FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT TIME † MARCH 29, 2020

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.

5th SUNDAY OF LENT
Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live.”
- Jn 11:25

All Masses and activities have been cancelled. Please visit our website www.stbrunoparish.com for additional updates.
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Pastor Dan’s Message

Friends, this Wednesday we celebrate the Annunciation of The Lord. We pray to Mary, The Mother of God, to a source of strength for us, our country and for the world.

Magnificant
My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;
Because He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaid;
for behold, henceforth all generations shall call me blessed;
Because He who is mighty has done great things
for me,
and Holy is His Name;
And His mercy is from generation to generation
on those who fear Him.
He has shown might with His arm,
He has scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart.
He has put down the mighty from their thrones, and has exalted the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has given help to Israel, His servant, mindful of His mercy -
Even as He spoke to our father -
to Abraham and to his posterity forever.

Monitoring the Corona Virus

Our number one priority is the safety and well being of all our community members. We will continue to update our WEBSITE with changes as new developments arise here at St. Bruno’s. Please note: our website will be the most up to date, information in this bulletin is subject to change. Our Lady, pray for us.

Office Manager Steve

Although we have temporarily closed the Church and Parish School, we are still experiencing expenses that are ongoing - mortgage payments, utilities, and the staff still working for the parish. We have made every effort to cut these expenses. We have received some common questions regarding continuing to contribute to parish support.

Question: How do we continue making contributions to the church during the temporary closure?
Answer: We would appreciate parishioners to continue with their regular support of St. Bruno if possible.

If you are already set up to contribute using an automatic withdrawal from your bank account, online giving with We Share, e-Offering or any other automatic disbursement method, you need to do nothing as these all will continue. If you are using an envelope or using the basket at Offertory time, you can mail them to the Parish Office at:
St. Bruno Parish 226 W. Ottawa Ave., Dousman, WI 53118.
The other alternative is to set an account to give online with either credit card or set up an automatic payment from your bank account. To set up an online account for credit card payments or automatic bank payment, go to the parish website: www.stbrunoparish.com. Once on the site, go to the “Online Giving by WeShare” link (It is just to the left of Fr. Dan’s Picture). After clicking on the link, follow the directions to set up your own account. You may do a “one time donation” or set up a “recurring transaction” for any amount you wish. Once set up, you will have control of this online account, not the parish. However, if you want an account set up and do not feel comfortable doing it yourself, you can call the Parish Office at 262-965-2332 and leave a detailed voice message with your name and phone number and we can return your call.

IT’S SAFE. IT’S SIMPLE. IT’S CONVENIENT.
Support your church today using your debit, credit cards, checking, or savings accounts.

2. Select the collection or event of your choice.
3. Set up your donation or payment. That’s it!

GIVE ONLINE with WESHARE
School News

At St. Bruno Parish School we have finished Week #1 of online learning, with parents becoming multi-tasking homeschool teachers, and teachers guiding students by group chat, individual video conferencing, teacher-prepared video lessons, posting and submitting assignments online, and the occasional live video group meeting.

Through the online platforms Google Classroom and Class Dojo, learning activities come straight to student home computers or to their school-issued Chromebooks. Parents, students and teachers are all making an amazing transition to a new way of learning. This week some students will take tests from home. There’s an opportunity to practice the Honor System! We are staying connected through daily prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, announcements and The Wildcat Way pledge on Facebook Live!

Mary MacDonald, Principal, St. Bruno Parish School

Child and Family Ministry

First and foremost, I want you to know that I am praying for you during this unprecedented time of uncertainty. God is with us—always—even when times seem scary. I saw a post the other day that said, “The phrase “do not be afraid” is written in the Bible 365 times. That’s a daily reminder from God to live every day being fearless.”

We are still planning on May 2 for First Communion. If that should change, I will let you know.

We are sailing through uncharted waters—and finding a new sort of normal. I can only relate this feeling to the way I felt when my daughter was diagnosed with leukemia on April 21, 2003. The whole world looked different, and I had to reassess my priorities. We had to be very careful about cleanliness and exposure to others. Every day my family was faced with more sacrifices. It seemed like an impossible time—but we made it through—one day at a time. I remember making a ton of lists, prioritizing, and communicating our needs to loved ones. God worked in some unexpected ways, and I know that I began to comprehend His love for me and my family. I had to rely on God, family, and friends to help me get through.

PLEASE stay connected to St. Bruno Parish! The website is the perfect way to view Mass and get all of the updates in a timely manner. stbrunoparish.com

We also have an official parish Facebook Page which offers practical tips to help your family remain faithful. You can access the Facebook Page through the parish website.

During these trying times, I hope that your family can grow in your faith together. We will TRULY celebrate when we can all gather together at the table for First Communion.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me: 
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John 10 Youth Ministry News

It’s been a crazy few weeks. There’s a lot up in the air, and we’re not sure when we’ll start gathering at church again - but that doesn’t mean John 10 Youth Ministry has to stop.... This last Sunday we joined thousands of other teenagers from across the country for the BIGGEST YOUTH NIGHT EVER. It’s called Project YM Live and each week it will feature some of the biggest speakers and worship leaders in the Catholic youth ministry world. It is just a few clicks and we are part of an amazing evening that draws us closer to Christ.

This is just the start....stay tuned. I have more plans so that we all stay connected and continue to grow in the love of Jesus. I’m praying for each of you!

Blessings, Jennifer Geisler, jgeisler@stpaulgenesee.net

Adult Formation

Every Lent we are called to deepen our relationship with our Lord. During this Lent, it is especially comforting to remember that we belong to the Body of Christ. When we pray the Creed, we say that we believe.

During these uncertain times, pray about what you believe as a Catholic and how you can incorporate the teachings of Jesus into your daily life now that daily life feels so different. What can you do during the remaining days of Lent that will more closely lead you to become the person God created you to be? For starters, find a mass online (as well as some other resources): https://www.archmil.org/offices/worship.htm.

More resources can also be found on the parish website to help you dive into Scripture (Faith Formation 2020 page). Spend time with the WORD every day if you can because, as John’s Gospel (John 1:1) tells us: ‘the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”

When you spend time with God’s Word, you are spending time with Him! Some of our small groups meeting during Lent have been reading and discussing the Sunday readings.

If you’d like to get in on our ‘online’ presence, contact Mary Kral, mkral@stpaulgenesee.net
News from Archdiocese

“The Archdiocese of Milwaukee is suspending all public masses from Wednesday, March 18 to Friday, April 3, Milwaukee Archbishop Listecki said in a press release.

“This is a big decision and I don’t make it lightly. As Catholics, the Eucharist is the source and summit of our lives. In times of public crisis, people naturally turn to the Church for spiritual direction, and we need to continue to do whatever we can to support people through prayer. However, taking precautionary measures is a prudent course of action. I would ask that, where possible, our churches remain open for private prayer and that our people reserve some part of their day for private prayer or devotions,” the Archbishop said. (Priests will still celebrate mass but without a congregation in attendance.)

Sisters and Brothers, after the Archdioceses posted this message most of us Catholics sat shocked and in dismay of the news and the implications of Sundays without the Eucharist or the Word of God opened up for our grace. This sense of separation while profound and painful will come to a conclusion. Our lives will continue and our Church will open. What we need to do for ourselves and for the community is to Pray and ask God for strength to see us through these dark times. Please look to Jesus’ ministry and reach out to your family, friends and certainly your neighbors. Be a light in this World. Connect using your phone, facebook or the other various means the Parish is offering all of us to interact with each other. Please remember together we are stronger and together in unity we will overcome this trial. Use this crisis to help build your faith in God and in the celebration of the most Holy Sacrament of the Mass. Our longing for the Holy Mass will come with graces for being faith filled servants obediently waiting for when together we may celebrate again. Meanwhile, our world depends on our participation as Catholic servants helping others by being a light in this world.

Sisters and Brothers, until we can celebrate the Mass together again...Shalom.

Most Reverend Jerome E. Listecki Archbishop of Milwaukee

The bishops of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee will be offering “Daily Reflections,” beginning with Archbishop Listecki. The Archbishop explains:

“We want to begin a moment of reflection every day ... encouraging you, and having you understand the spiritual dimension of the crisis we are going through.” We hope that you will join us by watching these daily reflections and sharing them with your community. May God bless you!
https://www.archmil.org/archdiocese-milwaukee/home.htm

From Deacon Joe

Sisters and brothers, we are in a time like we have never experienced before. An Act of Spiritual Communion can help! No matter what your day is like, Jesus can help make it better, or at least more bearable, if you ask him for His help and guidance in prayers such as this one, composed by St. Alphonsus Liguori in the 18th century:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

The best way to receive Christ is in Holy Communion at Mass. Yet for those times you can’t make Mass, or can’t take Communion because of an unconfessed mortal sin (for which you can ask for and receive God’s forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance), you can still reach out to Him by making a Spiritual Communion in prayer!

St. Thomas Aquinas once defined a Spiritual Communion as “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament [in Communion at Mass] and in lovingly embracing Him as if we had actually received Him.”

You can receive the Lord in Holy Communion up to twice a day. However, you can make a Spiritual Communion whenever and wherever you’d like, using the prayer given above, or your own heartfelt thoughts.

Remember, you can “turn toward the holy tabernacle” and receive Jesus in your heart from anywhere you might happen to be, at any time, day or night!
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL
5th Sunday of Lent Sunday
† For the church, that she may put her trust in Jesus, the Resurrection and the Life, and believe in him through all the seasons of life and death along her spiritual journey. We pray to the Lord...
† For Refugees, for the oppressed and abandoned, that God may settle them upon their own land, putting His spirit of life in them again. We pray to the Lord...
† That we may give Jesus the sacred tribute of our faith, believing in Him even beyond the death of our hope and our loved ones. We pray to the Lord...
† For today’s intention, We pray to the Lord...
† For all the prayers we hold in the silence of our hearts, for all of our intentions, spoken and unspoken. We pray to the Lord...

LITURGICAL INTENTIONS
Monday, March 30
† Steven Kuenzli
Wednesday, April 1
† Francis & Amelia Wilhelm
Saturday, April 4
† John & Marilyn Bridge
Sunday, April 5
† Ted DeMaire

THE WORD OF THE LORD
Monday, March 30, 2020
Tuesday, March 31, 2020
Numbers 21:4-9, John 8:21-30
Wednesday, April 1, 2020
Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95, Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56, John 8:31-42
Thursday April 2, 2020
Genesis 17:3-9, John 8:51-59
Friday, April 3, 2020
Jeremiah 20:10-13, John 10:31-42
Saturday, April 4, 2020
Ezekiel 37:21-28, John 11:45-56
Sunday, April 5, 2020
www.usccb.org/nab/

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK
We face death every day. Whether it comes with the actual death of someone we love (or someone we don’t even know), a failed relationship, the loss of a job, a broken dream, or pondering our own mortality, death is always around us. What does death say to us? What we believe about our death experiences is going to say volumes about how we live our lives. Jesus comes to us today just as he did many years ago to people who were struggling with loss and death and wondering what to do. He calls us out of our tombs, where we have been closed up in fear and despair, and shouts, “Come out!” Jesus leads us out of death and gives us hope. There is always hope. There is always transformation. Although we may not always see where the road of life is taking us or see God’s presence with us on our journey, we will be brought to a new place and be given new life. Walk with God and listen to Him call you. Tomorrow, there awaits another surprise. ©LPI

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How are you growing spiritually during this time?

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