During the month of April, focus on this Spiritual Work of Mercy: Comfort the Afflicted

Most of us feel pretty inadequate in the face of another’s suffering. What could we possibly say to help a grieving friend? What if we say the wrong thing? Though there are no magic words to vanish grief and pain, we can find many ways to say and show, “You’re not alone”. Here are a few practical ideas:

- Write a reminder to follow up with a grieving friend a few weeks and months after a tragedy. Though many people have support immediately following a tragedy, support dies down soon after, as people go back to their busy lives.
- Help with practical needs: Organizing bills, providing childcare, helping around the house and in the kitchen.
- Reflect on who is suffering around you and take specific action to bring them comfort.
- Assist the Bereavement Ministry at your parish (call the Parish Office).
- Assist or enlist the help of the Hospital/Home Ministry (call the Parish Office).
- Home Communion: Bring communion to those who cannot be with us at Mass.
- Pray the rosary with residents at Linden Grove, Waukesha: Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.

"Come to me, all you grown weary and burdened, and I will refresh you." (Mt. 11:28)

Find more ways you can celebrate the Year of Mercy on our parish website!
I am on my annual retreat as you read this bulletin. I have such extreme faith that on the other side of all this change there is such potential for these two communities to shine forth the Kingdom of God and to grow spiritually. This is going to take some faith, perseverance, tolerance, prayer, Pray and PRAYER. That is exactly what I am doing for you (and myself) during my time away.

Every time we have met to discuss a strategic plan for the parishes in anticipation of moving from two priests for both parishes to one priest for both parishes, we have invited the Holy Spirit to be mingled throughout the conversation. Our ultimate goal is to bring the Kingdom of God to all people the best we can while keeping in mind the limitations placed on us by the structure of one priest for both parishes. We have looked at and condensed meeting nights, we have looked at faith formation and done cross-parish opportunities for high school and adult faith formation, we have looked at other administration opportunities and have tweaked some and left others. We have looked to make some things the same (reports, policies, some liturgical procedures, etc…) while respectfully leaving other things as they are so as to keep the flavor/identity of the parish. Many of these things you might not have noticed because they don’t necessarily affect you as a church going parishioner.

Now we have come to the one decision that affects everyone – the Mass Schedule. We have not taken this lightly – we have had very long and sometimes heated discussions. We have listened to people, researched other parishes, examined the results of the survey, and we have prayed A LOT.

Unfortunately we cannot please everyone and that physically pains me. I try to project what people might think or feel about what they will hear. Everything from “Oh well, I love my parish and the community that I have here. I guess we will be adjusting our schedule to spend time with God and go to another Mass time here at our parish” all the way to “What were they thinking, they must be stupid, we’re leaving!”

I thank God for the former thinking and for the latter I ask, “Why did you come to your particular parish? Why did you become a member here? Was it for the welcoming atmosphere/the community? Was it for the music? Was it for the school or faith formation opportunities? Was it for the beautiful Church and its environment? Was it for the priest?” My guess is that it could have been for many of these reasons and/or for many others. My guess is that it was not for a particular Mass time?

So, my greatest prayer right now is that you will allow the Holy Spirit to move in you. That if you are of the latter mindset you will take some time to breathe in the Spirit, try the new platform (for at least 6 months to a year). In the many discussions we had regarding the Mass times someone brought up the fact that we are able to get up and get ready for work and many have to have children ready for school before 8:00 Monday through Friday; can’t we do the same thing for God on Saturday or Sunday?

Please give this a chance and/or encourage others to do the same. We will continue to evaluate (just as we are with everything we are doing).

I just know that there can be great, amazing, glorious things on the other side of all of this if we work together, pray together, struggle together, pray together (yes, I know I already put that in there), laugh and cry together, pray together, and build a community that is bound by the Kingdom of God. And that is what will continue to bring people to join these amazing parishes, which will only make them even greater than they already are.

I’ve never prayed for people as much as I am praying right now. Please join me.

God Bless you ALLways!!!

St. Bruno and St. Paul…Pray for Us!!!

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PERENNIAL forms are available in the Parish Office. If you missed the order form in the Easter bulletin, the ANNUAL and "Creating Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities" at Genesee Lake School Guatemala, but also our own local community. The annual Flower Sale not only supports our sister parish in Chahal, Wisconsin, but also our own local community. The flowers we sell are grown by Homegrown Farms at Genesee Lake School in Oconomowoc – “Creating Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities”. If you missed the order form in the Easter bulletin, the ANNUAL and PERENNIAL forms are available in the Parish Office, at the Kiosk in the Gathering Place and on the Parish website. Please place your completed form with payment in an envelope marked FLOWER SALE and drop it into the collection basket or at the Parish Office by SUNDAY, APR. 17. Flower order pick-up is SUNDAY, May 15. Please contact Sharon Burt at 262-965-3737 if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support!

**SCHOOL HAPPENINGS**

**ST. BRUNO MEN WHO COOK RAFFLE**

**Drawing:** April 30, 2016

**Prize:** Tuition for a year for one student or prize amount applied toward family’s total tuition bill (with multiple children).

**Tickets:** 1-$50 • 3-$100

**Donated by:** Jerry and Marie Arenas, Palmers Steakhouse

Tickets will be available after weekend Masses prior to the Auction; on the night of the Auction; or by contacting the School Office.

**TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO ATTEND ST. BRUNO PARISH SCHOOL FOR FREE**

You may be eligible through the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) to attend St. Bruno Parish School at no charge! This opportunity is open for non-St. Bruno students in grades 4K-8th and current/non-current 3K-5K students pending the meeting of application requirements. **Applications are due April 20, 2016.** All information, including applications and **Frequently Asked Questions**, can be found at: [http://dpi.wi.gov/sms/choice-programs](http://dpi.wi.gov/sms/choice-programs).

**SEND IN SOUP LABELS!**

The Campbell’s Soup Labels program as we know it, is coming to an end. At this time, we are requesting that you **submit all labels that you have by April 15**. If you are able to collect labels after that date, please send them in on a weekly basis. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter!

**BOOK CLUB**

The next meeting of the Book Club is **Tuesday, April 12**, at 9:00 a.m. in the Family Room. We always welcome new members - you do not have to read the book, just come and enjoy the discussion, coffee and snacks! We will be discussing Tom’s River by Dan Fagin. This is a winner of the Pulitzer Prize and is a classic of science reporting. (Future books: The Ear of An Actress’ Journey from Hollywood to Holy Vows in May, Jade Dragon Mountain in June, Donegal Generations in July. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month.) If you want to know more about the books, go to [www.Amazon.com](http://www.Amazon.com) or [www.Goodreads.com](http://www.Goodreads.com).

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Yoga and Prayer

A six-week yoga & spirituality class for women, taught by Joyce Brahm, will meet in the St. Bruno Gym Wed. evenings from 6:30-7:45 p.m., Apr. 6 – May 11. The cost of the class is $40. No experience necessary...all you need is a yoga mat, a beach towel & a willing spirit. If you are interested, please register by contacting Joyce at joyceb2488@gmail.com.

Immigration Reform - A Key Issue

Immigration is an issue of major concern for people of faith in this election year. Emmanuel UCC, Dousman, has brought together six speakers to address issues surrounding immigration over the course of six months, starting March 6. Two of the speakers are Catholics who are known nationally and include Sister Josephe Marie Flynn SSND and Barbara Graham, JD. Sister Josephe will be the first of the Catholic speakers. She will be featured on Sunday, April 10.

April 10, 2016, 11:00 a.m.: “Experiences in Saving a Family from Deportation”

Sister Josephe Marie is a School Sister of Notre Dame. In 1983, she earned her master’s in theology from St. Mary’s University of San Antonio. After fifteen years of teaching, she began a full-time career as a national speaker, retreat and spiritual director. In April of 2000, she met Regina and David Bakala, a couple from the Democratic Republic of Congo whom she assisted in obtaining asylum. In June 2005, Sister Josephe retired from parish ministry to write Rescuing Regina. She has since co-founded the Milwaukee Archdiocesan Justice for Immigrants Committee. jflynn@rescuingregina.com

The lectures will be from 11:00 a.m.-Noon, with questions and discussion. All the lectures will be held at Emmanuel UCC, 36821 Sunset Drive, Hwy. 18, just west of Main Street, Dousman. Register online at www.seeyouonsunday.org.

What Is Your Catholic IQ?

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. What saint received from the Lord a message of mercy that she was told to spread throughout the world? a) Frances; b) Faustina; c) Helena; d) Susanna.
What Is Your Catholic IQ?
The answer is b)
St. Faustina Kowalska (1905 – 1938) received frequent messages from Christ, “Humanity will never find peace until it turns with trust to Divine Mercy.” The Divine Mercy Novena, the Three O’Clock Devotion and the Divine Mercy Chaplet are three special devotions to the Divine Mercy of Jesus.
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

In this Year of Mercy, the Spiritual Work of Mercy for the Month of April is Comfort the Afflicted.

—Cover Concept by Sarah Daszczuk

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 for them and their families. Contact Amy Golden at 262-402-8229 or aldkgolden@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 announcements and photographs for the bulletin via email to stbruno@wi.rr.com by Noon the Friday one week in advance of the weekend the bulletin is to be published.