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.

Please visit our website www.stbrunoparish.com for additional updates.

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2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER
Jesus said to him, “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” - Jn 20:29

FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY
**Pastor Dan’s Message**

**Here are a few tips to make our prayer more efficacious.**

1. **Pray with faith.** In the New Testament, before Jesus is about to heal someone He will ask the person, “Do you believe I can heal you?” Faith is important because it is like opening a window so that God can establish a link to us. Without faith the window is shut and you?” Faith is important because it is like opening a window so that God can establish a link to us. Without faith the window is shut and we cannot connect with God.

2. **Forgiveness** – Prayer won’t be effective if we hold onto grudges. A lack of forgiveness blocks the movement of God in our lives. Like clogged arteries get block by fat and prevent the flow of blood throughout the body, so too does a lack of forgiveness. Grudges prevent the flow of God’s grace to us. St. John of the Cross once said the soul is a pane of glass in which the Divine of rays of God shine through and touch us. Grudges and a lack of forgiveness create smudges on that pane of glass so much so that after awhile, the glass is so smudged that God’s Divine rays can no longer penetrate us. If we feel slighted or an injustice was done to us, one way to remedy this is to stand or kneel before the Crucifix. Gazing upon the Crucifix, we see the ultimate injustice – the Son of God nailed to the cross. Yet, Christ was able to forgive – “Father forgive them for they do not know what they do.” Luke 23:34

3. **Persistence** – Throughout the Bible, God wants us to persist in our prayer. Don’t give up when you pray. If you have received what you asked for keep praying - pray for weeks, months, or years. St. Augustine once noted that God makes us wait so that our hearts have expanded enough so that we are able to receive all the good that God wants to give us when the prayer is answered. If our prayers were answered right away, eventually we would take it for granted. Yet if we wait, then we will be ready to properly receive and appreciate the great gift of the answered prayer.

4. **Pray in Jesus’ name.** Always conclude your prayers in Jesus’ name. For example, “I ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen” or “I ask this in Jesus’ name, Amen” In doing this, we are aligning our prayer with His (Christ), and therefore we are orienting our heart and mind to Christ. Whatever we want is what Jesus wants. For example, we pray to alleviate poverty - Jesus was a friend to the poor. Or we pray for a person to be healed – Jesus was a healer of many.

I hope this helps you to have a richer prayer life.

**Stay Spiritually Strong, Fr. Dan**

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**GOOD NEWS !!!** During this odd time in the world 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 kdemarais@stpaulgenesee.net.

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**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](http://www.stbrunoparish.com) 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.

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**Administrative Services**

We have just completed what I consider to be the most difficult Holy Week I can remember. Not being able to be in church during what is the most Sacred Week of our Christian Faith was extremely hard to accept. However, I needed to remind myself that whether we were in church or worshipping at home, the promise has been fulfilled and with the Resurrection, we were given Eternal Life. I think we can draw a parallel to our present Shelter in Place situation. We need to remind ourselves that just as we have hope from the Resurrection, Jesus gives us hope, he will roll away the stone and we will return to normal soon, He is always with us. I would like to ask that all members remember that the Easter Season is one of the biggest weeks for Parish Contributions. Being unable to attend services last week has had a great economic impact on St. Bruno. Please if you are able, remember the needs of St. Bruno and contribute either on line or through the mail.

_God Bless, Steve Spiegelhoff_

Director of Administrative Services

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Support your church today using your debit, credit cards, checking, or savings accounts.

1. Visit [www.stbrunoparish.com](http://www.stbrunoparish.com) and click Online Giving.

2. Select the collection or event of your choice.

3. Set up your donation or payment. That's it!

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**“Jesus, I trust in You”**
The last couple of weeks I have had the privilege to chat with our confirmation students (they are awesome by the way!). One of the topics we talked about was discipline and spiritual habits. We all agreed that we have a wonderful opportunity in our quarantine. Our schedules have lightened, our excuses are few and now is a good time to develop a spiritual habit so when we come out on the other side of this we are better, stronger and have deepened our relationship with our Lord. Here are some of the things our students are doing:

- Reading out of the Gospels 15 minutes each day
- Bible journaling
- Praying the Rosary daily
- Praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet daily
- Praying with a daily devotional
- Prayer journaling
- Praying through spiritual music (morning & evening prayer)
- Praying using spiritual artwork (Visio Divina)

I encourage each of you to pick one thing (not necessarily on this list) and do it, do it daily. There are so many amazing resources out there, I have trouble choosing sometimes, but here’s the thing...pick one, you can’t go wrong! If it doesn’t feel like the right thing after a few days, pick something else and start again. If you need some suggestions, let me know. Let’s build our spiritual muscles and do something truly kind for ourselves and others.

God bless you all! Jennifer Geisler, jgeisler@stpaulgeneese.net

### Adult Formation

**The Road to Emmaus leads to the WORD**

After the resurrection, two of Jesus’ disciples walked along the road to Emmaus and talked with Jesus but "their eyes were prevented from recognizing him" (last Wednesday’s gospel Lk 24:13-35). We know that after Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, "their eyes were opened and they recognized Him, but He vanished from their sight."

How do you recognize God at work even in this pandemic? Keep your eyes open for signs of God. If you find yourself fearful or angry, turn to the Word of God to find Him, maybe you’ll feel like the disciples: "Were not our hearts burning within us while He spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" The disciples realized that the Word was with God and the Word was God (John 1:1).

If you’d like to be part of that conversation on the road to Emmaus, contact Mary Kral (mkral@stpaulgeneese.net) about BELONGing to a small group. We BELIEVE spending time with HIM helps us to BECOME the persons He created us to be.

### Child and Family Ministry

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

Sister Faustina was a young, uneducated nun in a convent of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Poland during the 1930s. Born Helena Kowalska, she was the third of ten children from a poor family that struggled during the years of World War I. She had only three years of simple education, so hers were the humblest tasks in the convent, usually in the kitchen or garden. However, she received extraordinary revelations — or messages — from Jesus. Jesus asked Sr. Faustina to record these experiences, which she compiled into notebooks. These notebooks are known today as the *Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*, and the words contained within are God’s loving message of Divine Mercy.

Though the Divine Mercy message is not new to the teachings of the Church, Sr. Faustina’s *Diary* sparked a great movement, and a strong and significant focus on the mercy of Christ. Saint John Paul II canonized Sr. Faustina in 2000 making her the “first saint of the new millennium.” Speaking of Sr. Faustina and the importance of the message contained in her *Diary*, the Pope call her "the great apostle of Divine Mercy in our time."

On May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of St. Faustina, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday. Divine Mercy is not supposed to be reserved for Divine Mercy Sunday, one day of the year—Divine Mercy Sunday. When Our Lord appeared to Sister Faustina, he told her that 3 pm should be designated as the hour of mercy. It is traditionally held as the hour in which Jesus died on the Cross. The Chaplet is prayed using rosary beads, with simple prayers.

Blessings, Amy Golden (aldgolden@gmail.com)

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**Check out St. Bruno website and pray the Chaplet with us on Sunday April 19.**

Happy Easter season to all of the St. Bruno Parish community and beyond!

Our parish school students, staff and parents have enjoyed a break from our intense first four weeks of online learning. Our students have ‘gotten in the groove’ of learning from home, and parents have made great adjustments, as well. We even had the Easter Bunny assisting in home deliveries of a new round of school work! Of course, we are hopeful that circumstances will change sooner rather than later but, until that time, we are proceeding with energetic and thorough virtual instruction.

In each report card envelope mailed just before Easter was a beautiful color photo collage of our staff, each holding one word of this message: “Dear Wildcats, remember, while the world changes, the cross stands firm. Jesus loves you and so do we! Keep working hard, Wildcats!” Staff members are sending ‘Clips of Comfort’ video greetings to school families, and each staff member has completed a Personal Profile that has been shared electronically with the school community. You can enjoy ALL of these things and more on our school Facebook page at St. Bruno Parish School. While you’re on Facebook, also check out ‘Kindergarten at St. Bruno.’ We have SO very much to be proud of!! Truly, this is a time when St. Bruno Parish School shows its strength in faith, academics and community. We know others in the greater community are hearing and seeing this and hope that we may gain some new students because of it. Please encourage friends and family to check us out online.

As you likely know, our Men Who Cook annual auction event has been adjusted to be all online on Saturday, May 30. We hope you will join us virtually for this event which is always great for our community and a significant support for our school. Our creative team who plans Men Who Cook will surely make it a fun event even though we must be ‘Alone/Together’

As eager as we all are to get back in the school building, our only choice at this time is to wait and pay attention to developments around us, to government information, and to PRAY for the end of the coronavirus danger. We miss being together with all of you, and we all send love!

Thank you for your support of St. Bruno Parish School! As always, you can contact us by email or phone (checking messages remotely): Mary MacDonald, Principal mary.macdonald@stbrunoparishschool.com or Tammy tammy.price@stbrunoparishschool.com.

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

From Deacon Joe

ROAD TO EMMAUS

Sounds like an Abbott and Costello movie sadly, really only a small portion of you will get what I mean. The story is found only in Luke’s Gospel and this is the first resurrection story which has profound influence on all of us because from an image perspective, we each travel this road, let me explain.

The story describes two disciples of His after learning and listening to Jesus come to a place where their faith is shaken. Jesus dies after all and never has anyone rose from the dead (excluding Lazarus by Jesus’ hand) prior to Jesus. These two individuals are lamenting the loss of what was felt to be the new King the Savior of the world. Their understanding of the Savior of the world was to be an earthly king like David. So for them Jesus dying meant He was not who they thought He was. But this is where we become enjoined to learn about Jesus. Because at some point you must learn to accept that our preconceived notions of God could or and can be wrong. Jesus as a stranger walks with the two and they express what has happened with great fervor and passion. Theirs is a journey (or walk) which has been misguided by their personal convictions. Jesus as the stranger doesn’t correct them or tell them they are wrong. Rather Jesus listens to them and they find solace in their own story and His respect. When Jesus presents himself as going on further, they press him to stay because they are actually living out Christ’s message in the world to protect, support and provide for others. And so Jesus does what God always does and that is He comes into our presence when we ask Him to. Jesus opens their eyes and exposes them to the Truth. Their own preconceived notions are quickly replaced with the Truth of Salvation. What do these disciples do then is, impassioned with the Truth they seek out all to the Glory and grace of Jesus’ message to us all.

Sisters and brothers it’s Easter season and we each at some point have either walked the road to Emmaus in our lives or are on the journey to the risen Christ. Your road will converge with Christ and what we do as followers of the risen Christ is completely dependent on our desire for salvation. We can continue on to Emmaus (secular, relativism) or we can become followers of Christ by proclaiming the risen Christ in the world and in our own lives. The Holy Spirit is in you to allow you to know that Christ is alive in the world. Now go out and live the message of salvation through all you meet today and always, and know He is with you until the end of time.

Shalom.

Deacon Joe Senglaub, joseph.senglaub@LPL.com
**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**
2nd Sunday of Easter

† For the Church, that as the body of the risen Christ here on earth, may God’s Holy Spirit guide us in proclaiming the truth and hope of the Resurrection. We pray to the Lord...

† For peace and justice in the world, may Easter grace be with all nations and peoples in turning away from division. We pray to the Lord...

† For those who struggle each day to make ends meet, may God grant them a spirit of fortitude. We pray to the Lord...

† For all who have died, may they share with the saints the reward of eternal joy. We pray to the Lord...

† For this week’s intentions, 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, April 20**
† Mary Kraemer

**Wednesday, April 22**
† Rob Nissen

**Saturday, April 25**
† Ron & Mary Siepmann

**Sunday, April 26**
Parishioners of St. Bruno & St. Paul

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

Archbishop Listecki invites all who have the gift of sewing and crafting to make homemade face-masks for our local healthcare systems. Please visit the Archdiocese of Milwaukee website – Homemade Masks to learn how you can help our local healthcare systems in this effort.

**THE WORD OF THE LORD**

For the Week of April 20—26, 2020

**Monday:**

**Tuesday:**
Acts 4:32-37, John 3:7b-15

**Wednesday:**
Acts 5:17-26, John 3:16-21

**Thursday:**
Acts 5:27-33, John 3:31-36

**Friday:**

**Saturday:**
1 Peter 5:5b-14, Mark 16:15-20

**Sunday:**
Acts 2:14, 22-33, 1 Peter 1:17-21,

www.usccb.org/nab/

**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Have you ever experienced awe? Awe is commonly defined as a feeling of reverential respect mixed with fear or wonder. A moment of awe has the ability to lift us up out of ourselves and immerse us into something that causes us to wonder about ourselves, the meaning of life, and truth. Awe is an experience of connection that links us to something that is beyond the normal happenings of life. For us who believe that the resurrected Christ is present in all of life and the totality of the universe, being touched by awe can lead us to exclaim, “My Lord and my God!” Pondering the vastness of God’s presence also brings us to a profound sense of God’s mercy, which is the showering of His unconditional love on each of His daughters and sons. When we internalize this mystery, we may find ourselves standing in awe once again and feeling an intense sense of peace.

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