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.

**Hispanic Mass**
- Sunday 4:30 p.m.

**Reconciliation**
- 1st & 3rd Saturday
- 3:00 p.m. or appt.

**Parish Office Hours:**
- 8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
- Monday—Friday

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ADVENT

Yes, there is no need to rush to Christmas. And, with a little advance planning now, Advent can find its proper place on the calendar and in our hearts. Here are some suggestions for a prayerful Advent season:

Having a prayer plan is the most important Advent planning. Whether it be a personal choice from the many wonderful resources for Advent or a plan for prayer as a family, planning ahead can lead to a more peaceful, prayerful Advent. Parents of older children may want to include them in the planning for Advent devotions.

Don’t forget the feast days that come in December. Among the many days for celebration, we have many feasts as well as the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Spending some days in Advent celebrating the feasts of these holy men and women is not just a teachable moment for the family. These are tangible celebrations – not random days of the vague ‘holidays’ season. Not only are these days faith-filled and fun days, but they are also great moments for evangelization as we share the reason for our celebrations.

Remember that Christmas is more than one day and plan accordingly. While secular media pulls the Christmas rug out from under us on the 24th of December, we know that the 25th of December is just the beginning of our Christmas celebration. Just as we should not rush to Christmas, we should ignore the cultural influences that try to rush us past this holy season.

Fr. Dan

Catholic Quotes—Words to Inspire the Faithful

In the evening of life, we will be judged on love alone.

-St. John of the Cross

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.

Mass Intentions

If you are interested in signing up for a Mass intention in 2018 our book is available. The church requires a charge of $10 per Mass scheduled. Please contact the Parish 262.965.2332 for information.

◆ GLUTEN FREE hosts are available at St. Brunos’. If you have gluten sensitivity and need a Gluten free host, Please see Fr. Dan in the back as soon as you can before mass.

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!

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 to the 180 households who have returned their appeal commitment card. This represents about 35% of the 525 appeal packets that were distributed. We still have a ways to go to meet or exceed our goal of $2.7 M. Appeal information and commitment cards are available in the Gathering Place.

Fr. Dan

END OF THE YEAR/HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Financial Books will be closed on December 28, 2017.

If you wish to make a tax deductible donation to St. Bruno Parish, please do it by December 27th.

The Parish office will be closed
Dec 25th & 26th and Jan 1st.

Stewardship Corner

Parish Support: November 25—December 1, 2017

Regular Parish Support (envelopes/electronic, etc.) ............ $8,546

Offertory .............................................................. $797

Children’s Offertory ................................................... $4

Total ........................................................................... $9,347

Year to Date ............................................................. $556,915

*Excludes any form of extraordinary income for both years.

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

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Cookie Sale
THIS WEEKEND...HOME & SCHOOL FUNDRAISER!

Save the Date
Men Who Cook Dinner & Auction
April 21, 2018

Our St. Bruno Parish School Men Who Cook Dinner/Auction themed “There’s no place like home” is being planned for April 21, 2018. This event will take place in our gathering place and gym and will include a dinner prepared by St. Bruno’s fantastic MEN (who cook!) Each chef hosts a meal for a table of 10 guests. The evening also features a silent and live auction. Please watch for the ticket sale dates as this event sells out quickly. Your Help is Needed!!

Volunteer - We are looking for help with the planning, leadership, and execution of this event – all are welcome and the possibilities are endless! http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4dacaf2aa3fd0

Cook - We are looking for chefs who are willing to prepare a meal for 10 appreciative friends, family members or parishioners.

Donate - We are looking for live and silent auction items. Keep us in mind when you are shopping in this holiday season. Donation forms and sponsorship information can be downloaded at https://stbrunoparish.com/events/men-who-cook-auction

Attend - We are looking for attendees – SAVE THE DATE!

Any ? please contact: Michelle Vandenhouten at (262) 968-1741 or stbrunomwc@gmail.com or Ben Holzem (262) 965-2291

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 off your Kohl’s card
- Earn 13% when you go see that holiday blockbuster at Marcus
- Earn 14% on your holiday outfits 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 stbrunoscrupt@gmail.com, or call 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/

FAITH FORMATION

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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.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES in our area

Mon, Dec. 11, 4:45pm St. Mary of the Hill, Hubertus
Mon, Dec. 11, 7:00pm St. Dominic, Brookfield
Tues, Dec 12, 6:30pm St. Bruno, Dousman (for St. Paul too)
Wed, Dec. 13, 7:00pm St. Anthony on the Lake, Pewaukee
Sat, Dec. 16, 9:00am St. Mary Visitation, Elm Grove
Sat, Dec. 16, 10:00am St. Charles, Hartland
Sat, Dec. 16, 10:30am St. Mary Visitation, Elm Grove
Sat, Dec. 16, 1:00pm St. Charles, Hartland
Thur, Dec. 21, 6:30pm St. Teresa of Calcutta, N. Lake

EARLY BULLETIN DUE DATES

Early bulletin due dates coming up. This year, we are coordinating these dates with St. Paul, in order to make things easier on Fr. Dan. Some of the dates are quite early! Thank you for your help!

Dec 11 Dec 31
Dec 21 Jan 7

VALENT 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

PART-TIME SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The school is looking for a part-time school administrative assistant to work with the school principal as part of the school administrative team. In cooperation with the entire school and parish staff, the part-time school administrative assistant shares and supports the philosophy and objectives of St. Bruno Parish School and implements the policies of St. Bruno Parish School and the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

Tasks associated with this position include information system maintenance, assisting school staff and students, school registration, appointment scheduling, calendar maintenance, report card production, preparing weekly family folders, and billing.

Qualified applicants should have: impeccable oral and written communication skills, excellent customer-service skills, experience with contemporary technologies including Google Drive applications and database software, the ability to be an independent self-starter, able to maintain organization and prioritize tasks, attention to detail, desire to be a collaborative team member with a positive demeanor, ability to work in a diverse setting with frequent interruptions, and respect student confidentiality. Bilingual abilities are a plus. More details are available at the following link: http://bit.ly/2IPu6m

To apply, contact Ben Holzem, School Principal (262) 965-2291 or ben.holzem@stbrunoparishschool.com
Holy Hill will be hosting a Lakeshore Symphonic Band on December 10th at 6:00PM.  

Nick! The Mass Schedule at Holy Hill for Christmas is as follows:

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

Why do we do that?

**Catholic Traditions Explained**

**Question:** What is the Hispanic Advent custom of "Las Posadas"?

**Answer:** "Posada" is the Spanish word for inn or lodging. "Las Posadas" refers to a traditional Advent custom in preparation for the birth of Jesus, beginning on December 16. For nine successive evenings, groups reenact the search of Mary and Joseph for shelter in Bethlehem.

Two children dress as Mary and Joseph, sometimes with Mary riding on an actual donkey. They are usually accompanied by children dressed as angels and shepherds along with the Wise Men. Adults accompany them as they process to designated homes where they sing Christmas songs and request lodging. Part of the group enters the home and becomes the chorus that responds to the request for lodging. In the beginning the request is rebuffed. They move to several more homes where the ritual is repeated. Eventually, at the last home, their need is recognized, and they all enter the home where a party ensues. This is repeated in different neighborhoods and homes each of the nine days.

While this custom teaches children an important aspect of the Christmas story, it also emphasizes the need for hospitality to strangers and the continual need we all have to make room for Jesus in our "posada." As we struggle to arrive at a fair and just immigration policy, it would be good to recall the fact that Mary, Joseph, and Jesus were also immigrants looking for a hospitable place to dwell.

**Beyond Our Parish**

Dec 15 St. James Mukwonago, 7pm Choir Concert. Prepare your heart for Christ this Christmas through an evening of prayer, scripture reflection, beautiful imagery, and of course...choral music. Refreshments will be available following the performance. Concert is FREE!

Dec 21 Brewing the Faith, a ministry for 20-30 year olds, meets at Point Burger Bar at 7pm for free beer/apps, message, discussion, and fellowship. W229 N1400 Westwood Drive, Waukesha WI 53186

www.brewingthefaith.com

Jan 14 Pro-Life Corner March for Life 2017 in Chicago: Sunday, January 14, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Federal Plaza, 50 W. Adams St., Chicago.

**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:
- 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

**Calendar of Events This Week**

**Monday, December 11:**
- NOTE: Bulletin due Dec. 31
- 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
- 5:15-6:25 p.m. Girl Scout Mtg/Parish Room
- 6:30-8:00 p.m. 5th & 6th Boys Basketball/Gym
- 6:30-8:00 p.m. Public School Committee Mtg/Gathering Place
- 7:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous /Staff Work Room

**Tuesday, December 12:**
- 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
- 6:30-7:30 p.m. Home & School Mtg/Family Room
- 6:30 p.m. Advent Communal Penance Service/Church
- 7:00-8:00 p.m. Building & Grounds Mtg/Gathering Place

**Wednesday, December 13:**
- 8:45 a.m. Mass/Church
- 3:00-4:30 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
- 7:00-9:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal/Church

**Thursday, December 14:**
- 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
- 6:30-7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Rosary/Family Room
- 7:00-8:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Mtg/Family Room

**Friday, December 15:**
- 8:45 a.m. Mass/(St. Paul Church)
- 10:30 a.m. Rosary & Devotions/ Three Pillars Chapel

**Saturday, December 16:**
- WELCOME WEEKEND
- 3:00 p.m. Reconciliation/Church
- 4:00 p.m. Mass/Church
- 5:00 p.m. New Parishioner Registration & Buffet/Gathering Place

**Sunday, December 17:**
- WELCOME WEEKEND
- 9:15-10:00 a.m. AED Training for Ushers/Gathering Place
- 10:30 a.m. Mass/Church
- 11:30 a.m. New Parishioner Reg. & donuts/Gathering Place
- 4:30 p.m. Hispanic Mass/Church
- 7:00-9:00 p.m. Adult Basketball/Gym

**Upcoming St. Bruno Events..**

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**

Feb. 10—"An Evening Under the Stars" Dinner Auction, held at the Legend at Brandybrook.
**The Word Of The Lord**

**Monday, December 11, 2017**

**Tuesday, December 12, 2017**

**Wednesday, December 13, 2017**
Isaiah 40:25-31, Matthew 11:28-30

**Thursday, December 14, 2017**
Isaiah 41:13-20, Matthew 11:11-15

**Friday, December 15, 2017**
Isaiah 48:17-19, Matthew 11:16-19

**Saturday, December 16, 2017**
Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11, Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

**Sunday, December 17, 2017**
Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24, John 1:6-8, 19-28

www.usccb.org/nab/

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**What Is Your Catholic IQ?**
The answer is: c

The valid matter for hosts is flour and water. There is no requirement about shape; no requirement for anything embossed (IHS stands for In His Service).

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**St. Bruno Book Club**

Next meeting of the Book Club
Tues., 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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**St. Vincent De Paul**

2nd Sunday of Advent

In today’s Gospel John the Baptist urges us to “Prepare the way of the Lord.” 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 together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.

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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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**St. Paul Mass Schedule:**

**Saturday:** 5:30 p.m.

**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m.

**Weekdays:**

Tues. 8:00 a.m. & Fri. 8:45 a.m.

Reconciliation: 2nd & 4th Saturday 10:00 a.m. or by appointment

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**Liturgy of the Word**

**Monday, December 11**
8:00 a.m. † Isabelle Iwinski

**Tuesday, December 12**
Mass at St. Paul 8:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, December 13**
8:45 a.m. Mass † Stella Bucheger

**Thursday, December 14**
8:00 a.m. Prayer with Communion/Chapel

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**Liturical Prayer**

**Friday, December 15**
Mass St. Paul 8:45 a.m.

**Saturday, December 16**
4:00 p.m. † Anita Iwinski

**Sunday, December 17**
10:30 a.m. † William Beson

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**Pray for Peace**

**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.com

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**Advertiser of the Week**

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See their full sized ad in this bulletin.

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**Are you considering serving the Church as an Ordained Deacon?**
The Church calls men to be deacons “in-service” to the People of God. If you are a man (married or single), that feels this call and wants to know more, please contact the Office for Diaconate Formation at 414-758-2207 or maldonadom@archmil.org.

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**Did you know?**

Our parish website has a link to Fr. Dan’s past homilies. If you wished you would have been taking notes during his homily, you can go back to listen to Fr. Dan’s message again after mass.

The link is on the right hand side of the front page of the parish website.

www.stbrunoparish.com
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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.

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**SACRAMENTAL LIFE & ASSISTANCE INFORMATION**

**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

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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.