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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Address:
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And the angel said unto them, “Fear not!
For, behold, I bring you tidings of great joy,
Which shall be to all people.
“For unto you is born this day in the city of David
A Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
And this shall be a sign unto you:
Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes,
Lying in a manger.

~ St. Luke 2:10-12

Pope St. Leo the Great called Christmas the “birthday of life.” This is what we celebrate every Christmas. The wonder of Christmas is the humility God chose for himself, purely out of love—love for us. God loved us enough to send us his only Son. He loved us enough to take on our poverty, our indignities and fears, our hopes, joys, sufferings and failures—and our flesh—in order to speak to us as one of us. He became man to show men and women how much God loves them. He was born for that purpose. He lived for that purpose. He died and rose again for that purpose.

May God grant you and all those you love a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

Fr. Dan

BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE
John C. Welsh
(Father of Elizabeth & Deacon Joe Senglaub)
Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.

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.

A Place For You
Welcome! Maybe you have been away from the Church for a little while or for quite some time, but now you feel a tug at your heart calling you back to the Catholic Church. Listen to that tug. It’s your Heavenly Father reaching His arms out to you, the Holy Spirit whispering in your ear, hoping to draw you home. We hope you accept this as your invitation to rediscover the truth, wonder and mystery of the Catholic faith. As your brothers and sisters in our worldwide Catholic family, we want you back. We’ve missed you, and our Parish is not the same without you. If you have decided to make St. Bruno your church home, simply call 262-965-2332, come by or visit www.stbrunoparish.com to get registered.

Parish Support: December 9—December 15, 2017
Regular Parish Support (envelopes/electronic, etc.).................$11,127
Offertory .............................................................................$441
Children’s Offertory..........................................................$163
Total ..................................................................................$11,731

Year to Date
7/1/17-10/13/17: .............................................................

Last Year to Date
7/1/16-10/14/16: .............................................................

Regular Parish Support*.............$274,768.................................$299,365
Offertory:.................................................................$11,382.........................$11,920
Children’s Offertory:.................................................$459..........................$551
Total: .............................................................................$286,610.........................$311,836

*Excludes any form of extraordinary income for both years.

Mortgage Balance as of 12/15/17 ................. $545,083

To date we have received $1,439,461 in commitments and special gifts toward the 2018-2020 Sharing Our Faith Growing our Legacy appeal.

Thank you to the 187 households who have returned their appeal commitment card. This represents about 36% 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

Wishing you and yours a Blessed Christmas
And a Peace-filled New Year!
~St. Bruno Parish Staff

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.
**SCHOOL HAPPENINGS**

**Merry Christmas**

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

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**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](http://www.signupgenius.com) go/4090f4daf2aa3fd0

**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](https://stbrunoparish.com/events/men-who-cook-auction)

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

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

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**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/](https://www.shopwithscrip.com/)

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**FAITH FORMATION**

**ALPHA IS COMING BACK IN FEBRUARY**

Ask any one of these people about Alpha! Come and see what it’s about. Bring a friend. **Alpha is open to anyone.**

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**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](http://bit.ly/2iPuJ6m)

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

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**4th Sunday of Advent | Christmas Eve Sunday, December 24**

Regular weekend Mass St. Paul at 9:00 a.m. & St. Bruno at 10:30 a.m.

Christmas Eve at St. Paul 4:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve at St. Bruno 4:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

**Christmas Day | Monday, December 25**

St. Paul at 9:00 a.m. & St. Bruno at 10:30 a.m.

**Feast of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

Monday, January 1 St. Bruno at 9:00 a.m.

**Epiphany of the Lord | Sunday, January 7**

Regular weekend Mass St. Paul at 9:00 a.m. & St. Bruno at 10:30 a.m.

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**Pray for all military personnel and their families.**

May God keep them safe in his hands.
Why do we do that?

CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

Question: Why do the Gospels differ in their details? I was surprised to learn that not all of the Gospels tell the same stories, for example, the Nativity. Doesn’t this take away from their credibility?

Answer: Take any event that happens, from family trips to national politics and ask two or three different people to explain what happened. You will get a different version of the same story. People tend to tell the story from their perspective, and past experience shades what we recall and how we recall it. Our choice of words and what details we leave in or out is also influenced by the audience who is listening to our tales.

The Gospel writers are no different. Each one tells the story of Jesus from their own perspective. Versions differ in some details, not because one is true and the other is not, but because each Gospel writer, or Evangelist, has a different theological point to communicate as well as a different audience for whom he is writing. He picks and chooses the details of his Gospel based on what message he is preaching, what his audience may already know, and what message they need to hear. The various details of the Gospels point more to their authenticity as a record of the church’s experience and understanding of Jesus. In a good study Bible, the background notes for each Gospel contain a lot of information that helps us better understand each Evangelist and his message.

Grief and the Holidays

The holidays are especially difficult for those mourning the loss of a loved one. Here are several ways to care for friends and family dealing with loss.

- Be personal - reach out in person or on the phone, rather than online.
- Be inclusive - invite those who are grieving to a holiday outing or gathering.
- Be specific - instead of saying "let me know if you need anything," offer to help with holiday decorating, bake cookies...
- Be mindful - remember not just on the holidays, families don't want loved ones forgotten. (The Wall Street Journal)

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.

Common Committee Meeting Night

January 10th 6:00 p.m.
All St. Bruno committees are invited to a social & light dinner event in the Gathering Place on Jan. 10th at 6:00 p.m.
Please RSVP to your committee chairperson by January 3rd.
Each committee should bring 1 one dish to pass. This will replace your January meeting. Please contact Pat Seegers at pat@ascentbuild.com with any questions.
### THE WORD OF THE LORD

**Monday, December 25, 2017**
Isaiah 52:7-10, John 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

**Tuesday, December 26, 2017**
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59, Matthew 10:17-22

**Wednesday, December 27, 2017**
1 John 1:1-4, John 20:1a, 2-8

**Thursday, December 28, 2017**
1 John 1:5–2:2, Matthew 2:13-18

**Friday, December 29, 2017**
1 John 2:3-11, Luke 2:22-35

**Saturday, December 30, 2017**
1 John 2:12-17, Luke 2:36-40

**Sunday, December 31, 2017**

**www.usccb.org/nab/**

### WHAT IS YOUR CATHOLIC IQ?

#### The answer is: c

The menorah is a 9-branched candelabrum.

### 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 activist who is now being considered for canonization” (*The New York Times*), told with illuminating detail by her granddaughter.

### DYNAMIC MENS GROUP

**STARTING UP JANUARY 11th**

**St. Bruno’s program** Thursday mornings, from 5:30-7am in the Gathering Place.

**Contact Jerry Strand** for information, jerrystrand52@yahoo.com or 262-965-3436.

### LITURGICAL PRAYER

**Monday, December 25**
10:30 a.m. † Patty Ann, Clara, Charles Drakos, Ted Bares

**Tuesday, December 26**
Mass at St. Paul 8:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, December 27**
8:00 a.m. Mass † Loretta Smith

**Thursday, December 28**
8:00 a.m. Prayer with Communion/Chapel

### 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

**4th Sunday of Advent**
Imagine how Mary felt at the birth of Jesus: excited, awed, frightened. Deep faith was her light in the darkness, for Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest.

**Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul** brought light into the darkness surrounding the heart of those living in poverty bringing them the real, lasting, and deep joy of Christmas.

**Sharing the Gospel For the Kids**
- With God’s helping hands, you can do unbelievable things. You can write books.
- You can be the President. You can clean up your bedroom.
- You can climb monkey bars.
- You can give food and drink to the hungry. When you are feeling weak, sit down and pray. Ask God to help you.
- Nothing is impossible for him. Just like Mary, you have to believe that you can do anything with God’s help.

**Prayer**
Lord, give me wisdom to ask you for your help.

**Mission for the Week**
I will not give up on difficult jobs. I will pray and try again.

### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Mary said: “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” A simple trust in God’s word allowed the Mother of God to do incredible things. As a humble servant and listener, she embraced her mission and invested herself wholeheartedly in doing what God had asked. Do we know and trust that we are being led? Often, we can feel very much alone and without a source of inspiration, guidance, and love to enlighten our path. God is with us. This is the essential message of Advent and the truth revealed to us at Christmas. We are never alone. There is no need to fear. We too, with God’s help, can do incredible things.

### 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

### ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

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Joseph Kershek, Parish Member

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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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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.

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