First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 3 | Beginning of the New Church Year
Regular weekend Mass St. Bruno at 10:30 a.m. & St. Paul at 9:00 a.m.

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday, December 8 | Holy Day of Obligation
St. Paul at 8:45 a.m., St. Bruno at 6:30 p.m.

Advent Communal Penance Service | Tuesday, December 12
St. Bruno at 6:30 p.m.

St. Bruno Parish School Christmas Concert
Monday, December 18 at 6:30 p.m.

4th Sunday of Advent | Christmas Eve | Sunday, December 24
Regular weekend Mass St. Bruno at 10:30 a.m. & St. Paul at 9:00 a.m.
Christmas Eve at St. Bruno 4:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Christmas Eve at St. Paul 4:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day | Monday, December 25
St. Bruno at 10:30 a.m. & St. Paul at 9:00 a.m.

Feast of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Monday, January 1 | Holy Day
St. Bruno at 9:00 a.m.

Epiphany of the Lord | Sunday, January 7
Regular weekend Mass St. Bruno at 10:30 a.m. & St. Paul at 9:00 a.m.
**ADVENT**

Catholics observe these last few weeks every year before Christmas as the season of Advent. It’s a time when the Church asks us to prepare our lives to receive Jesus the child at Christmas, and Jesus the king at the end of time. How can we best do that? The tradition of the Church tells us by vigil and by prayer.

The season of Advent is a vigil. The word “vigil” means to keep watch during normal sleeping hours, to pay attention when others are sleeping. It comes from a very old Indo-European word “wegan,” which means “be lively or active.” So to keep vigil or to be vigilant does not mean passive waiting but active, restless waiting, expectant waiting for the Lord. It means paying attention to what is going on in the world around us, and not being asleep. It means acting, living out our mission to be God’s agents in the world.

The Advent tradition of the Church is vigil and prayer. There are two places in the New Testament — 1 Corinthians and Revelation — where we find a prayer in the Aramaic language, the Semitic dialect spoken by Jesus. Since this prayer is in Aramaic it must come from the very earliest days of the Church. The prayer is “Marana tha” and means “Lord, come!” St. Augustine tells us that God is indebted to us, not because of anything we have done, but because of His promises. God always keeps His promises. So we call on Him to come again. We speak these words — “Marana tha” — with a real and confident urgency, not only for ourselves and our personal lives, but also for our Church and our nation.

Some time ago, on Christmas Day, Pope Benedict XVI published his first encyclical. He called it “Deus Caritas Est” — “God is love.” Here’s a line from it that I want to share with you as I close: “The Christian program — the program of the Good Samaritan, the program of Jesus — is ‘a heart which sees.’ This heart sees where love is needed and acts accordingly” (31, b).

Being faithful to your spouse and family; defending the unborn child; helping the poor; visiting the sick; respecting the immigrant; protecting the dignity and meaning of marriage; working for justice; leading with character — this is the Christian program, the result of hearts which see.

What I ask God to give to you and to me, to our nation and to our Church this Advent Season, is the one gift that really does matter: hearts that see, and see clearly. God grant all of us a blessed Advent and a joyful Christmas.

**Fr. Dan**

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

_In thee, O Lord, have I put my hope. Let me never be confounded._

- St. Francis Xavier

**HELP NEEDED December 16th & 24th!**

The Art & Environment committee needs help with the Christmas décor. On **Dec 16th** at 10:00 a.m. we will put up the trees, the empty stable and the tree in the Gathering Place. On **Dec 24th**, after the 10:30 a.m. mass, we will put the wall panels up and figures in the stable. We need ladder climbers! The whole family is invited to help. **Thank you in advance!**

**Circle of Life**

Please pray for our friends and fellow parishioners who have entered into **ETERNAL LIFE** during the month of December.

- Ken Schlultz
- Mary Girolama
- Marie Covene
- Joe Rossi
- Irma Wiedmeyer
- Renee Caldwell
- Lorraine Mortens
- James Millane
- Dula Bosold

**THE GIVING TREE**

From **NOW—December 17**, 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, and then provide the items **NO LATER THAN Dec. 17**. 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!**

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE Blessed Virgin Mary™**

**Holy Day of Obligation, Fri. Dec. 8th**

*8:45 a.m. St. Paul*
*6:30 p.m. St. Bruno*

**Eucharistic Adoration for Advent**

Available every Tuesday 2:00-9:00 p.m. In our Chapel

**Set aside time on Tuesdays to spend with the Lord praying for our Parish, St. Paul’s, our country and your own special intentions. Use this time to prepare your hearts for the coming of the Christ child.**

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

Parish Support: November 18—November 24, 2017

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**Year to Date**  
7/1/17-10/13/17: $214,265

**Last Year to Date**  
7/1/16-10/14/16: $223,306

By December 17, please contribute $214,265.

**Mortgage Balance as of 11/24/17** $556,915
**SCHOOL HAPPENINGS**

**ANNUAL FRUIT SALE... PICK UP TODAY**

Please stop by THIS WEEKEND to pick up your fruit that you purchased. Questions, contact Tammy Price at tammy.price@stbrunoparishschool.com.

**Support our School Scrip Program!**

As you have seen the holidays are a big fundraising time for our school, and this year you can raise money just by paying for your holiday shopping with gift cards:

- Earn 2.5% on gifts from Amazon
- Earn 5% when you pay off your Kohl’s card
- Earn 13% when you go see that holiday blockbuster at Marcus
- Earn 14% on your holiday outfit from GAP or Old Navy
- Earn 11% when you find the perfect decorations at Marshall’s/HomeGoods
- You can even earn 3-5% when you’re buying holiday meal supplies at Woodman’s, Sentry, Festival Foods, Sendik’s, Piggly Wiggly, or Pick n Save.

If you want to start raising easy money in-store, online, on-the-go, or on last-minute gifts, email stbrunoscrip@gmail.com, call or Text Eva Stuart at 262-506-8810 for our enrollment code so you can join today! Want to learn more about scrip? Get more information here: https://www.shopwithscrip.com/

**SECRET SANTA**

Every child should be able to surprise their mom, dad, grandparent or sibling with a Christmas present! Home and School is looking for gently used or new low priced items for our annual Secret Santa Shop. If you have an item to donate please place it in the Christmas box located in the coat room in the gathering place. This is a year round initiative and items needed are for all ages (baby to adult). Kids age 3-14 will be “shopping” for their families around Christmas. Your generosity is greatly appreciated – thanks for helping!

**FAITH FORMATION**

**LAST DAY FOR ADVENT SALE**

The Christian Formation Committee has Advent and Christmas items available for purchase in the Gathering Place. TODAY is your LAST CHANCE to purchase Advent items.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES**

**ALPHA IS COMING**

The Alpha course will be offered again at St Bruno and St Paul beginning the week of January 7 and ending the week before Holy Week. Watch the bulletin for details about new days/times.

**The Catholic Stewardship Appeal**

Thanks for your generosity!

Our parish goal is $36,000. We received $31,073 from 126 parishioners. To date, 19.15% have contributed. If you haven’t contributed already, please return your Catholic Stewardship Appeal pledge card today, or give online at www.catholicappeal.org

**EARLY BULLETIN DUE DATES**

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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
What Is Your Catholic IQ?

When the Catholic Church is described as holy, it means that

a) no Catholics sin grievously
b) the church has produced more saints than any other religion
c) the church holds up holiness as an ideal that cannot be reached
d) the church is holy in her origin and purpose.

Why do we do that?

CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

Question: With Christmas fast approaching, can you give me some practical tips to prepare myself and my family that will help us stay grounded in what this holiday is really about? With all the commercialism, it’s easy to stray...

Answer: Happy times and events bring fond memories and a renewed sense of love and kinship with others. The anticipation is half the joy of the event itself. The coming of the Lord is that kind of event that people have been looking forward to for generations with fervent hope and desire. It gave them strength and courage as they waited for the coming of the Lord. We know that Christmas is rushed. Sales begin in August and carols blare long before the season begins. Everyone laments the rush the season. In his own way, God will come.

Our task is simply to be watchful and ready.

Come, Lord Jesus!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE BASILICA AND NATIONAL SHRINE OF MARY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS AT HOLY HILL

Join us for 3 Christmas Concerts here at Holy Hill:

Hartland Community Band is on December 3rd at 3:00PM.
Lakeshore Symphonic Band is on December 10th at 6:00PM.
Hartford Community Chorus is on December 16th at 7:30PM.

Holy Hill will be hosting a Live Nativity Scene on December 17th from 2:00 – 4:00 PM. Prepare for the feast of the Christ Child by meditating on His entrance into our poverty in the stable at Bethlehem. Live animals, caroling, recitations of the “Infancy Narratives” from Holy Scripture, hot chocolate, cider, and even a visit from St. Nick! The Mass Schedule at Holy Hill for Christmas is as follows:

December 24th: 4:30PM & Midnight;
December 25th: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM

UPCOMING ST. BRUNO EVENTS

Dec. 2 & 3—Annual Fruit Sale PICK UP!
Dec 9 & 10—Cookie Sale!
Dec. 16 - Helpers Needed for Christmas Décor at 10am
Apr. 21, 2018—Men Who Cook Dinner & Auction!

UPCOMING ST. PAUL EVENT

Nov 19—Bereavement Support Group starts. See detail in bulletin.
Feb. 10—“An Evening Under the Stars” Dinner Auction, held at the Legend at Brandybrook.

BEYOND OUR PARISH

Dec 6 Advent Day of Prayer Presenter Fr. Jim White, C.Ss.R. Fee of $30 includes noon meal. This day is in preparation of Advent, the great celebration of the most wonderful mystery of Emmanuel-God With Us. To register call, 262-567-6900.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday, December 4:
8:00 a.m. Mass/Church
8:45-10:15 a.m. Alpha/Gathering Place
5:00-6:30 p.m. 6th & 7th Girls Basketball/Gym
6:30-8:00 p.m. 5th & 6th Boys Basketball/Gym
7:00-9:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal/Church
7:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous /Staff Work Room

Tuesday, December 5:
8:00 a.m. Mass (St. Paul Church)
1:00 p.m. Bible Study /Three Pillars Learning Center
2:00-9:00 p.m. Adoration/Chapel
5:45-7:30 p.m. Alpha @ St. Paul
6:00-8:00 p.m. Boy Scout Mtg/Parish Room

Wednesday, December 6:
8:45 a.m. Mass/Church
3:30-4:30 p.m. School Choir Practice/Church
5:00-6:30 p.m. 6th & 7th Girls Basketball/Gym
6:30-8:00 p.m. 5th & 6th Boys Basketball/Gym

Thursday, December 7: NOTE: Bulletin due Dec. 24
5:30-7:00 a.m. Dynamic Men’s Group/Gathering Place
9:00-11:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry /Family room
5:30-7:30 p.m. Pickle Ball/Gym

Friday, December 8: Holy Day of Obligation
8:45 a.m. Mass/(St. Paul Church)
10:30 a.m. Rosary & Devotions/ Three Pillars Chapel
6:30 p.m. Immaculate Conception Mass/Church

Saturday, December 9:
2:00-6:00 p.m. Cookie Sale/Parish Room
4:00 p.m. Mass/Church
5:00-5:45 p.m. Training for Ushers/Gathering Place

Sunday, December 10:
9:00-10:15 a.m. Family Formation/School
10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Cookie Sale/Parish Room
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**St. Bruno Book Club**

Next meeting of the Book Club

Tuesday, December 12th at 9 a.m. St. Bruno Family Room. The book for DECEMBER is:

*The Widow*

By Fiona Barton

*The Widow* is an electrifying debut thriller that will take you into the dark spaces that exist between a husband and a wife.

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**What Is Your Catholic IQ?**

The answer is: d

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**Mission for the Week**

Three's a crowd. When you play on a baseball team, you learn how to pay attention. Your coach remind you and your teammates to stay ready. You learn to watch the ball. Those are good lessons to learn, because Jesus wants you to pay attention, too. Keep your eyes and your mind on Jesus, so you’re ready when he comes.

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**St. Vincent De Paul**

1st Sunday of Advent

As we begin Advent we are called to “Be watchful! Be alert” as we stand in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives.

**Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God’s love this Christmas.**

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**Sharing the Gospel For the Kids**

When you play on a baseball team, you learn how to pay attention. Your coach reminds you and your teammates to stay ready.

- **You learn to watch the ball.**
- **Those are good lessons to learn, because Jesus wants you to pay attention, too. Keep your eyes and your mind on Jesus, so you’re ready when he comes.**

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**Pray for Peace**

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**Liturgy of the Word**

**Monday, December 4**

8:00 a.m. † Jerry & Cecelia Rudolph

10:00 a.m. @ Landings: † Tom Greiner

**Tuesday, December 5**

Mass at St. Paul 8:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, December 6**

8:45 a.m. Mass † Phil Warnes

**Thursday, December 7**

8:00 a.m. Prayer with Communion/Chapel

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**Liturgy of the Eucharist**

**Friday, December 8**

Mass St. Paul 8:45 a.m.

6:30 p.m. † Josephine Ripple

**Saturday, December 9**

4:00 p.m. Parishioners of St. Bruno & St. Paul

**Sunday, December 10**

10:30 a.m. † Dean Miller

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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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**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

On this First Sunday of Advent, we are asked to be watchful and alert. Because of our baptism we are called to be gatekeepers of God’s house and God’s servants. We have been put in charge of caring for what God has made—the earth around us and our brothers and sisters. Being responsible means being attentive to what is within our care. Are we responsible and attentive stewards or does our attention and focus often wander to things that are not important to the kingdom of God?

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**Does your child need to be Baptized?**

Please remember that all parents must attend a preparation class before their child can be baptized. If you need to attend a baptism class or need information regarding baptism, please call 965-2332 or email Mary Kral, marykral4@gmail.net

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**RCIA Are you interested in being baptized into the Catholic Faith? Did you miss out on receiving Eucharist or Confirmation?**

Contact Mary Kral, mkral4@gmail.com

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**Advertiser of the Week**

**Lake Country Landing**

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Please support our Advertiser of the Week, Lake Country Landing.

See their full sized ad in this bulletin.
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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.

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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—Sundays at 4:30 p.m.

RECONCILIATION
Saturday: 3:00 p.m. 1st & 3rd 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