehbolz
Student Mass for Holy Day

Wednesday, December 9
8:45 a.m. † Edna Lauer & Joe Foltz

Thursday, December 10
8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer with Communion/Chapel

Friday, December 11
8:00 a.m. † Jean von Bereghy

Saturday, December 12
5:00 p.m. For Our Parishioners

Sunday, December 13
8:00 a.m. † Bill & Catherine Rehbolz
10:30 a.m. † Stella Buchegher

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.

Farewell . . .

Liturgical Ministers

Hospital Communion Ministry
Thursday, December 10
D. & P. Bretl

5:00 p.m. Saturday, December 12
Greeters: C. Malaney, I. Kronschnabel
Ushers: P. Kronschnabel
P. Maloney, C. Neubert
T. & J. Szelmeczki
Servers: † H. Pfaff
A. Maloney
Lectors: J. Keller, D. Janisch
Euch. Min: D. Hendrick, C. Matysiak
B. Strand, M. Lawniczak
S. Mayernick, C. Maloney
J. Bosenbecker

8:00 a.m. Sunday, December 13
Greeters: K. & E. Meyer
Ushers: P. Tabat, R. Humpal
A. Uglum, P. Lagalbo
J. Radtke
Servers: † M. Seegers
B. Bridge
Lectors: J. Kershek, C. Pinter
Euch. Min: S. James, C. Wilson
T. Pinter, A.M. Filipiak
R. Carrao, E. Rudnick
K. Kershek

10:30 a.m. Sunday, December 13
Greeters: Y. Hickey
Ushers: J. Finn, J. Riley
R. & B. Mottl
Servers: † A. Meeth
T. Meeth, N. DeMarsh
Lectors: J. Brahm, R. Borowski
Euch. Min: L. Haugner
B. Igl, B. Pautz
Jn. Brahm, E. Stuart
L. McComis
S. Burt

Early Due Dates

There are several more early bulletin due dates:

Dec. 7 Jan. 3
Dec. 14 Dec. 27
Dec. 21 Dec. 20 (Christmas)
Jan. 3

Please remember to submit your bulletin announcements by 10:00 a.m. on the due date.

With love and prayers, Pam

Green Team

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CHURCH INFORMATION
Parish Staff/Resources

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. New Parishioners can register on the weekend of the third Sunday of the month, or call the Parish Office at 262-965-2332.

On The Cover
We Prepare Our Hearts For The Coming of the LORD.

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.

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

Baptisms
To arrange Baptism, please contact Mary Kral at least one month in advance, at 262-968-2276 x202, 262-965-2332 or marykral4@gmail.com.

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 in their families. Contact Amy Golden at 262-402-8229 or amygolden@gmail.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: 262-965-2332.

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 via email to stbruno@wi.rr.com by 10:00 a.m. Monday morning.

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