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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6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth.” - Jn 14:16-17a
The Power of Prayer

“For me, prayer is a surge of the heart, it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy.” St. Therese of Lisieux, Manuscripts autobiographiques, C25r.

Prayer is a vital component of our spiritual lives. Jesus Christ taught us this throughout his life here on earth. It can be found in many places in all 4 gospels how Jesus was always “going off, alone, to a deserted place to pray.”

Prayer was so important to Jesus that he taught his apostles the mystery of prayer to the Father, he revealed to them what their prayers and ours must be. What is new about the prayer that Jesus taught the apostles is to “ask in his name.”

Faith in the Son of God introduces the apostles into the knowledge of the Father, because Jesus is “the way, the truth and the life.” John 14:6. Faith bears its fruit in love: it means keeping the word and the commandments of Jesus, it means abiding in the Father.

In this new covenant, the certitude that our petitions will be heard is founded on the prayer of Jesus.

St. John Damascene once wrote, “Prayer is the raising of one’s mind and heart to God.” De fide orth. 3, pg 24. We raise our hearts to God from the heights of praise and thanksgiving to God or from the very depths of our hearts in desperation, anger, or deep sorrow. Nonetheless, we pray because of we have faith in an all loving, all compassionate, and all powerful God who hears our prayers and will answer them. Yet, doubt and discouragement can set in when those prayers aren’t answered. However, in prayer, it is important to have a heart of faith knowing that, “God wills that our desire should be exercised in prayer, that we may be able to receive what He is prepared to give.” St. Augustine, Ep.130

Stay Spiritually Strong, Fr. Dan

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**Why Do We Do That? - Catholic Tradition Explained**

**Sign Before the Gospel**

**Question:** I have been going to Mass for years and have always wondered: why do we make the three signs of the cross before the Gospel?

**Answer:** Certainly, many people go to Mass or other devotions, doing and saying things out of habit or reverence and not really understanding the reasons behind some of these things. But everything we do has a meaning or purpose that helps us to worship better, proclaim our beliefs, or focus the attention of the people on something that has a greater importance or significance. A review of the meaning of various gestures and practices can help us have a deeper appreciation for what we do.

There is a little prayer that goes with the three crosses before the Gospel: “May the words of the Holy Gospel be on my mind, on my lips and in my heart.” In standing to hear the Gospel, we acknowledge that Jesus is present, and the words of the Gospel are addressed to us. All of the gestures and special postures we adopt before the Gospel are intended to help us prepare for hearing the Word as well as act on it. The incense, the Alleluia, the deacon or priest, and the special dialogue and announcement that introduces the Gospel help us focus our attention on the Good News we are about to hear. The three signs of the cross show our desire and good intention to hear and live the Gospel.

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**Monitoring the Corona Virus**

Our #1 priority is the safety and well being of all our Parish members. We will continue to update our WEBSITE with changes as new developments arise here at St. Bruno. 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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**Ascension of the Lord**

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**Your Parish is still active and Staff is still working. If you need us, don’t hesitate to call or email. If able, you can send in your stewardship envelopes via the mail or sign up for online donations. Thank you for your continued support of our parish and the community around us.**
What’s new? Hmmm what’s new? When you answer this question you might give a general response of “not much” or “I don’t know, same old thing.” Or you might share about a trip you went on or a new purchase you’ve made. But have you ever considered that this simple question is really asking ... what is your story? At the moment that you became a thought in God’s mind your story started, your purpose and mission set in place. You are called to extend the story of Easter and live in the knowledge of the Resurrection and encounter the Risen Christ for yourself. What stories do you have as God walks beside you? What stories do you have as God stirs something new within you this Easter?

God of glory, You are the author of my life. You have written my story and numbered my days. I thank You for the gift of life, the humbling honor to be a word within Your Word. I sing your praises for the stories You are still writing. May this Easter be the beginning of a new chapter, rich in faith and hope. Alleluia! Amen.

(prayer taken from Risen, 50 Ways To Live Easter)

Go out and tell your story.

Easter joy to you all!

Jennifer Geisler, jgeisler@stpaulgenesee.net

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).

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

TELL others about your hope! Don’t know where to start? According to today’s Gospel, the Father will give you another Advocate to be with you always. Pray this simple prayer: Come, Holy Spirit. And then tell others about those things you have witnessed, the words will come from the power of the Holy Spirit. Come, Holy Spirit.

Mary Kral, mkral@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.
**School News**

Bruno Parish School is now counting down the weeks, four of them, to a successfully completed school year for all. It’s not a perfect year but we ARE making the best of it! As we look ahead to next school year, 2020-2021, we ask your involvement: share the success story that is St. Bruno Parish School with friends, family and acquaintances who can benefit from our high quality, small size and caring educational environment. Please also take a moment to consider the school information in today’s bulletin about the School Choice deadline Thursday May 14, and about our online Auction.

**THANK YOU from the bottoms of our Wildcat hearts!!**

As always, you can contact us by email or phone (checking messages remotely): **Mary MacDonald, Principal mary.macdonald@stbrunoparishschool.com** or Email stbrunomwc@gmail.com

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**Child and Family Ministry**

**Hidden Treasures Part Four**

**Six Honest Friends**

Two weeks ago, we had a picture-perfect Sunday, sunny with a high of 74 degrees. My walk route was along the Waukesha bypass construction project to check out the progress. I brought along some gloves and plastic grocery bags to collect any trash or treasures. No treasures found, but enough trash to fill 2 bags. I shared this story with my mom, which provided the inspiration for this bulletin article. She told me that I was the kid always asking a million questions—something that can try a mom’s last nerve! To all parents try to juggle working from home, running your household, all while homeschooling—I’m sure you can relate.

**The rest of the story is penned by my mom, Mary Dietrich.**

In prayer this morning, a wondering emerged. Oh, Amy, you always had so many questions and why’s. Why’s that would send any mom to the funny farm. So many why’s occur as you walk and share your stories. So much to wonder about.

To all litter bugs out there, that includes you construction workers who left trash, why would you leave this for us trash collectors to judge you? Know that we judge you as not respecting the earth. Please do not let some trash tell us who you really are. Speak to us, we are good listeners. Behind each sandwich wrapper, candy wrapper, each empty water bottle, each coffee cup is a person with a story. Speak to us. Tell us of your Why. Tell us of your Who. Who are you? Tell us about your loved ones. Why are you engaged in this worthy but dangerous work? Why did that trash land on the earth? Know that every action tells a story. What is your story? Let us remember to respect our earth and one another. I hope I shared this with you when you were a child.

*I have six honest friends. They taught me all I knew*

*Their names are, Where, When, Why, How, What and Who*

Keep asking questions and sharing your stories!

**P.S. from Amy**—I had never heard this poem before, so I researched it and am sharing in its entirety. I’m still that “kid”, wondering about many things and always searching to know the why! Blessings, Amy Golden (aldgolden@gmail.com)

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**The MWC Auction Committee is working hard to ensure this Virtual Auction will be a success. Please help out where you can!**

1. **Amazon Wish List**—[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1O96HTEMV7FU9](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1O96HTEMV7FU9) —and purchase items that will be used for auction baskets, raffle prizes, etc.
2. Submit a cash donation to sponsor an entire Silent Auction Basket. **Visit the Parish website on the “Home Page” for details.**
3. If you have item(s) you are planning on donating to this event, please contact Britney or Michelle (see contact info below) and they will arrange for pick up.
4. **PRAY**—for the success of this event! We know the power of prayer.

**Register Now...** To receive the link to bid in our virtual auction. Email stbrunomwc@gmail.com and we will add you to our guest list.

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**“I Keep Six Honest Serving Men ...”**

I keep six honest serving-men (They taught me all I knew);
Their names are What and Why and When
And How and Where and Who.

I send them over land and sea, I send them east and west;
But after they have worked for me, I give them all a rest.

I let them rest from nine till five, For I am busy then,
As well as breakfast, lunch, and tea, For they are hungry men.

But different folk have different views; I know a person small—
She keeps ten million serving-men, Who get no rest at all!

She sends’em abroad on her own affairs, From the second she
opens her eyes—One million Hows, two million Wheres,
And seven million Whys!”

**Rudyard Kipling, The Elephant’s Child**

*The person small is a reference to his daughter Joesephine and her inquisitiveness*
PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL  
6th Sunday of Easter
† For the Church, formed in the spirit a the body of Christ, may God graciously grant us what we need as we proclaim the Good news. We pray to the Lord...
† For world leaders, may the good news of the Gospel guide their actions. We pray to the Lord...
† For those who are sick, especially those who feel alone in their struggle, may they experience the comfort of our loving God. We pray to the Lord...
† For those who have died, may they find peace and eternal joy in the Lord. 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, May 18
† Steve Kuenzli
Wednesday, May 20
† Hermina Balistreri
Saturday, May 23
† Leroy Janssen
Sunday, May 24
Parishioners of St. Bruno & St. Paul

THE WORD OF THE LORD
For the Week of May 18—24, 2020
Monday:
Tuesday:
Acts 16:22-34, John 16:5-11
Wednesday:
Acts 17:15, 22—18:1, John 16:12-15
Thursday:
Acts 18:1-8, John 16:16-20
Friday:
Acts 18:9-18, John 16:20-23
Saturday:
Sunday:
Acts 1:12-14, 1 Peter 4:13-16,
John 17:1-11a

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK
Do you understand the true spiritual meaning of hope? Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness. It is found when we place our trust in Christ’s promises and rely not on our own strength, but on the help of the Holy Spirit. Hope, when seen in this way, doesn’t set its sights purely on the things of this world but on the promises of God to come. Hope always is linked with faith and love. Often our hope can become too self-focused and something that is only about me and things that matter to me. Christ’s resurrection reminds us that it is not ultimately for this purpose. What is the reason for your hope? Our Easter season provides the opportunity for us to again assess whether it is the kingdom of heaven and life eternal or something else. ©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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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 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.

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