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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5th SUNDAY OF EASTER
“In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?” - Jn 14:2
Pastor Dan’s Message

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
Witnesses for Jesus

This journey of faith is not always easy. Sometimes the greatest wounds are those we suffer when family members and friends wander away from God and leave us behind. The faith they had when they were younger is now strained, or they see the daily walking with Jesus to be too difficult. For them, Jesus becomes what Peter wrote about when he described Jesus as the stone that causes people to stumble and the rock that makes them fall. Our journey is hard enough, but watching a loved one stumble and fall is heart-breaking.

What are we to do in such a situation? Most importantly, we pray. We must realize that God is more powerful than us, and even if we can’t make them see the truth, He can. Then we witness to the transformative power of Jesus by our own lives. We need to serve him in word and deed. We should let a joy of being a disciple enlighten our faces. Allow Jesus to work through us so that others may be drawn to him. Lastly, we must never lose hope. Many have walked long journeys alone only to find God far down the road. What will it take to bring someone to Christ? It might be an action, a word, or an emotion. We never know how certain people will be touched. That loved one is a gift from God in your life. Place them back in God’s hands, and let Him pick them up if they have stumbled and fallen. —Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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Heavenly Father,

from the beginning you have chosen to entrust the human person to mothers in a special way.
We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers;
for their tenderness, care, and compassion,
for their intuition and encouragement,
for commitment and sacrifice.
Bless all mothers this day.
Keep, strengthen, and refresh them in your loving care.
May they be blessed by our open-hearted love and gratitude.
Amen.

PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

Happy Mother’s Day

These beautiful flowers adorn our chapel entryway. Thank you all for keeping the parish in your thoughts! May the flowers be like our prayers to God during this time: constant, beautiful, and loving.
MARY OUR MOTHER

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now. That one word in the Hail Mary has been my frequent 'go to' prayer in the last weeks. We have NOW, right now to give thanks, to reach out to a friend or isolated neighbor, to ask our Blessed Mother’s intercession to her Son for our needs. As you pray the rosary this month, focus on what you have now, within your control, and pray for that.

Mary Kral, mkral@stpaulgenesee.net

A Mother’s Love

There are times when only a mother’s love
Can understand our tears,
Can soothe our disappoints
And calm all of our fears.

There are times when only a mother’s love
Can share the joy we feel
When something we’ve dreamed about
Quite suddenly is real.

There are times when only a mother’s faith
Can help us on life’s way
And inspire in us the confidence
We need from day to day.

For a mother’s heart and a mother’s faith
And a mother’s steadfast love
Were fashioned by the angels
And sent from God above.

- Author Unknown

Happy Mother’s Day! - God Bless You!

Jennifer -- jgeisler@stpaulgenesee.net

News from Archdiocese & Vatican

Vatican City, Apr 25, 2020 / 07:15 am MT (CNA).

POPE FRANCIS sent a letter Saturday encouraging Catholics to pray the rosary throughout May. He also shared two new prayers to implore the help of the Virgin Mary during the coronavirus pandemic. (found on Catholic News Agency.com)

“Contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial,” Pope Francis said in a letter April 25.

He urged families and individuals to “rediscover the beauty of praying the rosary at home in the month of May,” which is traditionally a time of increased devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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

What Can We DO?

During this time of safe-at-home, our outreach ministries have been greatly curtailed. 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.

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
School News

St. Bruno Parish School’s character trait for May is GRIT. We will teach students that ‘Grit is the stubborn refusal to quit.’ In these challenging times we need to be very good advertisers for the important concepts of perseverance, one of the ideas in our Wildcat Way, and GRIT. During this time in a normal school year, students get restless. This year is no exception and more challenging due to distance learning, but we will thrive in the five remaining weeks to learn in the 2019-2020 school year!

May 4-8 is Teacher Appreciation Week, and we are making sure our teachers know how valued they are! I am so very proud to work with the dedicated, accomplished team of teachers of St. Bruno Parish School. They are creative, smart, dedicated, persistent and loving. Their creativity shows in the varied lessons and projects they provide for our students. Their ‘smarts’ show through in the high quality of their prepared teaching presentations. Their dedication and persistence shows when they don’t give up on students who need the extra nudge, email, outreach, pat on the back, or reminder to get their best work done. And, their LOVE shows in the way they speak, guide and care for our students every single day. Our teachers live out the teachings of Jesus every day in our school, whether in the building or from their home computers. You have made a great choice by sending your children to be educated at St. Bruno.

You will find a beautiful May Crowning ceremony on our parish and school websites. Please tune in. Thanks to Mark Mrozek, Amy Golden and Miranda and Ann Kepflinger for making this happen. You will even hear Mrs. MacDonald singing the Ave Maria as part of the presentation. Together, we can all make beautiful things happen!

We wish a happy Mother’s Day to all of the moms in our community. Let’s be sure to put our Blessed Mother right atop the list of important moms.

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

Hidden Treasures Part Three
Walk through the woods with Michael

Last week my son Michael joined me as we explored the nature trail that runs through my neighborhood. As we walked, I shared my story about finding a headless Power Ranger on one of my previous walks which provided the topic for a bulletin article. He was very curious to hear more. The third hidden treasure, a door was opened to share a faith story.

Having three grown children who do not currently practice their faith, I sometimes find it challenging to find ways to share faith stories with them. The opportunity surfaced in the woods with Michael. On a sunny day, with trees starting to bud, birds singing, and chipmunks scampering-God opened the door and we walked through it together. We observed the simple beauty of nature as signs of God’s great love for us.

Michael was in a very dark place 5 years ago, making poor decisions which ended up with him facing some tough consequences. As his mother, it was heartbreaking to watch. I am so grateful that we have been able to rebuild our relationship and are learning from past experiences. I told Michael that God never promised us that life would be easy, but He does promise us that He is always with us. On this is the day we honor our Mothers. I thank God every day that my beautiful mother is still alive and is a very important part of my life. She has been an amazing role model to me; always ready to listen, never judges, and offers gentle advice, including feedback on my bulletin articles. Like our Blessed Mother, my mom (who also happens to be named Mary) is the perfect example of grace. She has always been there to help celebrate my victories and to stand by me during challenging times. My mom taught me about unconditional love-something I try to give to my children.

We learn from past experiences and take courage as we journey with faith into the future. We continue to look for signs of life, hope, light, love, and second chances.

More walks to take, more stories to share. Take some time to share your faith stories this week!

Blessings, Amy Golden (aldgolden@gmail.com)
We pray to the Lord... for all of our intentions, spoken and unspoken. silence of our hearts, for all of our prayers we hold in the Lord...

For all who have died, may he who has prepared a place for them welcome them to the splendor of their heavenly home. We pray to the Lord...

For any who are struggling to believe and those whose faith is weak, may Christ speak to their troubled hearts and give them hope. We pray to the Lord...

For all in positions of authority, may God’s grace enable them to lead with integrity, protecting life from conception through natural death. We pray to the Lord...

For all in the Church, and the royal priesthood, may the Lord strengthen your relationship with God as He is the way, the truth, and the life. Is the assurance that you will be with Him enough for you as well? ©LPi

What do you imagine the resurrected life of heaven to be like? When we try to get our minds around such an enormous concept, we can easily find ourselves at a loss. For some folks, the enormity of the question actually causes them to ignore the reality of heaven or even conclude that it does not exist. Jesus knew that the magnitude and grandeur of eternal life are really too much for us to grasp. He kept it simple and described it in terms of relationship. The disciples treasured their relationship with Jesus, and he assured them, “Where I am you also may be.” Ultimately, that was enough for them to know. They would be with him. Strengthen your relationship with God as He is the way, the truth, and the life. Is the assurance that you will be with Him enough for you as well? ©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.

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