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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3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER
They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, “The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!” - Lk 24:33-34
Each of us is loved, each of us is necessary

In his first homily as pope, Benedict XVI said the same thing. He said: “We are not some casual and meaningless product of evolution. Each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary.” This is a wonderful truth. Each of us is the result of an act of the creative imagination of God. Again, no other religion makes anywhere near these kind of claims about the meaning of human life — and not just “human life” in general, but each and every human life. God willed each of us to be here. He loves us personally. What does God need or want us to be doing?

The Nicene Creed we profess at Mass not only tells us about the past. It also speaks of the future. We believe Jesus Christ will come again in glory to usher in a kingdom that will have no end. We anticipate that kingdom in every Eucharist, when he comes to us in bread and wine. We live in joyful hope for the coming of the “end” of history — when “time no longer shall be,” as the Book of Revelation says. Until that day, we live in the era of the Church. If the Incarnation represents the past and the second coming represents the future, the Church is always the “present” tense of God’s plan for history and for each of our lives.

Stay Spiritually Strong, Fr. Dan

Pope Francis’ prayer to Mary during the COVID-19 pandemic.

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus’ pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

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.
Hello everyone,

Easter certainly is different for each of us this year. As I participated in Mass in front of my television, I noticed the Easter lilies on the altar and I began to cry. In that moment I realized how Easter fills us. It is a season that fills our senses, our hearts, our souls, and every fiber of our being. I knelt and closed my eyes remembering the scent of the lilies and the incense. I remembered feeling holy water sprinkled upon me as we renewed our baptismal vows. I remembered the beautiful music swirling around me. I remembered your joyful faces. Mostly, I remembered the softness and gentleness of Jesus on my tongue. In that moment I had the fullness of Easter written on my heart with deeper joy and deeper gratitude. Our joy cannot be contained. We are called to live out our joy and to gift it to others. Our Jesus is truly risen! He opened the gates to Heaven for YOU and for me and for those we love and for the whole world! I encourage you to take some quiet time and remember how Easter fills you; allow His boundless love and mercy to wrap around you. Let Jesus' triumph over death and His glorious resurrection fill you with deeper joy and deeper gratitude this Easter season and share your joy, share it with those near you by demonstrating patience or offering a smile, reach out to those who are alone with a call or a note and keep going...keep building those spiritual muscles through prayer and in a continued quest to grow in our faith.

EASTER JOY TO YOU ALL!
God bless you all! Jennifer Geisler, jgeisler@stpaulgenesee.net

GOOD NEWS: He is Risen, ALLELUIA

Despite the unsettling news we are hearing right now, the GOOD NEWS is that Jesus’ RESURRECTION means new life for us in Christ. Right now, we miss our "old life"- we miss going to mass and receiving the Eucharist, we miss that feeling of belonging in our community of believers, we miss volunteering. During this time, it is easy to focus on what we are missing with church closed.

The Church’s Tradition tells us that we have access to God on earth through His omnipresence (He’s always with us, ALWAYS), the Eucharist, the “spiritual” presence of Jesus, and the indwelling of the Holy Trinity by virtue of our Baptism. Jesus’ spiritual presence is available to us in so many ways, here are a few: personal prayer and intercession (Jesus prays for us, in, and through us, and answers our prayers); communal prayer and intercession (pray when you Zoom or Skype or Facetime with family and friends!); Christian community (intentionally set up times specifically to pray with others at a particular time or through Zoom/Skype/Facetime); works of mercy (reach out to others right now, check in with neighbors & relatives, drop items in the bins for the food pantry or have food delivered there via Amazon, contact agencies like ERAs Senior Network who already have a volunteer network of opportunities available to reach out); spend time in His Word (give at least 1% of your day/15 minutes to reading Scripture); use those God given gifts of yours for others. Although we cannot have access to the Eucharist, let’s not forget what we still have - have always had: access to the Spiritual Presence of Jesus. The examples above do require our personal and sustained response and are capable of unlimited growth and deepening. Let us use this unusual time to help us become the persons God created us to be. (Credit to Sherry Weddell, author of Forming Intentional Disciples)

Contact Mary Kral (mkral@stpaulgenesee.net) about BELONGing to a small group. We BELIEVE spending time with HIM helps us to BECOME the persons He created us to be.

Gospel Meditation for April 26

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

What does it take for our eyes to be opened? Every day, a man laboriously walks down Main Street of town. With great difficulty but graceful determination, he places one foot in front of the other, uses a crudely made staff for support, and walks. His pace is slow, but he walks. What does he hope to see? Where does he want to go? What does he find? We all walk through life. The type of “walking” life requires is not always physical but is most assuredly emotional and spiritual. We walk, we look, we encounter, and we seek. How do we these things and what we actually find is determined by what we carry and what we allow ourselves to discover along the way.

If walking is too challenging for us, we may choose to isolate and stay alone. If we are afraid to walk, we may become overly dependent on others providing for us and abandon the journey. We can walk and pay attention only to what is in front of our feet and never notice the immensity of what is happening around us. The road is never the same twice. The journey is always different. What kinds of things do you notice as you walk through life? It seems that the disciples of the Road to Emmaus missed a lot at first. We do as well.

We are called to walk with purpose, to listen, and to notice things that may not at first be apparent. We have to allow the One who has a special claim on our soul to enlighten, instruct, and inspire us. The incarnate mystery of God is pulsating in and through all of creation, where the presence of the Word who became flesh can be discovered. He has been with us all along. How could we have missed Him? Our journey brings us back to the breaking of the bread, and something begins to stir within us. We begin to understand, and things look differently. Bread, body, wine, and blood bring us to see that everyone and everything is a “Eucharistic” encounter. We become what we eat and we see what we eat. We continue to walk. Our eyes are now opened, and we recognize Him. Our hearts burn. Stay with us. Please stay with us. ©LPi
**School News**

Our parish school is now addressing the ‘home stretch’ of the school year with the limitation of online learning. We are simultaneously disappointed, missing our students, and laser-focused on a strong finish to each student’s learning for their grade level for 2019-20. Teachers and I are contacting parents when there is a concern about a student’s work - individual attention that is a special benefit of St. Bruno Parish School. In addition to those students in grades 6-7-8 who already have their Chromebooks, we have provided Chromebooks to families who needed them so that all students have the tools they need.

We are in regular communication with the Archdiocesan Office for Schools for teamwork strategies in order to ‘not re-invent the wheel.’ The Office for Schools is providing guidance as we address the looming question: how will we know whether a student has learned all that is necessary to pass their grade and move on for next year? As usual, the bulk of this answer is in the hands of the students who are reminded daily in the Wildcat Way pledge that it is they who own their learning. We and school families, however, are ensuring we provide all materials for learning, environment for learning, and appropriate assessment.

I hear wonderful compliments on our teachers’ online work with students and am so very proud of them. We are so fortunate at St. Bruno to have this excellent team in place.

We look for opportunity in this temporary new setting. Service to our greater community is still a priority, and one way we have fulfilled that is by sending greetings and artworks to our neighbors at Three Pillars. We are just scratching the surface of ideas for celebrating our graduates and our entire school community as we look to June 5, 2020. Please be sure to check out our school website and Facebook pages to see evidence of some of the creative learning and communication going on! We are praying for you!

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.**

**Child and Family Ministry**

**Take time to smell the roses,**
(or to find hidden treasures)

The weekend of March 7 & 8 was very busy for Child Ministry. First Communion Retreat was on Saturday, and on Sunday the First Communion Candidates chose their prayer partners. Several people asked independently of each other, “if I ever went home”. Life certainly has changed dramatically since the beginning of March! Aside from adjusting my schedule of a very hands on ministry to meeting the needs of my parish families from home, I have also taken a good hard look at my life and am making some much needed changes. I tend to work hard, come home, and all I want to do is veg out in the evening. Part of my new routine includes a daily walk through the neighborhood. I’ve met all sorts of neighbors and shared pleasantries with them. “Hang in there”, and “we are all in this together” are common things said in passing (observing the distance of 6’ apart).

As my route gets longer each day, I noticed a lot of trash on the side of the road and decided to do a spring clean-up. Picking up bits and pieces along Madison Street, I found a headless Red Power Ranger. Strange—but he came home with me and had a good soak in antibacterial Mr. Clean. Why you might ask? It serves as a gentle reminder that I need to continue to make time to get out and walk—one of the new habits I’m trying to get into my routine. I urge you to take time during this quarantine to look at your habits and consider making positive changes. Start small. If you don’t pray daily, try praying every day at 3:00—the Holy Hour—maybe say an Our Father or Hail Mary. Last weekend was Divine Mercy Sunday. Try praying the Chaplet at 3:00 for 30 days and see what happens. I can tell you that after praying the Chaplet every day at 3:00 since March 26, I feel great peace, comfort, and confidence that God is with us during this difficult time. That is a habit I intend to keep!

More hidden treasures have been found on my walks, but those are stories for another edition.

**Blessings, Amy Golden (aldgolden@gmail.com)**

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**Masses for homebound Catholics**

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.
INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Is God a real Being for you or simply an idea to be entertained? Often, we reduce God to a set of ideas, theories, and principles and neglect to see Him as the One who takes joy in helping us understand all of the events and mysteries of life. God delights in journeying with us and is the only One who can fill us with joy and make our hearts burn with excitement and jubilation. He is the One who assists us in recognizing the truth that is before us and interpreting not only the jewels of Sacred Scripture but the events of history. If we recognize God, we can also see that He inspires us to see the divine meaning of our own lives as well. Sometimes it takes us a little time. After all, even Jesus’ closest friends had to walk with him for a while on the road to Emmaus before their eyes were opened in the breaking of bread. ©LPi

LITURGICAL INTENTIONS
Monday, April 27
† Ed & Rose Igl
Wednesday, April 29
St. Bruno 1st Communion Candidates
Saturday, May 2
† Tom Pinter
Sunday, May 3
† Susie Dartongo

THE WORD OF THE LORD
For the Week of April 27—May 3, 2020
Monday:
Tuesday:
Acts 7:51—8:1a, John 6:30-35
Wednesday:
Acts 8:1b-8, John 6:35-40
Thursday:
Acts 8:26-40, John 6:44-51
Friday:
Saturday:
Acts 9:31-42, John 6:60-69
Sunday:
Acts 2:14a, 36-41, 1 Peter 2:20b-25,
John 10:1-10
www.usccb.org/nab/

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

Archbishop Listecki invites all who have the gift of sewing and crafting to make homemade facemasks 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.

Please Note:
There have been a number of staff & parishioners who have received text messages or email from someone impersonating staff members and leadership asking for help, money and/or gift cards. Please do not respond to these texts, delete them. Never open any links attached.