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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4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." - Jn 10:2-3
Did you know...?

The **Jesus Prayer** is a contemplative and meditative prayer that we can use because while we pray it, we are also taking relaxing breathes.

The prayer is:

Jesus Christ, Son of God (Said while inhaling a breath)
Have mercy upon me for I am a sinner (Said while exhaling)

The symbolism of the prayer is one in which while praying this prayer repeatedly, we are taking in Jesus with every breath, and getting rid of sin by exhaling.

Try this prayer, you might like it.

*Stay Spiritually Strong, Fr. Dan*
How are you? That’s a question we find ourselves asking others frequently these days. But how are YOU? Seems like a simple enough question yet we struggle sometimes to find or give an answer. So we give a trained response, we question the sincerity of those asking and we find it difficult to be vulnerable, but if we are honest, have we taken the time to discover the answer?

We are bombarded with social and news outlets telling us how we are or what we should be doing or how to navigate through our quarantine…ughh! DELETE, DELETE, DELETE! Right?

So where do you go to find your answer? Today everyone is scrambling to find ways to communicate and stay connected, but what I am suggesting is to disconnect. Focus on what is. Place yourself in the presence of your Creator, there is no safer place to be vulnerable. He above all wants to know how you are! Rest in His loving presence and let His glory shine upon you.

Be still and know that I am God. Psalms 46:10

Easter joy and blessings to you all,

Jennifer Geisler, jgeisler@stpaulgenesee.net

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**What Can We DO?**

During this time of safe-at-home, our outreach ministries have been greatly curtailed. St. Ben’s is working with their own staff to prepare meals. St Bruno is sending baked beans to be warmed on site. St Paul's made beef stew last month but not in April because St Ben’s had provisions on hand.

St Bruno and other St Vincent de Paul conferences have suspended their home visits. (Their thrift stores continue to be closed, so please hang on to all those boxes you’ve cleaned out of closets and the basements; when the stores reopen, there will be demand for donated items!)

Hope Center continues to be closed except for meal boxes being handed out from the doorway. One local way YOU can do something is to purchase additional food when you shop at Pick n Save and Sentry and drop it in the bins at the door (please do not bring food from home). Kettle Moraine Food Pantry is also accepting donations through Amazon deliveries (705 W Tomlin Road, Wales WI 53183).

A 30 day prayer and action initiative began May 1 through our Archdiocese (Step out Stronger.) Each day includes prayer and a concrete action to grow your love for God and neighbor (check it out at https://www.archmil.org/Courageous-Communion/StepOutStronger.htm). Pray about getting involved in one of our parish ministries once we can gather again. And pray, pray, pray for our world and for all those who usually receive our love and support through our Human Concerns ministries.

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**Adult Formation**

**REMEMBERING MARY**

*Do you have any childhood memories of devotions to our Blessed Mother?*

It has been a long standing tradition in the Catholic Church to honor Mary in the month of May. When my own mother was 9 years old, one of her older sisters gifted her with this altar.

Every May my mom would bring out the altar for us to remember our Blessed Mother. The box it was packed in had many tiny perfume bottles that my mom saved from her childhood, probably gifts from her older brothers and sisters (she was the beloved baby of 12 siblings). As kids we would go out into the yard to find teeny spring flowers to place in the bottles to adorn the altar. (I remember lots of 'creeping charlie' which my dad was glad for us to pull out!).

In the presence of the altar, we prayed the Angelus as a family. I can remember kneeling in the living room with the 2 foot tall statue of Mary, surrounded by my parents and 5 siblings praying the rosary. My parents' devotion to our Blessed Mother was an important part of the faith they passed on to us. What are your memories of devotions to Mary? Please send them to this Mary (born on Mary's Assumption, by the way, so what else would my parents name me?) mkral@stpaulgenesee.net

During this month of homebound activities, create a place for Mary, adorn that spot with some flowers, and pray, pray, pray for her intercession in our world.
School News

Greetings from our parish school! Our hard-working teachers, students and parents are ‘keepin’ on keepin’ on’ with online learning. Teachers are meeting virtually with students - individually and in groups. Students are turning in work online or saving it for a ‘pickup/dropoff’ day later in the school year. Parents are responding to teacher communications about schoolwork needs. We have lots of heroes of education right here in our school community.

Virtual Spirit Week was April 27-May 1, including daily color and theme activities such as showing gratitude to those who serve our community, posting videos of our artistic ventures, and dressing our live and stuffed animals in school colors to learn with us! We have to keep the ‘fun’ in fundamental online learning!

The first part of our Wildcat Way pledge says: ‘I pledge today to try my best, to persevere and never give up.’ Students recite this pledge daily and it reflects the mission of our school.

ST BRUNO WILDCATS

To the members of St. Bruno Parish, we express gratitude for your constant support and we keep all of you in our prayers for health, peace of heart, and fulfillment of your mission in life. Our parish school has several weeks of school left. We can do this, St. Bruno!!

As always, you can contact us by email or phone (checking messages remotely): Mary MacDonald, Principal mary.macdonald@stbrunoparischool.com or Tammy tammy.price@stbrunoparischool.com.

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.

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.

Child and Family Ministry

More Hidden Treasures

This weekend we were scheduled to celebrate First Communion at the 4:00 Mass on Saturday. Please continue to pray for our 18 candidates who have been preparing to receive Jesus for the first time and are waiting to hear when that glorious day will happen.

Taking a different route on last Sunday’s walk revealed yet another hidden treasure. I live close to the Waukesha Bypass project so I have been living in a construction zone for the last couple of years. Currently a portion of Madison Street is closed which impacts my ability to easily get to where I need to go. I don’t mind the inconvenience right now, because of the quarantine. Since it was Sunday, it seemed like a good day to check out the progress of construction. As I came closer to one of the construction vehicles, I saw another hidden treasure! Zignego is the contractor for the project, and they are very devout Catholics with members both at St. Bruno and St. Paul parishes. They have an image of Our Lady of Fatima on their pieces of equipment with the phrase, “Pray the Rosary”.

This reminds me of something I’ve been wondering about. In my childhood memory bank is a time of praying the rosary together as a family. We would all gather together in the living room to pray in front of a Marian shrine that my mom created. At some point this family tradition stopped and I don’t know why. Perhaps it was because of the times, mid 1960’s post Vatican II when there was a shift from traditional devotions to a more “touchy feely” type of catechism. I grew up in a very strong Catholic family and my parents were very involved in the Church. I too was very involved at Church and I knew that Jesus loved me. As an adult, I embraced a strong devotion to Mary during a difficult labor of my first child. Constantly praying the Hail Mary during each contraction gave me what I needed to eventually give birth to a 9 lb 11 oz baby. It wasn’t until I began my career as a Youth Minister and eventually Child Minister that I really began to study the Catholic Faith. The more I learn, the hungrier I am to learn more. There is a treasure trove of prayers, novenas, and devotions to be discovered. My devotion to Mary remains very strong, as she is the perfect example to mothers. We love our children by celebrating their victories and standing by them in their darkest hours.

We honor Mary in a special way during the month of May. While May crowning may look different this year, I encourage you to honor Mary at home. If you have a statue or a picture of Mary, adorn her with a vase of flowers and a rosary.

More walks to take, more stories to share. Take some time to pray the rosary with your family this week!

Blessings, Amy Golden (aldgolden@gmail.com)
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL
4th Sunday of Easter
† For Pope Francis, may God bless him with continued health, vitality, and wisdom in his ministry. We pray to the Lord...
† For civic leaders, may Jesus’ example of servant leadership assist them in their efforts to solve the most difficult challenges in their communities. We pray to the Lord...
† For those who harbor resentment or ill-will toward others, may the Holy Spirit bring them consolation and lead them in reconciliation with one another. We pray to the Lord...
† For this community of believers, may God help us grow in being emissaries of comfort and peace to all we encounter today. 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...

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

Step Out Stronger | Leave Quarantine Closer to Christ
Our days in isolation will come to an end. When they do, will you emerge weaker or stronger? Choose to use May in order to come out stronger. In these 30 days, rather than dwelling on what we might be missing, we’re focusing on Jesus, giving one percent of each day in prayer and completing a simple daily action to grow in love for God and neighbor. Find out more and register https://www.archmil.org/Courageous-Communion/StepOutStronger.htm?utm_campaign=website&utm_source=sendgrid&utm_medium=email

Liturgical Intentions
Monday, May 4
† Susie Dartongo
Wednesday, May 5
† Francis & Amelia Wilhelm
Saturday, May 9
† Dorothy White
Sunday, May 10
† Jean Bischel
Parishioners of St. Bruno & St. Paul

The Word Of The Lord
For the Week of May 4-10, 2020
Monday:
Acts 11:1-18, John 10:11-18
Tuesday:
Acts 11:19-26, John 10:22-30
Wednesday:
Thursday:
Friday:
Acts 13:26-33, John 14:1-6
Saturday:
Acts 13:44-52, John 14:7-14
Sunday:
Acts 6:1-7, 1 Peter 2:4-9, John 14:1-12
www.usccb.org/nab/

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK
When you wake up in the morning, whose voice is the first one you listen to? Your own? Someone else’s? Or God? We all listen to someone and follow some sort of guidelines and principles. If it is a secular voice that propels us to get up in the morning and take up the task of the day’s agenda, then we may find ourselves off track. The advice found in the Acts of the Apostles was as true then as it is now, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” Most of what we listen to in secular voices is off the axis of truth and distorted. It may sound attractive, but it is deceptive at best. Many have gone astray like sheep and need to return to the Good Shepherd. Only Jesus can offer us the gate of life, and only Jesus as the Good Shepherd can really motivate us to take on the challenges of life. If we don’t recognize his voice, we can risk facing destruction. ©LPI

Mass Intentions – at almost every Mass there is a specific intention. This is usually in memory of a loved one who has died, but it could be for a special anniversary or another special intention. These intentions are published in the bulletin every week for the upcoming week. If you would like to have a Mass celebrated for a special intention ($10 stipend) call the office, leave a message, someone will return your call.

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.

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