

"While the world changes, the cross stands firm" ~ St. Bruno of Cologne



St. Bruno Parish

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 24, 2023

WELCOME

to St. Bruno Parish. We are glad you joined us.

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.

Parish Office

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Office Hours:

Monday & Wednesday 8:30am—3pm Thursday 8:30am—12:30pm Closed Tuesday & Friday School: 262-965-2291 Website: StBrunoParish.com

Email: stbruno226@gmail.com

Eucharistic Celebrations:

Monday 8am Wednesday 8:45am (During Summer at 8am)

Saturday 4pm Sunday 10:30am

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Reconciliation

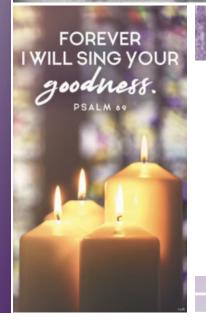
1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month at 10am

The Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel is

open 24/7 for private prayer.
Eucharistic Adoration is
every Tuesday from 2:004:00pm in the Chapel.







Readings for the Week

Readings for the week of December 24, 2023

More detail can be found at: http://bible.usccb.org/

Monday: Isaiah 52:7-10 / John 1:1-18

Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 / Matthew 10:17-22

Wednesday: 1 John 1:1-4 / John 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday: 1 John 1:5—2:2 / Matthew 2:13-18

Friday: 1 John 2:3-11 / Luke 2:22-35

Saturday: 1 John 2:12-17 / Luke 2:36-40

Next Sunday:

Ben Sira 3:2-6, 12-14 / Colossians 3:12-21 /Luke 2:22-40

LIVING OUR FAITH

25 Monday

26 Tuesday

27 Wednesday

28 Thursday

8am Christmas Day Mass at St. Bruno

9:30am Christmas Day Mass at St. Paul



8:45am Mass 1pm Small Group



8:45am Piano Lessons 9am Prayer Shawl 6:30pm Rosary

See something interesting? Check out our website for more information.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

And the angel said unto them,

"Fear not!

For, behold, I bring you

tidings of great joy,

Which shall be to all people.

"For unto you is born

this day in the city of David

A Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you:

Ye shall find the babe

wrapped in swaddling clothes,

Lying in a manger.

~ St. Luke 2:10-12

May God grant you and your family a Blessed Merry
Christmas and a Peaceful New Year!
Fr. Dan



Choose ONE 4th Sunday of Advent Mass (green)
AND ONE Christmas Mass (red) to attend.

Thank you to all of our volunteers who spend countless hours throughout the year serving our parish community. It is because of your efforts we are able to continue our ministries within these walls and throughout the community. We are truly grateful for everything you do for the St. Bruno and St. Paul parish communities. Sincerely, Fr. Dan, Deacon Joe and Matt.

Highlights from St. Bruno Stewardship Committee:

In 2023, the Stewardship Committee continued to offer many of the programs/events that we have held in the past, including the Greet, Eat, and meet weekends, our annual Chili Dinner, the Easter Egg Hunt, and the Family Fall Festival. In addition to all we offered our parish in 2023, 2024 will bring about another program called the Buddy System. In an effort to welcome new members and families to St. Bruno Parish, we will pair one current member of the parish with the new member and implement a process to welcome and encourage the new member to become engaged and participate in parish life. We are building upon the St. Bruno theme of BELIEVE, BELONG and BECOME. (Polly Blommel, Stewardship Committee—St. Bruno)

WE'RE SO GLAD You're here

Welcome to St. Bruno!

We hope you're blessed today as we worship together. Please feel free to stop by the welcome table in the Gathering Place for more information or to connect with us!

If you have any questions about our parish, please contact our parish office or visit our website. We're so glad you're here and we hope to see you again!

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A Big Thank You

We thank each one of you who supported our St. Vincent de Paul Thanksgiving Food Pantry Drive. Your generosity will help needy families receive free food in our local area.

God's Blessings
Thank you all
St. Bruno SVDP





Giving through We Share!
Visit our Parish website www.stbrunoparish.com
and click the online GIVING box. Contact the Parish Office
with any questions.

FINANCIAL CORNER

Parish Support: November 25, 2023—December 1, 2023 Regular Parish Support (envelopes/electronic, etc.)*		
Offertory		\$572
Total		
*Excludes any form of extraordinary income for both years.		
•	Year to Date	Last Year to Date
	7/1/23 - 12/1/23	7/1/22 - 12/2/22
Regular Parish Support'	* \$246,378	\$266,619
Offertory:		
Total:	\$258,159	\$277,780

29 Friday



30 Saturday
4pm Mass



31 Sunday

10:30am Mass



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St. Bruno Parish School

St. Bruno is a School Choice School

Now is the time to check out St. Bruno Parish School for your child's education next year. We offer small class sizes and teacher -led instruction in a faith-filled environment. Call the school



office (262-965-2291) to schedule a tour, or for more information on the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program.

faith can move mountains

LOOKING FOR WAYS TO SHARE THE FAITH WITH YOUR CHILDREN?

Enroll your child in a Catholic School! St. Bruno Parish School is a K3-8 school whose mission is to inspire academic excellence and instill Catholic values within a faithfilled community and beyond. Now is the

time to check out St. Bruno Parish School for your child's education next year. We offer small class sizes and teacher-led instruction in a faith-filled environment. St. Bruno also participates in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program. Call the school office (262-965-2291) to schedule a tour and find out if we are the right fit for your family!

Need additional ideas on sharing the faith? Head to the <u>Catholic Sprouts website</u> for ideas! They have activities that are a great way to help your family grow in the Catholic faith. Another great site for celebrating our faith year round is <u>Catholic Moms</u>. Check it out!



CHILD & FAMILY MINISTRY

Jesus Is Born

Luke 2:6-11

While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields

and keeping the night watch over their flock.

The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear.

The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim

to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord.

Children at Family Class look with awe and wonder at the Nativity scene.

May your family feel the love of Jesus this Christmas.

~Amy Golden: Shared Director of Child & Family Ministry

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

The students and staff thank you for your prayers and support throughout the year. We wish you a very Merry Christmas and the Peace of Christ in the New Year!



CHRISTMAS

We extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to all who have joined us in worship, especially those who may be visiting our church for the first time or returning after a period away. It is truly a blessing to have you with us!

At St. Paul & St. Bruno, we believe in the power of community, love, and faith. Whether you are a regular member of our parishes or a newcomer exploring the beauty of our Catholic faith, we are grateful for your presence among us.

As we embark on this new liturgical year, let us remember that our faith journey is a year-long pilgrimage. Each season brings its own unique blessings and challenges, and together we navigate the path of discipleship. Throughout the year, we gather as a faith family to celebrate the joys of the Lenten season, the solemnity of Advent, and the grace found in ordinary moments.

To our guests, we hope you feel the warmth of our faith community and the embrace of God's love during your time with us. We invite you to return and explore the richness of our parish life. Join us anytime throughout the year as we grow together in faith, deepen our relationship with God, and support one another in life's journey.

If you have any questions or would like more information about our parish, please feel free to ask one of our ushers who will be happy to assist you. You can also stop by our blue welcome table, located in the Gathering Space, where we can provide you with more ways to stay connected and involved in the life of St. Paul Church & St. Bruno Parish.

Once again, thank you for being part of our Christmas celebrations. We look forward to seeing you again!

In Christ's love,

St. Paul Church & St. Bruno Parish

~Jamie Gapinski: Shared Community Engagement Coordinator

Wishing a very special Christmas to those who joined the Church last Easter and to those preparing to join us next Easter.
Would you like more information about joining the church? Please call the Parish Office for more information.



CHRISTMAS 2023

"And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." Luke 2:12



2023 WAS A GREAT YEAR!





dents and an adult small

group

Pictures from Mary Kral:

Shared Director of Hu-

man Concerns & Adult Formation.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It's no accident that when Jesus was born, he was placed in a manger. Think of it – the Son of God, born among us in absolute poverty, and placed in a trough meant for animal food. He became our Bread of Life. "This King of Kings came to us as food, feeding a starving humanity 'with his tender love," Pope Francis once said. How true, and that continues today with the ultimate gift we receive at every Mass – Jesus in the Eucharist.

This Christmas, we are in the second year of the Eucharistic Revival, a special time in our Church when we are called to renew our devotion to the Eucharist. Jesus is truly present, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, and is there to sustain us in all that we do. Come and receive Him at Mass, and never go hungry. Sit with Him in Adoration and find comfort in the love He has for you, today and always.

As we look to resolutions for the new year, I suggest you resolve to make this extra effort to deepen your relationship with Christ. What an amazing opportunity to focus on the Eucharist as the Source and Summit of our faith – for it is through the Eucharist that we are united with Christ and with one another.

May peace and joy be with you and your family this Christmas, and throughout the New Year.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Jewent & Kistecker

Most Reverend Jerome E. Listecki

Archbishop of Milwaukee

OUR PARISH FAMILY

St. Bruno Book Club: Reading a good book is often better if you can discuss with others. St. Bruno's Book Club welcomes anyone interested in sharing their thoughts on a variety of books. The Book Club meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:30 am in the Parish Family Room and sometimes at member's homes. You can come whenever you choose.



Upcoming Books:

January 14: An Elephant in the Garden: Inspired by a True Story by Michael Morpurgo
February 11: Empty Mansions, The Mysterious Life of Huguette Clark and the Spending of a Great American Fortune by Bill Dedman & Paul Clark Newell Jr. Please call Nancy Klemp at 414-861-4204 for more info.

ALL GUYS WELCOME!

St. Bruno Men's Holy Name Society will be starting its next semester on September 14, 2023, and will continue for 13 Thursday mornings in the parish Gathering Space. *The group is on break the week of Thanksgiving.

Breakfast begins at 5:30 with the program starting at 6:00 am and finishing promptly at 7:00. All men are

Give it a try! Share and grow in your faith, enjoy a great breakfast and mosi importantly, grow closer to God

Contact Jerry Strand at 262-844-2988 for more info.



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All are welcome!

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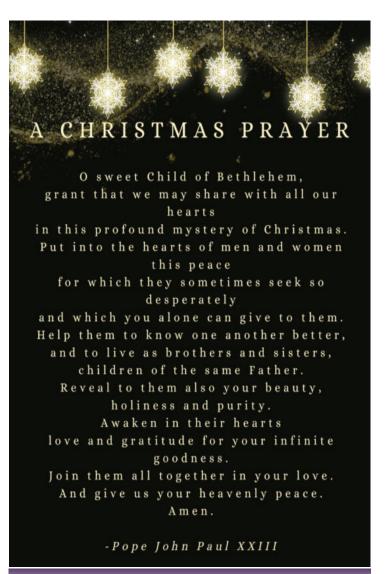
surrounding the heart of those living in poverty bringing them the real, lasting, and deep joy of Christmas.

WORD OF LIFE

"O Blessed Mother, at the angel's word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own. By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations... Obtain for us the grace to bring Christ to any expectant mother who is alone and afraid."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

Prayer for Radical Solidarity (www.respectlife.org/prayer-for-radical-solidarity)

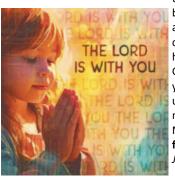


GOSPEL MEDITATION

Life is troubling. Who among us has not struggled with anxiety and difficulties, sometimes massive ones? I certainly have, as have many of my loved ones. If we do, does this mean that we don't trust the Lord or just need to toughen up?

I don't think so. How encouraging for us anxious and troubled souls to hear Luke describe the Blessed Mother Mary in these words, "But she was greatly troubled at what was said." An archangel has visited her. An inconceivable promise has been made to her. Her life has become wildly unpredictable, perhaps more so than any person before or since. The first point for us: the Lord is with her precisely when she is troubled. Her anxiousness and God's presence are not mutually exclusive. Christianity is not about a trance-like robotic indifference. It's about the presence of divine love. Even in — especially in — troubled circumstances.

Our troubled soul can become our greatest treasure. What seems so



troubling at first to Mary becomes the best possible thing, Jesus, the Savior and Lord, is now her son. All the difficulties and troubles remain, and yet her movement into the fullness of God is accelerated. What is troubling you right now? This scripture invites us now, this week, to hear the Lord's messenger say to us what he said to Mary, "Do not be afraid! You have found favor with God." — Father John Muir ©LPi

WHAT'S GOING ON AT ST. PAUL

ST. PAUL MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday: 5:30 p.m. / Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

Weekdays: Tuesday & Friday 8:00 a.m.

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Content for January 7th bulletin is due on or before December 26th After December 26th, we return to our regular schedule of content being due 10 days prior to publication, for example, January 14th content is due on or before January 4th.

Please email content to cwick@stpaulgenesee.net and include the date of publication in your subject line.

Thank you for your help during this busy Holiday season!

ST BRUNO'S LITURGICAL WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS: DECEMBER 25 – DECEMBER 31

Christmas Day Mass

Mon 8:00 AM † Maria Reutto by Martha Stevens

9:30 AM (Mass at St. Paul)

Tues 8:00AM (Mass at St. Paul)

Wed 8:00 AM † Edwin Mueller by Nancy Hernke

Fri 8:00 AM (Mass at St. Paul)

Sat 4:00pm † Judy Mundschau by Mr.

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5:30pm (Mass at St. Paul)

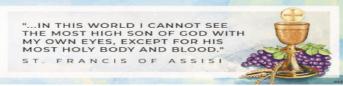
Sun 9:00 AM (Mass at St. Paul)

10:30 AM Parishioners of St. Bruno & St. Paul

MASS INTENTIONS

If you are interested in signing up for a Mass intention for 2024 our books have many dates available.

There is a stipend of \$10 per mass scheduled. Please contact the Parish 262.965.2332 for information.



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