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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.

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EASTER SUNDAY † APRIL 12, 2020

ST. BRUNO PARISH
“While the world changes, the cross stands firm.”

EASTER 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

How profoundly we have all experienced the desert of Lent, fasting from our everyday routines, praying for the recovery of our world, and giving in new ways to our loved ones and communities during this time of pandemic. How cloudy you have journeyed alongside Jesus on his way to Calvary, sacrificing your desires, preferences, schedules, energy, or even health, to respond to the call to love one another in service and charity. And, how keenly you have felt the agony of Good Friday and Holy Saturday, in which Mary and the Disciples mourned the loss of Jesus’ physical presence and experienced intense longing for His return.

On the morning of the Resurrection, some women went to Jesus’ tomb to mourn a dead man. As I think about the state of our world right now and the dramatic effects it has had on all of our lives, it appears that we, too, journey with the women to the tomb to mourn. With our churches standing empty this Easter, it appears that we have been defeated. But, my friends, hear the words spoken to the women by the angel who greeted them at the tomb, “Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.”

The sign of the empty tomb is not a sign of destruction and failure. No, rather, it is the sign par excellence of our faith. St. Paul tells us that without the Resurrection, our faith is in vain – it would be meaningless. (1 Cor 15:14) The empty tomb is the physical reminder of the Resurrection and the evidence that our faith is not in vain. The empty tomb confirms that Jesus is God, that he has indeed risen from the dead, and that sin and death are conquered.

While our churches are certainly not tombs, I ask you to consider how they are tremendous signs of faith in a world filled with fear. Our empty churches should remind us of the power of our faith, which is the power of the mercy and love of God. We may be physically distant from one another – and, how I long to see you at Mass – but we are not alone. Our God has come to save us. Jesus has truly risen and alive! He lives within us, for we are members of His Body, and he has not abandoned us. After seeing the empty tomb, the angel instructed the women to go tell the disciples that Jesus had risen from the dead. I invite you this Easter to consider how you will share that message of faith, hope and love with those in your lives who may need this message of hope. How will someone know that you have seen the empty tomb and that this joy may also be theirs? How will your interactions with others or decisions that you make reflect a heart that is full of gratitude and dedicated to service? How will your actions of self-sacrifice and self-denial be a witness to our community of your respect for life? How will you forgive others because you have experienced forgiveness and new life in the sacraments? How will your longings for heaven attract others to seek the kingdom of God before all else?

Let this Easter be a time of renewal for your faith. See the sign of the empty tomb and rejoice in Christ’s victory over our sin and death. Resolve to return to him with your whole heart, trusting that he will provide for your every need. Live in the joy of the Resurrection and share that joy with those who have yet to experience it. I pray continually for all of you, that through this time of physical separation, your faith may be strengthened beyond measure and that your hearts may be opened to receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

With Easter joy, I remain,
Sincerely yours in Christ,
+ Jerome E. Listecki
Archbishop Jerome E. Listecki
Pastor Dan’s Message

EASTER

Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen” (Lk 24:5).

These words of the two men dressed “in dazzling apparel” rekindle the hope of the women who had rushed to the tomb at the break of dawn. These women did not yet know that this was the dawn of the most important day of history. They could not have known that they, they themselves, would be the first witnesses of Jesus’ Resurrection.

Each of us must encounter the risen Christ in our own way if we are to go beyond simply a rational acceptance of church teaching to build a personal relationship with God. In some way we must go through our own passion, crucifixion and descent to the dead, to recognize the gaze of the risen Jesus. “I will be with you always, even to the end of the age,” Jesus told his disciples in Matthew’s Gospel. And, indeed, He is, in response to prayers, in the sacramental life of our church, and in even in our human relationships.

Then, in recognizing the risen Christ in our own lives, we begin to see him in others. And be Christ to others. This can, and should, be the gift of Christians to the world. After the risen Lord encountered the apostles in Jerusalem and asked them why they were troubled, he showed them his hands and his feet. He affirmed to reality of his resurrection, and they became “incredulous for joy and were amazed” (Lk 24:41).

Joy is a hallmark of our encounter with the risen Christ, for we who were lost have been found.

Our age is not so different from every other age. The sins are not new. The shortcomings are not original. The suffering is no more painful than in other eras. And our responsibility as Catholics is no different either now more than ever during this Pandemic. We are to care for the weak, bring aid to the sick, visit the prisoners, comfort the dying. We are to bring solace to the despairing, friendship to the lonely, hope to the hopeless.

This Easter, let us kneel before our risen Lord and ask him to transform our hearts, so that all who see us, see him in us. Let us joyfully celebrate Christ’s final victory over death, and let us share this joy with our world.

On behalf of the parish staff, I would like to wish you and your family a Blessed and Happy Easter!

Fr. Dan

Office Manager Steve

As we continue to navigate the uncharted waters of Covid 19, we want to encourage all parishioners to take advantage of the many opportunities to continue to strengthen our faith and stay close to our church offered on our Parish Website. Many documents and videos are available to stay in touch with St. Bruno Parish.

In light of the extensions of the Federal Government requests for all citizens to continue to practice social distancing and the State of Wisconsin “Safe at Home” declared by our governor, we unfortunately are having to worship at home for the services of Holy Week and Easter Sunday. All of the services will be available through videos on our website, please join us.

Because of the Easter Season Celebrations having been cancelled to public attendance, we have cancelled the usual practice of having Easter Lily Memorials on the altar for the season. We want to reassure those that have donated to the memorials, we will be issuing a refund of your donations.

Have a Blessed Easter and through our website, “Stay Spiritually Strong with Fr. Dan”. God Bless.

Steve Spiegelhoff, stevespiegelhoff@wi.rr.com

GOOD NEWS

During this odd time in the world and especially as we approach the Easter season, we want to keep our focus on the GOOD and stay connected with all of you. We are seeking photos and/or video of the GOOD things going on in your life. Big or small! Please submit to Kelsey Marais at kdemarais@stpaulgenesee.net.

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**Newness of Life**

"Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life." (Easter Vigil, St Paul's letter to the Romans 6:3-11). The pandemic offers us the opportunity to reflect on the new life we are living in right now. New life brings to mind the changes we have had to make for the health and safety of ourselves and everyone around us as well as all the other serious ramifications. In the midst of all that, EASTER is a perfect reminder that we BELONG to Christ, who lived and died and rose for every single one of us. Let that sink in. Every. Single. One. Of. Us. Every one of us with our worries, fears, wounds, and shortcomings. But He doesn’t see those. He sees us in our wholeness. Every day is an opportunity to express our gratitude for the newness of life we have by virtue of our baptism in Christ. At that first Sacrament, we were cleansed and anointed, we were signed with the cross, we received new, eternal life in Him. When we pray the Creed, we say we BELIEVE. Take a look at that prayer and remember how good God is. We can BECOME people who live in the newness of life in Christ by using the gifts He gave us, by sharing His good news, by telling others all the good things He has done in our lives, by expressing gratitude to our Creator for all that we have. Immerse yourself in some new habits of prayer and study of Scripture (resources on Faith Formation tab of the parish website) so as to LIVE in newness of life!

*Mary Kral, mkral@stpaulgenesee.net*

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**John 10 Youth Ministry**

**Jesus Christ is Risen Today! Alleluia!!**

I love the Easter song, “Jesus Christ is Risen Today.” It reminds me of past Easter celebrations, especially those shared with my grandmother. My grandmother was a woman of great faith and great joy and lived that way. I remember how she and everyone around me sang this song filed with the Holy Spirit, loud and joyfully. My heart was full as I joined in song with them.

In today’s gospel reading I’m not so sure that Peter, John and Mary Magdalene were filled with joy. I wonder if they were instead feeling confused and frightened. So where is their joy? Their joy came once they had a personal encounter with the risen Jesus. So shouldn’t our joy today stem from our own personal encounter with Him? Jesus rose from the dead, He defeated sin and he opened up the gates of Heaven for you and for me! What a beautiful gift we have been given! Alleluia!

May your hearts be overflowing with joy this Easter!

Blessings, *Jennifer Geisler, jgeisler@stpaulgenesee.net*

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**Child and Family Ministry**

**Amy’s Easter Reflection on John 20:1-18**

Easter is one of my favorite days of the year. And it’s not because of Easter baskets, the Easter Bunny, or an Easter egg hunt. It’s because of miracles!

**Do you know what a miracle is?** A miracle is when something completely impossible happens, when there is absolutely no way for it to be true, yet it is. And at Easter, there are a lot of miracles for us to celebrate. Think you can guess the biggest one? Jesus rose from the dead! After 3 whole days of being dead, Jesus was alive again! **Miracle number 1.**

It is with joy that we know Jesus didn’t have to suffer for us forever. When He took our place on the cross, He was whipped, beaten, and had huge nails forced through His hands and feet. And then, carrying all of our sins, He suffered horribly in hell for 3 days. So much suffering for an innocent man. But Jesus chose to suffer so that we wouldn’t have to, that we might be able to join Him in heaven. That amount of love is a miracle. For someone to love you SO much more than they love themselves, and to willingly suffer through so much pain; it’s another miracle. **Miracle number 2.**

After Jesus rose from the dead there was another miracle. Jesus was buried in a small cave dug out of a rock, and to close it up they would roll a HUGE stone in the opening. It would take tons of men pushing together to get that stone to move. But when Jesus rose from the dead, that stone moved. With no one touching it, that HUGE stone moved out of the way. **Miracle number 3.**

Later that very day Mary Magdalene went to visit the tomb. When she saw that the stone had been moved and Jesus was gone, she got very upset. She thought someone had stolen Jesus! But the next time she looked, it wasn’t empty at all. There were two angels sitting right where Jesus had been. Angels! Can you imagine? **Miracle number 4.**

At first Mary didn’t understand. She thought those angels had stolen Jesus, and she started to cry. Mary turned around and was shocked to see someone right behind her. She didn’t know who it was and asked if they were the one who stole Jesus. But as soon as Jesus said her name, Mary could tell it was Jesus. All with one word, this man went from total stranger, to close friend. **Miracle number 5.**

Then Jesus sent Mary back to the disciples so she could tell them what she had seen. In such a short time, Mary was able to experience 5 miracles.

† Jesus suffered out of love.
† Jesus rose from the dead.
† The stone was rolled away and the tomb was opened.
† Angels appeared and spoke to Mary.
† Jesus appeared, looking first like a stranger, then as beloved friend.

Those are the things that make Easter so special. Miracles are so much better than Easter baskets. Jesus is so much better than the Easter Bunny. Angels are so much better than hunting eggs. Jesus is so much better than it all.

*God Bless, Amy Golden—allgolden@gmail.com*

*Based on a reflection originally written by Stephanie Fernandez Ministry-to-Children*
School News

St. Bruno Parish School is humming with activity from all quarters EXCEPT the school building! We keep our faith community strong with our connections daily on Facebook Live. We have an amazing array of Google Classroom groups set up. Teachers are working diligently online with their students through group and individual online meetings, and we are partners with parents in the business of motivating students to do their best work! Be sure to watch our St. Bruno Parish School Facebook page and Instagram for some fun updates from our school staff! We are looking forward to a much-needed Easter break.

We want to remind all school families that we need you to register your children for 2020-2021 in order for us to plan for you! Parish families, please tell your friends and family members what a strong school we have. We are, more than ever, putting our best foot forward with our individualized attention in online learning. We are up and running in all ways, keeping our students learning and on task, and we fully expect to complete the year on time. Check out the Virtual Tour of our school on our website - it’s great! Also very important: if you know of a family whose lower income may qualify them for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (‘School Choice’), please encourage them to look on our website for information. This is a wonderful program that could serve families and bring more students to St. Bruno. The application deadline is still officially April 16, so plan on that for your support families and friends.

Thank you for your support of St. Bruno Parish School! As always, you can contact us by email or phone (checking messages remotely):
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Mary MacDonald, Principal,
St. Bruno Parish School

News from Archdiocese

“Go to Archdiocese website for resources to keep you in touch with your faith, see https://www.archmil.org/evangelization/Courageous-Communion/Resources--Inspiration.htm

Masses for homebound Catholics air every Sunday at 5:30 a.m. on WITI, Channel 6 and 9 a.m. on WCGV, Channel 24.

Check out Relevant Radio, the Catholic talk radio station, at 100.1FM or 1640 AM.

From Deacon Joe

What will this Easter mean to you...

As the Easter liturgical season begins we look at where we are and what we have witnessed, has lent been a dismal memory for you? We have never known a year like this or have we? Working with the homeless and AIDS/ HIV halfway home in Milwaukee I have found these individuals struggle with much what we are experiencing today in our current lives. During my time with these beautiful souls I found their families and friends including co-workers have alienated them to the point of no contact at all. Their lives are completely separated from all they knew and all they considered their support. When I would meet them most of the people had already developed a thick skin to the pain of loneness and worked past the anxiety of separation. They have on the surface appeared to have conquered the realization their lives will never be the same. The real sadness is the division from all they held dear, their support families and friends.

During these difficult times when we are all struggling to see where our lives are going and how the pandemic will change our lives, stop and consider the beautiful souls that live this life every day. These sisters and brothers of ours that are taken for granted and ostracized for often what they had little control over. These individuals never chose to be separated from those they loved. These individuals spend each day wondering if their lives will be physically altered before the sun rises the next day.

Today each of us are experiencing new struggles with how we are to live in this environment of the Corona virus epidemic. As you spend time in self-imposed isolation in your homes, consider what the lives of those without any comforts of home. Where the certainty of simple warmth or security is completely taken away. Spend time in prayer and thank the Lord for all the simple comforts which the Lord provides you even today. Where you can phone a friend or turn on the TV, computer or look out a window to enjoy some form of entertainment. The Lord has come, it’s about to be Easter and with this unusual Easter please consider those who have been surviving with less and be an example of Christ in the world. Pray, respect and offer hope for those most in need. Ours is not a bad life when you consider that more than half of all food pantry, blood banks, homeless shelters and halfway homes have lost their support in this crisis. We all have difficulties during these troubling times, but some are truly hoping for the resurrection to give them any hope. Even a simple smile is more hope than most will see in their daily struggle of survival. Easter is upon us sisters and brothers, rejoice and spread the hope which God has given you to the ends of the world.

Deacon Joe Senglaub, joseph.senglaub@LPL.com

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For all the prayers we hold in the

embraced by the risen Lord this day.

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Physician, console and comfort them.

For elected leaders, may God's

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PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

EASTER SUNDAY

† For the church leaders, may they be fortified by the risen Lord’s word working in them. We pray to the Lord…

† For elected leaders, may God’s wisdom guide them in their work to protect the dignity and sanctity of human life from conception through natural death. We pray to the Lord…

† For all those afflicted with pain or sorrow, may Jesus the Divine Physician, console and comfort them. We pray to the Lord…

† For those who have fallen asleep in the Peace of Christ, may they be embraced by the risen Lord this day. 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…

Please continue to pray for our students preparing for First Communion.

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. Our Lady, pray for us.

This is the artwork that someone created after Pope Francis’ blessing on Friday, March 27th.

LITURGICAL INTENTIONS

Monday, April 13
Parishioners of St. Bruno & St. Paul

Wednesday, April 15
† Pamela Mauer-Ruhlund

Saturday, April 18
† Bob Wallis

Sunday, April 19
† Pamela Mauer-Ruhlund

THE WORD OF THE LORD

For the Week of April 13—19, 2020

Monday:
Acts 2:14, 22-33, Matthew 28:8-15

Tuesday:
Acts 2:36-41, John 20:11-18

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:
Acts 4:1-12, John 21:1-14

Saturday:
Acts 4:13-21, Mark 16:9-15

Sunday:
Acts 2:42-47, 1 Peter 1:3-9,
John 20:1

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Our world wants us to believe that life is only what we make of it.

Today, we realize how untrue that is. Life is ultimately about what God makes of it, and the resurrection of Jesus reveals this. Alleluia, Christ is risen! Who do you understand yourself to be? What we did yesterday, are doing today, and may do tomorrow pretty much determine how we perceive ourselves. We even perceive Jesus this way in limiting our vision of him to his earthly accomplishments.

But, we know through today’s triumphant celebration that Christ is much more than his earthly legacy. The transfigured and resurrected Christ is the beginning, the end, and the fulfillment of all things and every person. All that Jesus did stands in second place to who we now know him to be. Do we realize that this will be our journey too? Christ is risen. Alleluia, alleluia!

Pray for all military, first responders, medical staff, and the rest of our country. May God keep us safe in his hands.

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