THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

“For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord.” —Lk 2:11

ST. BRUNO PARISH

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

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD † DECEMBER 25, 2016

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Bruno Parish is a community of people sharing a common faith in the teachings of the Catholic tradition. We come together to worship God and to spread the Good News that Jesus gave us. Through celebrating Christian unity, we provide emotional support and practice the works of mercy.

Schedule of Liturgies

Weekday
Monday 8:00 a.m.
Wednesday 8:45 a.m.

Weekends
Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Parish Office
Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. M-F
Phone: 262-965-2332
Address: 226 W. Ottawa Avenue
Dousman, WI 53118
Email: stbruno@wi.rr.com
Website: www.stbrunoparish.com
Way back when I was in college the first time I was introduced to a song by David Meece called We Are the Reason. I’ve always thought it was a great Christmas song, but I never heard it during Christmas only around Easter. I still contend that it is a Christmas song. I like it at Christmas because it connects us with the reason for the Incarnation/the reason for Jesus’ coming to this earth in human form – our salvation.

Below are the words to the song as well as a link to listen to it on YouTube.

WE ARE THE REASON by David Meece

As little children we would dream of Christmas morn
Of all the gifts and toys we knew we’d find
But we never realized a baby born one blessed night
Gave us the greatest gift of our lives

We were the reason that He gave His life
We were the reason that He suffered and died
To a world that was lost, He gave all He could give
To show us the reason to live

As the years went by we learned more about gifts
The giving of ourselves and what that means
On a dark and cloudy day, a man hung crying in the rain
All because of love, all because of love

And we were the reason that He gave His life
We were the reason that He suffered and died
To a world that was lost, He gave all He could give
To show us the reason to live

I’ve finally found the reason for living
It’s in giving every part of my heart to Him
In all that I do, every word that I say
I’ll be giving my all just for Him, for Him

And we are the reason that He gave His life
We are the reason that He suffered and died
To a world that was lost, He gave all He could give
To show us the reason to live
He is our reason to live

Merry Christmas, may you find the Reason and share that with others this year. God Bless you ALLways,

~Fr. Chuck

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GaUzSa3eYCA

From Pastor Chuck

The Holidays are almost here, there are several early bulletin due dates coming up. This year, we are coordinating these dates with St. Paul’s, in order to make things a little easier for everyone.

Thank you in advance for your help!

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VALET PARKING

Once again this year, the Knights of Columbus are pleased to provide Valet Services for those in need, from Advent through Easter. Questions? Call ....

Arnie Uglum (262) 965-3401 or Scott Vanderhouten (262) 470-3094

THANK YOU!

Thank you so very much to all who donated to our KM Food Drive and those who came to deliver, sort and put food on the shelves...YOU ARE AWESOME!
Our success depends on YOUR generosity!
God’s Blessings to each of you, SVDP

EMMANUEL,

“God is with us,”

Wishing you and yours a Blessed Christmas
And a Peace-filled New Year.

~St. Bruno Parish Staff

MY PARISH, OUR FUTURE 2016 YEAR-END COMMITMENTS

Parish books will close on December 31, 2016.
Federal law prohibits churches from crediting donations received in 2017 back to the prior calendar year. **NOTE: Donations must be postmarked by Dec 31 to be credited to your 2016 donations.**

Thank you for faithful support of our Parish.

Reminder: Parish Holiday Office Hours

- Monday, December 26: closed
- Monday, January 2: closed

Winter Carnival and Open House!

Come one, Come all to the St. Bruno Winter Carnival! Face Painting, Games, Food and Fun will await you and your kids as you experience all the creativity and excitement your school has to offer!

Mark your calendars for JANUARY 29, 2017, NOON-3:30 PM in the school gym - See you there!
**SCHOOL HAPPENINGS**

**Merry Christmas**

The Students and Staff at St. Bruno Parish School wish you a very Merry Christmas!

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**USE SCRIPT FOR GROCERIES, GAS, ETC!**

Ask a Scrip volunteer for information on ordering SCRIP online. Pick up your SCRIP orders Wednesdays at our after-school “Scrip Store” or the following weekend after mass. Thanks for making your generosity part of our year-long fundraising efforts. Each SCRIP purchase helps to keep school tuition affordable.

*Merry Christmas from the Scrip Team!*

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**Men Who Cook Dinner & Auction**

April 1, 2017

*It’s not an April Fool’s joke.*

The 2017 Men Who Cook Dinner & Auction is April 1, 2017. Mark your calendars now to attend St. Bruno’s biggest and best fundraiser of the year! Want to impress your friends, family and fellow parishioners with your cooking talents? Then we need you to be a chef! Don’t wait. Sign up now! Chef names and auction donations are currently being accepted. For additional information, please contact Karen Hoffman at karenkayhoffman@gmail.com or 262-422-1678 with any questions.

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**FAITH FORMATION**

**Cookie Baking Extravaganza**

Thank you to all who helped make, bake and take cookies for the homebound, hospitalized and those in need of holiday cheer on December 10, 2016. Thank you to all who prepared the cookie dough, the faith formation and Middle School Students from St. Paul’s for making Christmas cards to go with the cookies and to all the Students from the John 10 Youth Ministry Program who baked and decorated them. Also, a very special thank you to Betty Igl for her culinary expertise and assistance in the kitchen. Know with confidence that you brightened the holiday season for those most in need.

*Pax Christi,*
*Bill Snyder*

Director of High School Youth Ministry

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**Catholic Quotes—Words to Inspire the Faithful**

I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.

—C.S. Lewis

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**CHRISTMAS 2016**

*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means “God is with us.”*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last month, we concluded an incredibly rich and fruitful Jubilee Year of Mercy. Catholics throughout the world were called upon to not only reflect on how God has shown mercy in their lives, but more importantly, how we as followers can show mercy to others.

As we celebrate Christmas, I can’t help but reflect on how God showed mercy to us by sending his beloved Son to earth. A child that was to be a savior for all – lowly shepherds and wealthy kings, tax collectors and widows, lepers and prophets – through a beloved act of mercy, all were given the chance of eternal life. It is a gift that kept on giving.

This Christmas, keep in mind that we – you and I – are the face of the Child Jesus to all those we meet. Whether it is your mother-in-law, your elderly neighbor, co-worker, sibling or child, each interaction has the potential to spread the light of Christ to others. What a wonderful gift we can share.

*May the peace of Christ be with you this Christmas, and blessings for a happy New Year.*

*Sincerely yours in Christ,*

*Most Reverend Jerome E. Listecki*

Archbishop of Milwaukee

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**MISSION PILGRIMAGES FOR YOUNG ADULTS**

The Office for World Mission, in collaboration with Brew City Catholic and Catholic Financial Life, is offering Mission Pilgrimages for Young Adults (ages 18-39) to serve and learn with our Sister Parish, La Sagrada Familia (Holy Family) in the Dominican Republic. Three trip options are offered: Cultural Focused Immersion (May 30–June 6), Service Focused Immersion (June 6-13), and Pilgrimage of Accompaniment, a two week stay for those who choose to participate in both one week Immersions.

**Information meetings will be held**

January 4th and 8th.

For information, please call 414-758-2280 or visit [www.archmil.org/GlobalMission](http://www.archmil.org/GlobalMission)
WHAT IS YOUR CATHOLIC IQ?

Which of the following Christmas Carols was written as a “catechism” song during a period in England when Catholics were not permitted to practice their faith openly?

A) Carol of the Bells  
B) Do You Hear What I Hear  
C) Go Tell It On The Mountain  
D) Twelve Days of Christmas

Reminder….Pulpit Announcements

All pulpit announcements for the weekend must be received by the Parish office no later than Thursday at noon on the week you would like them read. Please do not add your announcement to the book on the weekend. Announcement should be no longer than 3 sentences. If longer it should be placed in bullet.

Thank you! The Parish Office

JOIN ST. BRUNO BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the Book Club is Tuesday, Jan. 10th at 9 AM in the St. Bruno Family Room. We always welcome new members. You do not have to read the book, just come and enjoy the discussion, coffee and snacks! The book for January is The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah

YOGA & PRAYER

Join us for Yoga & Prayer sessions at St. Bruno’s with Joyce Brahms on Wednesdays! Classes will be held in the gym at St. Bruno School from 6:00-7:00pm. Jan 4, 11, 18, 25 & Feb. 1. Joyce is a certified yoga teacher & member of St. Bruno’s. The cost will $40 for all sections or $10 per visit. No yoga experience is necessary. You will only need a yoga mat, a beach towel and a willing spirit. Questions, contact Joyce at joyceb2488@gmail.com

Catholic Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

March 21-31, 2017 $3,894.00 per person including air from Milwaukee, Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Daily. Mass daily at the Holy Sites. For a flyer or more detailed information please call Cathie or Michael Milano at 800-773-2660 (from Our lady of Mount Carmel)

“When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.” Let us learn to accept each other and Christ in our marriages by participating in a World-wide Marriage Encounter weekend on Jan. 20-22 in Brookfield, WI; Feb. 10-12 in Geneva, IL or March 17-19 in Madison, WI. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: alife-timeoflove.org or call (888) 574-5653

CALENDAR OF EVENTS THIS WEEK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26: PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

8:00 a.m. Mass/Church
6:30-7:30 p.m. Girls Scout Meeting/Family Room
7:00-9:00 p.m. Adult Basketball/Gym
7:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous /Staff Work Room

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27:

PLEASE NOTE: Bulletin Copy due for Jan. 8 bulletin
8:45 a.m. Mass/(St. Paul Church)
1:00 p.m. Bible Study /Three Pillars Learning Center
2:00-9:00 p.m. Adoration/Chapel

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28:

8:45 a.m. Mass/Church
5:30-7:00 p.m. Girls Basketball/Gym
6:00-7:00 p.m. Holy Hour/Church
7:00-9:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal/Church

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29:

9:00-11:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry / Family Room
3:30-6:00 p.m. Boys Basketball/Gym
6:00-7:30 p.m. Pickle Ball/Gym

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30:

10:30 a.m. Rosary & Devotions/ Three Pillars Chapel
5:30-7:00 p.m. Girls Basketball/Gym

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31:

3:00 p.m. Reconciliation/Church
4:00 p.m. Mass/Church
10:00 p.m. Mass/Church

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1: HAPPY NEW YEAR!

10:30 a.m. Mass /Church
4:30 p.m. Hispanic Mass

UPCOMING ST. BRUNO EVENTS

Jan. 15 — Tim Crain’s presentation - 9:30-10:15 a.m. “One Deity, Three Faith Traditions
Jan. 28 — Annual St. Bruno Chili Dinner –following 4pm Mass
Jan. 29 — Winter Carnival & Open House Noon-3:30 p.m.
Apr. 1 — Men who Cook Dinner & Auction!

UPCOMING ST. PAUL EVENTS

Feb. 25 — St. Paul Dinner Auction at the Legend at Brandybrook

BEYOND OUR PARISH

Dec. 24/25 — Christmas Mass at the Cathedral The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Milwaukee has a full schedule planned for Christmas. On Dec. 25, 12 a.m. (Midnight Mass), the liturgy will be celebrated by Archbishop Jerome E. Listecki and will include Christmas carols and choral music performed by members of the Cathedral Choir, brass, timpani, and organ and congregation under the direction of Michael J. Batcho, director of music. Prelude begins at 11:15 p.m.

Jan. 15, 2017 — Pro-Life Wisconsin is heading to March of Life Chicago. Buses will leave from 10 pickup spots around the state. Find more info under the “Chicago March” link at ProLifeWI.org or call (262) 796-1111

Jan. 28, 2017 — Christ Alive in our Marriage Retreat. For young couples in their first 5 years of marriage, offers an opportunity to reflect on the meaning of your vocation and how you are being invited to live out your faith. Register at: http://tinyurl.com/christAliveinOurMarriage2017

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SAINT BRUNO PARISH
**The Word of the Lord**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2016**
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59, Matthew 10:17-22

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2016**
1 John 1:1-4, John 20:1a, 2-8

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2016**
1 John 1:5-2:2, Matthew 2:13-18

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2016**
1 John 2:3-11, Luke 2:22-35

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2016**
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14, Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2016**
1 John 2:18-21, John 1:1-18

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2017**
Numbers 6:22-27, Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:16-21

[www.usccb.org/nab/](http://www.usccb.org/nab/)

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**Liturgical Prayer**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 26**
8:00 a.m. † Marilyn Bianchi

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27**
Mass at St. Paul 8:00 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28**
8:45 a.m. † Souls in Purgatory

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29**
8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer with Communion/Chapel

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30**
Mass St. Paul 8:45 a.m.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31**
4:00 p.m. † Cheryl Szelmeczki

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 1**
10:30 a.m. † Sue Frank

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**Mass/Devotion Times**

Weekend Mass Times: Saturday 4:00 p.m. Sunday 10:30 a.m.
We pray the Rosary at 7:40 a.m. when there is 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.

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**R.C.I.A.**

Are you interested in being baptized into the Catholic Faith? Did you miss out on receiving Eucharist or Confirmation?
Contact Mary Kral, (262) 968-3865 or mkral4@gmail.com

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**St. Bruno Custodial Position**

St. Bruno’s is looking for a person to work a flexible schedule approx. 10hrs/week to sweep, vacuum, empty wastebaskets, general clean-up, and miscellaneous duties for parish and school including possible snow shoveling, chair/table moves, etc.
Applicants should be able to lift and/or carry up to 35lbs. Hours worked across 3-4 days of the week with Sundays as needed. Please contact the parish office at (262) 965-2332 for more information.

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**What Is Your Catholic IQ?**

The answer is: D

The Twelve Days of Christmas had a hidden meaning to Catholics. The “True Love” is Jesus Christ because truly “Love” was born on Christmas and the “Partridge” also represents Jesus because the bird is willing to sacrifice its life to protect its young. The “Two Turtle Doves” represented the Old and New Testaments. (see [www.catholicnewsagency.com](http://www.catholicnewsagency.com) for more)

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**Please Note: Bulletin Articles**

Requests for parish bulletins should be sent to our office staff at: stbruno@wi.rr.com
Deadlines are noted in this bulletin.
Please call Sue Solberg at the parish office with any questions.

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**St. Vincent de Paul**

Christmas
Today we celebrate the feast of Christmas and hear how the shepherds found Mary and Joseph and the infant lying in the manger. Then they left glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen.

Your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul helped those who are poor and suffering to find Emmanuel and they also came to know that “God is with us.”

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**The Catholic Study Club:**
We welcome women belonging to any Catholic parish in Waukesha County. Our next luncheon will be on Tuesday, January 10. Following the luncheon, Marge Fenelon will speak on the “Spirituality of Womanhood.” Reservations due by Jan. 2nd, please give me a call . . . Marilee Burczyk, 262-352-3532.

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**Attention Veterans!**
Waukesha County Veterans Services is here to connect our veterans to the benefits they’ve earned! From the Wis GI Bill to Disability claims to burial benefits and more, we can assist.
Call (262) 548-7732 or stop in at: 514 Riverview Avenue, Waukesha.

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**Liturgical Ministers**

Please NOTE: You can now access the Current Ministry Schedule from our Parish website by clicking on Ministry Scheduler Pro link at the bottom of the Parish website homepage.

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**Masses for Homebound Catholics**
Sundays: 5:30 a.m. on WITI, Channel 6
9 a.m. on WCGV, Channel 24

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**Married and Hurting?**
Do you feel distant from your spouse? Fight frequently? Want to turn things around but don’t know where to start?
Retrouvaille can help!
Our Catholic-based organization is a lifeline for marriages in trouble. Find out more about our program – which starts with a weekend retreat March 3-5, 2017, at St. Benedict’s Abbey Retreat Center in Benet Lake – at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com). Questions? Call (414) 502-7685 or e-mail lakeshore@retrouvaille.org

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**St. Paul Masses:**
Saturday: 6:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m.
Weekdays:
Tues 8:00a.m. & Fri 8:45a.m.

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**Advertiser of the Week**
Three Pillars Senior Living
See their full sized ad in this bulletin.
WELCOME!
If you are a visitor to St. Bruno Parish, or are 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.

Sacramental Life & Assistance Information
Mass – The Eucharist
Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 10:30 a.m.
Hispanic Mass – First, Third, & Fifth Sundays at 4:30 p.m.

Reconciliation
Saturday: 3:00 p.m. or by appointment

Baptisms
To arrange Baptism, please contact Mary Kral at least one month in advance, at 262-968-2276 x202, or 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.

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: 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.