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.

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

Phone:
262-965-2332

Address:
226 W. Ottawa Avenue
Dousman, WI 53118

Email:
stbruno@wi.rr.com

Website:
www.stbrunoparish.com
Archbishop Listekci’s Christmas Message

And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: “Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” Luke 2: 13-14

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Do you know what I consider to be the best thing about Christmas? The fact that it doesn’t have to end. Christmas should not just be another passing holiday. The birth of Christ allows us to live out the spirit of Christmas each and every day. We can do this by treasuring the gift of God’s love on a daily basis.

This year, my Christmas wish for you is to work towards a deeper spirit of Christmas each and every day. We can do this by treasuring the gift of God’s love on a daily basis.

May the peace, joy, and love of the Holy Family be present in your lives each day of the New Year.

I Am, Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Jerome E. Listecki
Archbishop of Milwaukee

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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.

Catholic Quotes—Words to Inspire the Faithful
In thee, O Lord, have I put my hope. Let me never be confounded.
-St. Francis Xavier

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DECEMBER 17th IS THE LAST DAY!

Human concerns committee will be collecting gifts for the needy in our area. Please put gift cards in the collection basket at Mass or in the box on the SCRIP and place other unwrapped items in the large decorated box by the tree. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

HELP NEEDED December 24th!
The Art & Environment committee needs help with the Christmas décor, 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! Thank you in advance!

Holiday Schedule

Parish Holiday Office Hours
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

♦ Monday, December 25: closed
♦ Tuesday, December 26: closed
♦ Monday, January 1: closed

Parish books will close on December 28, 2017.
Federal law prohibits churches from crediting donations received in 2018 back to the prior calendar year.

NOTE: If you wish to make a tax deductible donation please do so by December 27, 2017
Thank you for faithful support of our Parish.

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.

Stewardship Corner

Parish Support: December 2—December 8, 2017
Regular Parish Support (envelopes/electronic, etc.) ............ $15,098
Offertory .......................................................... $511
Children’s Offertory ........................................... $13
Total ............................................................... $15,622

Year to Date Last Year to Date
7/1/17-10/13/17: 7/1/16-10/14/16:
Regular Parish Support* ....... $263,641 ........................................ $285,929
Offertory: ........................................... $10,941 ................................. $11,478
Children’s Offertory: ...................... $296 ........................................... $545
Total: .................................................. $274,878 .......................... $297,952

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

*Excludes any form of extraordinary income for both years.
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

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Cook - We are looking for chefs who are willing to prepare a meal for 10 appreciative, 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 pay 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

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/

NEED A BABYSITTER?

Are you looking for a babysitter for the holidays? Trying to get some shopping done, or just want to go out for a while? We have a list of students who are willing to babysit. Contact the School Office for more information. 262-965-2291

## Faith Formation

### Alpha is Coming

Alpha is coming again in February! Watch the bulletin and website for details. You are invited to join us. Here’s what people are saying at the end of our first Alpha course: “I walked away with some questions to mull over. “It helps you to think about things in a different way.” “It was not religion being pushed on you.” “It was a place where all were accepted, we could talk about our feelings.” It’s a place to tell your story and listen to the stories of others.”

### Advent Penance Services in Our Area

Dec. 21, 6:30 p.m. St. Teresa of Calcutta, N. Lake

### Valet Parking

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

### Early Bulletin Due Date..thank you!

Due Date Dec. 21
Bulletin Jan. 7

### 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/2iPuJ6m

To apply, contact Ben Holzem, School Principal (262) 965-2291 or ben.holzem@stbrunoparishschool.com

### Advent Challenge

Today, send a Christmas card, a personal note, or an email to someone you haven’t spoken to in awhile and tell them you are praying for them during this season. Then, of course, begin praying for them.
**What Is Your Catholic IQ?**

Today's Second Reading, 1Thessalonians 5:16-18, begins with

a) Rejoice always  

b) Pray continually  

c) Give thanks in all circumstances  

d) This is God’s will for you.

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**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 commercial aspects of the season, but as Advent begins, do something to help you be more mindful of the Lord’s coming. Use an Advent wreath, or enthrone the Bible prominently, or read the readings from the Bible assigned to each day. Postpone the tree and decorations until closer to Christmas. Establish new family rituals, customs and prayers that help remind everyone that we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Fasting, daily Mass, a special celebration of reconciliation, reaching out to those alienated from family or society, and visiting the homebound manifest the love of the Christ Child and the Holy Family. Resist the temptation to rush the season. In his own time and in his own way, God will come. Our task is simply to be watchful and ready.

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**Pray for all military personnel and their families.  
May God keep them safe in his hands.**

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**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends**

Give your spouse the gift of your time and love by taking your spouse on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Marriage Encounter is 44 hours where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores and phones to focus on each other and God’s place in their relationship. If you’d like greater depth, growth, and enrichment in your relationship, you’ll like the difference a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend can make!

**Upcoming Weekend Dates:**

- **January 26-28, 2018** @ Brookfield Sheraton, Brookfield, WI;  
- **February 16-18, 2018** @ Comfort Suites, Geneva, IL;  
- **March 16-18, 2018** @ Howard Johnson, Madison, WI;  
- **April 20-22, 2018** @ Brookfield Sheraton, Brookfield, WI

For more dates, information and to register go to [www.alifetimeoflove.org](http://www.alifetimeoflove.org) or call 888-574-5663

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**Upcoming St. Bruno Events..**

- **Dec. 24** - Helpers Needed for Christmas Décor after 10:30 Mass  
- **Dec. 27** — Daily Mass 8:00 a.m.  
- **Apr. 21, 2018** — Men Who Cook Dinner & Auction!

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**Beyond Our Parish**

**Dec 21** Brewhing 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.brewhingthefaith.com](http://www.brewhingthefaith.com)

- **Dec 31 & Jan 1** New Years Eve Mass at Holy Hill at Midnight, Jan 1st Mass 6am & 11am.

- **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.

- **Jan 20** 3:30-5:00 p.m. or until supplies last. Feeding America Community Outreach. Free Food given to anyone in need (no form, no questions asked, bring your own bags/boxes). 45 Capitol Dr. Oconomowoc

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**TV Mass for the Homebound**

Is someone you love unable to join us at church during this holy time of Advent and Christmas? Please let them know,  

**Sunday TV:** Ch. 6 (WITI) 5:30 a.m. & Ch. 24 (WCGV), 9:00 a.m.  
**December 25th:** Channel 24 (WCGV) 9:00 a.m.
**The Word Of The Lord**

Monday, December 18, 2017
Isaiah 2:1-5, Matthew 8:5-11

Tuesday, December 19, 2017

Wednesday, December 20, 2017
Isaiah 25:6-10a, Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday, December 21, 2017
Isaiah 26:1-6, Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 22, 2017

Saturday, December 23, 2017
Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26, Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday, December 24, 2017
Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11, 2 Peter 3:8-14, Mark 1:1-8

www.usccb.org/nab/

**What Is Your Catholic IQ?**

The answer is : a

How appropriate for this Sunday called Guadete Sunday, as Guadete is Latin for Rejoice!

**St. Bruno Book Club**

Next meeting of the Book Club
Tues., January 9th at 9 a.m. St. Bruno Family Room.
The book for JANUARY is:

*Dorothy Day: The World will be Saved by Beauty By: Kate Hennessy*

“An intimate, revealing and sometimes wrenching family memoir of the journalist and social advocate who is now being considered for canonization” (*The New York Times*), told with illuminating detail by her granddaughter.

**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

**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.

**Lituragical Prayer**

**Monday, December 18**
8:00 a.m. † Steven Kuenzli
10:00 a.m. @ 3 Pillars: † William Reddy

**Tuesday, December 19**
Mass at St. Paul 8:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, December 20**
8:45 a.m. Mass † Donald Angelli

**Thursday, December 21**
8:00 a.m. Prayer with Communion/Chapel

**Friday, December 22**
Mass St. Paul 8:45 a.m.

**Saturday, December 23**
4:00 p.m. Parishioners of St. Bruno & St. Paul

**Sunday, December 24**
10:30 a.m. † Renee Caldwell
4:00 p.m. † Frank & Craig Matysiak
6:30 p.m. † Rose Marie West

**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.

**St. Vincent De Paul**

*3rd Sunday of Advent*

In today’s Gospel John the Baptist says, “I am the voice of one crying in the desert; make straight the way of the Lord.” Let us ask for the grace to help others to know the love of the Lord.

Christmas is a time of love and gift giving...please give 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.

**Sharing the Gospel For the Kids**

**John the Baptist prepared the way for the Messiah, Jesus Christ. He shouted in the desert, “Get your soul ready. The Lord is coming.”**

**Today John still warns you to get your soul ready for Jesus. Ask God to forgive you. Then forgive yourself and others. Shout to the world. Be a witness by your actions. Show that you believe in God. Then you will be ready when Jesus comes to take you to heaven with him.**

**Prayer**

Lord, forgive me for all of my sins.

**Mission for the Week**

I will forgive others and ask them to forgive me when I hurt them.

**First Citizens State Bank**

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111 East Main St., Palmyra, WI 53156
www.firstcitizensww.com
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See their full sized ad in this bulletin.

**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?

**Pry 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

**Advertiser of the Week**

*First Citizens State Bank*
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

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.