Third Sunday of Advent † December 13, 2015

ST. BRUNO PARISH

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

Rejoice

3RD Sunday of ADVENT

Rejoice in the LORD always.
I shall say it again: Rejoice!

- PHILIPPIANS 4:4
PASTOR’S PEN

HOLY YEAR OF MERCY

This past week, on December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Pope Francis opened “The Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy” for Catholics around the world at St. Peter’s in Rome. Although the Holy Year of Mercy will conclude on the Feast of Christ the King at the end of November, 2016, our Holy Father has asked the Church to use this jubilee year as a training time so that we all live and practice mercy more perfectly throughout our lives. Pope Francis used the declaration that “Jesus Christ is the face of the Father’s mercy” and that “this truth sums up the mystery of the Christian faith. Jesus’ entire life and person reveals the mercy of God. Our salvation depends upon mercy! Mercy is the bridge that connects God and humanity.” (Stop here a second and think about what the Pope is saying!) Do we recognize mercy poured out to us from God and others? Are we ourselves good witnesses of mercy in our daily lives?

Archbishop Listekki opened the Holy Year of Mercy specifically for our Archdiocese by offering a Mass on December 8, and blessing a “Door of Mercy” that people are invited to pilgrimage to and enter at St. John’s Cathedral. There is a “Year of Mercy Prayer Card” in our church pews and/or hymnals. You are invited to pray that prayer on your own or, at times, with the entire community that is gathered. On the back of the prayer card are listed the Corporal Works of Mercy and the Spiritual Works of Mercy. These various works will be highlighted in a number of ways throughout the year, month-by-month. It will be good to reacquaint ourselves with all the works of mercy.

For the month of December, 2015, we are asked to reflect upon and practice the First Spiritual Work of Mercy — Instruct the Ignorant. Become more informed about the Year of Mercy from the Archdiocesan Website (www.archmil.org – click on “Jubilee Year of Mercy”) and share some of what you have learned with others. Another action might be to reflect who around you is misinformed or confused about the faith or the Church, and lovingly share with them your zeal for Jesus and His Church. Who has God placed in your life who needs to know more about Jesus and the Catholic faith? Pray to God for the right words to share. Come up with your own ideas on how to act on this Spiritual Work of Mercy. “Be Merciful Like the Father!”

~Fr. Ralph

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**Prelude Concerts:**

3:30 p.m. Christmas Eve: Children’s Concert
9:30 p.m. Christmas Eve: Adult Music Ministry Concert
10:00 a.m. Christmas Day: Instrumental & Vocal Prelude

Please come early to savor this meaningful preparation for each of the Eucharistic celebrations.

**Advent Communal Penance Services**

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy we are called to avail ourselves of the mercy that God readily wants to bestow upon us as a gift. We especially encounter the grandeur of Christ’s mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Once we are pardoned by our God and experience inner peace through absolution, we are empowered to be more merciful ourselves. Consider participating in a Communal Penance Service sometime during Advent, with individual confession and absolution.

Communal Penance Services at neighboring parishes are:

- Mon., Dec. 14, 7:00 p.m. Queen of Apostles, Pewaukee
- Wed., Dec. 16, 7:00 p.m. St. Jerome, Oconomowoc
- Wed., Dec. 16, 7:00 p.m. St. Theresa, Eagle
- Sat., Dec. 19, 1:30 p.m. St. Jerome, Oconomowoc

Recognize your sins, confess your sins & know God’s mercy!”

**Finance Corner**

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**Mortgage Countdown**

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*MY PARISH, OUR FUTURE 2015 YEAR-END COMMITMENTS*

If you want your year-end contributions posted for 2015 tax purposes, your contributions must be postmarked no later than Dec. 31, 2015 – or delivered to the Parish Office by 12:00 p.m. on Dec. 31.


All donations received or postmarked after December 31, 2015 will be posted to tax year 2016.
Welcome To St. Bruno Parish!

Whether you are new or visiting, we welcome you to our Parish! If you are 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!

Last Chance To Donate!

This is the last weekend to donate to the Giving Tree! Please stop by the SCRIP table to buy gift cards, then put the gift cards in the collection basket at Mass or in the box on the SCRIP table. Any unwrapped items you have already purchased can be placed in the large decorated box next to the Giving Tree.

Thank you for your generosity!

Angel Board

Thanks to all the people who submitted pictures of their loved ones who have died. What a special statement of your love for them! Thank you for sharing their pictures on our Angel Board! Now that the Month of Remembrance is over, please take your cherished pictures home with you. The Angel Board is still located in the Gathering Place, but will be taken into the Parish Office in the near future.

Guatemalan Letters

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

Mom2Mom Retreat

Please join us for our Winter Retreat at Holy Hill, Friday, Feb. 26 through Saturday, Feb. 27, 2016. Directed by: Joyce Brahms.

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.

Music Ministry

Christmas Eve Children & Youth Choir

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. The Children & Youth Choir’s final rehearsal for the 4:00 p.m. Mass with Prelude is on Saturday, Dec. 19, from 3:00-4:00 p.m. (2nd Gr. and older). 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.

Christmas Eve Adult Choir

Rehearsal for the 10:00 p.m. Mass with Prelude is on Wed., Dec. 16, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. There will also be a 30 minute Prelude for the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Christmas Day. Contact Director of Music & Liturgy, Mark Gould (262-370-5570) for more information or to register your interest. Both vocalists and instrumentalists are welcome!

School Happenings

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 SCRIP to pay for your meal!

Holy Hour For Life

January 21, 2016 • 7:00 p.m.

The Deacons of St. Bruno and St. Paul 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.

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.
FAITH FORMATION CORNER

ADULT FORMATION
‘Tis The Season

Come join us for “A Biblical Walk Through the Mass”.

Thursday, Dec. 17. Learning about the Mass could enable you to participate in a new light – you may find a richer, more fruitful worship experience as a result. We meet in the Science Lab at St. Bruno’s from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Use this Advent session to help you prepare for the coming of Emmanuel: God-with-us. Visit www.stbrunoparish.com and click on the Faith Formation tab or contact Mary Kral in the Parish Office at 262-965-2332 for more information.

K–11 FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

K-8: 9:00-10:15 A.M.
Upcoming Classroom Sessions: Dec. 20; Jan. 10, 24
Upcoming Family Session: 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?

Overtime: Christmas Cookie Fats
Help us bake and decorate Christmas cookies for the seniors and homebound of our parish. We will deliver the cookies on Saturday, December 19.

What’s Next Christmas Celebration!
Wed., Dec. 23 • 7:00-9:00 p.m. • St. Paul’s Youth Room
Pizza, cookie decorating, Christmas games, prayer, and more!
Open to all high school students

SAFEGUARDING OUR CHILDREN

Parents and Guardians: Get Involved

Parents and guardians play a key role in the success of parish programs for young people. Parents and guardians who are involved in parish programs and events will be in the best position to protect their own children as well as all the children in the parish community. Involvement and communication are important factors in helping to ensure safe environments for all of our children.

WHAT IS YOUR CATHOLIC IQ?

During this Year of Mercy, special emphasis is on many aspects of our faith. One is to practice the Works of Mercy, both Spiritual and: a) Fraternal; b) Corporal; c) Charitable; d) Natural.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

HOLIDAY TREASURE SHOP - PARISH ROOM - NOW–DECEMBER 15

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14
6:30 p.m. Finance Council / At St. Paul’s
6:30 p.m. Home & School / Family Room
7:00 p.m. School Committee / Parish Room
7:00 p.m. Adult Basketball / Gym
7:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous / Staff Work Room

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15
1:00 p.m. Bible Study / Three Pillars Village on the Square
2:00-9:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration / Chapel
6:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee / Family Room

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal / Church

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17
9:00-11:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry / Family Room
6:30-7:30 p.m. A Biblical Walk Through The Mass / Science Lab

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18
9:45 a.m. Masonic Health Care Center Mass / Three Pillars

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19 - WELCOME WEEKEND!
3:00-4:00 p.m. Children’s Choir Rehearsal / Church
Blood Pressure Screening after Mass
New Parishioner Registration after Mass
5:00 p.m. Mass / Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20 - WELCOME WEEKEND!
Blood Pressure Screening after Masses
New Parishioner Registration after Masses
8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Masses / Church
9:00-10:15 a.m. K-8 Faith Formation Classes
4:30 p.m. Hispanic Mass / Church
6:30-8:00 p.m. Gr. 9-11 Faith Formation / Gathering Place

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 10:00 a.m. Prelude Concert
10:30 a.m. Christmas Day Mass (no 8:00 a.m. Mass)
Dec. 31 7:00 p.m. Holy Day Vigil Mass at St. Bruno
Jan. 1 Feast of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Holy Day of Obligation
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Bruno

UPCOMING ST. PAUL EVENTS

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
Dec. 25 9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass
Jan. 1 8:45 a.m. Holy Day Mass at St. Paul

BEYOND OUR PARISH

Dec. 18-20 - Duc in Altum Young Adult Silent Retreat; St. Francis de Sales Seminary; www.thinkpriest.org / Events; 414-747-6437
Dec. 28 - Middle School Day Retreat for Gr. 6-8; 10 a.m.-3 p.m. St. Francis de Sales Seminary; www.thinkpriest.org / Events
Dec. 29 - St. Andrew Dinner; Fr. Luke Strand; St. Francis de Sales Seminary; www.thinkpriest.org / Events; 414-747-6437
Jan. 6 - Alzheimer’s Support Group; St. Jerome; 6:30-8:00 p.m
Jan. 11 - Marriage on Tap; Delafield Brewhaus; 5 p.m. Social hour, 6:30 p.m. Speaker: Fr. Jacob Strand; www.marriageontap.org
Jan. 14 - Bingo; 7-9 p.m.; www.stjamesmukwonago.org; 262-363-7615
Jan. 20-24 - 2016 March for Life Bus Trip to D.C.; 262-796-1111

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SAINT BRUNO PARISH
St. Vincent De Paul

In today’s Gospel, John the Baptist says, “Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise . . .”

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.

Christmas Meal For Homebound & Needy

At this very special time of the year, most of us are blessed to have family and friends to share the holidays with. But, as you know, there are also many in our own local area who are alone, home-bound, or just unable to afford a nice meal. On Christmas Day, Friday, Dec. 25, parishioners from St. William and other area churches will again be preparing and delivering FREE dinners to anyone in the Waukesha County area who may be in this situation. The meals are prepared at St. William’s Church, and are available to be delivered or picked up between 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please spread the word, and if you know of someone who would appreciate a meal, please call Marcia Slowinski at 262-798-1520, and we’ll make sure they receive a warm Christmas dinner and a friendly visitor!

Early Due Dates

There are two more early bulletin due dates:

- Due Date: Dec. 14, Bulletin: Dec. 27
- Due Date: Dec. 21, Bulletin: Jan. 3

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

What Is Your Catholic IQ?

The answer is b)

The Works of Mercy influence one’s compassion for both the spiritual and corporal needs of others. It is the teaching of St. Thomas Aquinas that mercy is a product of charity and is a special virtue.

Monday, December 14
8:00 a.m. † Marvin Sollars
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15
8:00 a.m. † Marian Grable
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16
8:45 a.m. † Dan Lauer, Jr. (Student Mass)
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17
8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer with Communion/Chapel

Friday, December 18
9:45 a.m. † Dula Bosold (This Mass is held at the Masonic Home)

Saturday, December 19
5:00 p.m. † Craig Matysiak
Sunday, December 20
8:00 a.m. † Dula Bosold
10:30 a.m. Intention for St. Bruno’s & St. Paul’s

Christmas TV Mass For The Homebound

Is someone you love unable to join us at church during this holy time of Advent and Christmas? For the faithful at home or in healthcare settings, the Heart of the Nation TV Mass brings spiritual comfort and the blessings of joyful hope in the coming of our newborn Savior.

Christmas TV Mass: 7:00 a.m. on both WCGV Channel 24 and on WITI Fox6

Sunday TV Mass: WCGV Channel 24 at 9:00 a.m.; WITI Fox6 at 5:30 a.m.

Mass is also online at: http://www.HeartoftheNation.org

For those who can get to church, the TV or online liturgy does not fulfill the Sunday or Christmas Mass obligation.

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.

Liturigical Ministers

Hospital Communion Ministry
Thursday, December 17
S. Carrao

Please remember to sign-up for your ministry for the Christmas Masses

5:00 p.m. Saturday, December 19
Greeters: J. Szelmecki
L. Kronschnabel
Ushers: M. & A. Bretl
T. Szelmecki
P. Kronschnabel
Servers: † N. Karpfinger
E. Karpfinger
Lectors: J. Harnack, J. Strand
Euch. Min: D. Hendrick, J. Narr
B. Strand, S. Mayernick
C. Malaney, C. Matysiak
M. Karpfinger

8:00 a.m. Sunday, December 20
Greeters: S. Carrao, M. Jagodinski
Ushers: D. Becker, R. Humpal
J. Radtke
Servers: † N. Ibach
C. Kinnard
Lectors: P. Kraeger, B. Kraeger
Euch. Min: J. Kershek, J. Hying
P. Hooper, K. Kershek
S. James, K. Meyer
R. Carrao

10:30 a.m. Sunday, December 20
Greeters: J.R. Mezydlo, S. Burt
Ushers: J. Finn, J. Riley
B. & R. Mottl
Servers: † N. Ramirez
E. Moyer, M. Taggett
Lectors: J. Brahm, R. Borowski
Euch. Min: E. Stuart, J. Rood
H. Mezydlo, Jm. Brahm
L. Haugner, B. Pautz
L. McComis

January 14, 2015
Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a
Matthew 21:23-27
December 15, 2015
Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13
Matthew 21:28-32
December 16, 2015
Isaiah 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25
Luke 7:18b-23
December 17, 2015
Genesis 49:2, 8-10
Matthew 1:1-17
December 18, 2015
Jeremiah 23:5-8
Matthew 1:18-25
December 19 & 20, 2015
Micah 5:1-4a
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45
www.usccb.org/nab/
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**
Let us Rejoice!

**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 rmeczydlo@sbcglobal.net.

**Meals For Families With Newborns**
Expectant and new mothers can receive meals made by fellow parishioners for them and their families. Contact Amy Golden at 262-402-8229 or aldgolden@gmail.com.

**Prayer Network**
If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, we have a group of practicing Catholic member of our parish community.

**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.