

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



St. Bruno Parish

THE HOLY FAMILY

DECEMBER 31, 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

226 W. Ottawa Ave. Dousman, WI 53118 PH: 262-965-2332

Office Hours:

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

Eucharistic Celebrations:

Email: stbruno226@gmail.com

Monday 8am

Wednesday 8:45am

(During Summer at 8am)

Saturday 4pm

Sunday 10:30am

Reconciliation

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

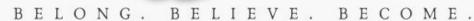
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The Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel is

open 24/7 for private prayer.
Eucharistic Adoration is
every Tuesday from 2:00-

4:00pm in the Chapel.







Readings for the Week

Readings for the week of December 31, 2023

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

Monday:

Numbers 6:22-27 / Galatians 4:4-7 / Luke 2:16-21 Tuesday: 1 John 2:22-28 / John 1:19-28 Wednesday: 1 John 2:29—3:6 / John 1:29-34 Thursday: 1 John 3:7-10 / John 1:35-42 Friday: 1 John 3:11-21 / John 1:43-51 Saturday: 1 John 5:5-13 / Mark 1:7-11

Next Sunday:

Isaiah 60:1-6 / Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Matthew 2:1-12

LIVING OUR FAITH

1 Monday

No School 8am Mass 2 Tuesday

No School

3 Wednesday

Back To School!
8:45am Mass
1pm Small Group
6:30pm Women's Bible Study

4 Thursday

8:45am Piano Lessons 9am Prayer Shawl 5:30pm Home & School Committee

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

WEEKLY GOSPEL MEDITATION

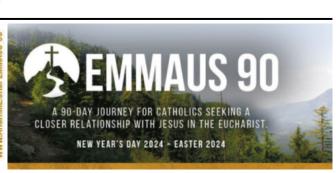
I remember the first time my older sister asked me if I wanted to hold her newborn son. Terrified, I told her I didn't think it was a good idea. My résumé had nothing to suggest I would be a qualified baby holder. But she warmly told me, "I'll help you hold him." It struck me that she is baby's



mother. She is the one who decides who is qualified to hold him. I took him in my arms and soon I began to feel comfortable with that tiny little warm cooing creature in my arms, and soon I no longer feared holding him. Now, twenty-seven nieces and nephews later, holding a newborn child is one of the great joys of my life

Do we sometimes think that Jesus is given only to the highly qualified, special religious people? In the Gospel of Luke today we hear about the presentation of the Lord in the temple. The newborn son of God is passed around like a baton in a relay race, not guarded like a precious jewel or a breakable china dish. We can see him going from the arms of Mary to Joseph, then to the priest performing the ceremony, then to Simeon the old man, then to Anna the old widow. Each one receiving him and then handing him to the next. A tidal wave of joy and thanksgiving follows wherever he is placed.

Believe me, you are qualified to hold Jesus in your arms. How can I say that with such confidence? Because the mother decides who is qualified. The Blessed Virgin, embodied in the Church, holds him out to you and me. She rejoices to place him in our arms to hold, and to hand him on, too. — Father John Muir ©LPi







Dousman Community Blood Drive Tuesday, January 9th 1:30pm—6:30pm

Dousman Community Center 235 N Main St. Dousman. WI

Sign up at bit.ly/dousmannov23 or call 1-877-232-4376 to register. Appointments are encouraged (and will save you time) but walk-ins are also welcome. Walk-ins will be invited to take an open spot when the schedule permits. Thank you!



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.)*		
Total		\$3,532
*Excludes any form of extraordinary income for both years.		
	Year to Date	Last Year to Date
	7/1/23 - 12/1/23	
Regular Parish Support*	` \$246,378	\$266,619
Offertory:	\$11,781	\$11,161
Total:	\$258,159	\$277,780

5 Friday



6 Saturday

4pm Mass



7 Sunday

10am Faith Formation Gr K3—5 / RCIA @ St. Paul 10:30am Mass
6pm Faith Formation Gr 6-12 @ St. Paul

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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

Feast Of The Holy Family

They Follow God's Lead
The Scriptures paint the early life
of the Holy Family as God calls
them to a special mission. With
the angel Gabriel, we greet Mary
and learn of her calling to become the Mother of God. Our
introduction to St. Joseph consists of him deciding to divorce
Mary quietly, believing she



brought shame and dishonor upon him and his family. But an angel invites Joseph to change his mind and take Mary into his home, to become the guardian of Mary and Jesus, the husband of Mary and foster-father of Jesus.

In that home at Nazareth we meet a couple who shows an openness to allowing God to lead their life together. Mary surely had other plans for her life; as many believe, she took a vow of virginity at an early age, so becoming a physical mother was something she did not anticipate. Yet, she heard God's invitation, and knew that His plans were better for her life; therefore, she gives her fiat — that is, her "yes" to God.

St. Joseph opens his heart to the messenger sent by God and takes Mary into his home. This would not be the first or last time that St. Joseph followed God's lead in his life as he protected the Holy Family. After Jesus' birth in Bethlehem, they follow the prompting of an angel to flee into Egypt for safety and wait there until another angelic message leads them back home. The Holy Family is a great example for families everywhere to always be open to whatever God's will might be and to always be listening for God to speak. He might speak his will in prayer or through another person. By our own prayer and discernment, we too can follow God's lead for our life.

Source: Simply Catholic

~Amy Golden: Shared Director of Child & Family Ministry

Important Notice from Child & Family Ministry

Since that start of the quarantine during the pandemic, I have been writing a weekly bulletin article. The purpose was to help parishioners to learn more about the traditions of our Church, and offer ways for families to grow their Domestic Church.

Starting in the New Year, the focus of the bulletin articles will be to share what is happening in the ministry with pictures. This will probably be a monthly article in the bulletin.

If you have enjoyed the content of the bulletin articles in the last few years and would like to receive the weekly newsletter that is sent to the families with children in our program age 3 through grade 5, please contact Amy Golden at agolden@stpaulgenesee.net.



Ways To Help In 2024

VISIT the SICK, COMFORT the AFFLICTED

Both our parishes have talented, generous members who knit/crochet prayer shawls, baptismal blankets, and other items. If you are visiting someone who is sick, you are welcome to take along a prayer shawl to bring some comfort. Contact Yvonne Hickey (jonvon@execpc.com) at

St Bruno or JoAnn Presta (jdpresta@gmail.com) at St Paul to make arrangements to pick out a handmade prayer shawl.

On a related note, if you are cleaning closets and find more yarn than you know what to do with, your donations will be transformed into vessels of comfort for the afflicted. Leave a message with your parish contact.

~Mary Kral: Shared Director of Adult Formation & Human Concerns







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WINTER YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

Take time to enjoy being away from your daily routine. Our Winter Weekend Retreat is an opportunity to experience renewal within a vibrant young adult Catholic community. Whether you are already passionate about living your faith or are just looking to get to know the community, Christ, or the Church, you have a place here.

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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.

ELEPHANT GARDEN

Upcoming Books:

January 9: An Elephant in the Garden: Inspired by a True Story by Michael Morpurgo February 13: 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 mosimportantly, grow closer to God.

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



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ALL MEN WELCOME.

Invite someone.

Spread the word.



Rooted Women's Group:

We meet the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm

Call Ellen Knaflic 262-689-7938 or Aimee Daniels 262-993-4003 All are welcome!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. During our New Year may our families "grow in wisdom and have the favor of God upon them."

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring Christmas to the hearts of the

poor, by assisting many families, providing food, gifts, and money for utility and rent bills. Thanks!

WORD OF LIFE

"Dearest St Joseph... Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life —especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life (www.respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph)

OUR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

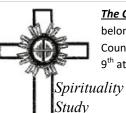


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The Catholic Study Club: We welcome women belonging to any Catholic parish in Waukesha County. Our luncheon will be on Tuesday, January 9th at a Waukesha restaurant. Following the lunch-

eon, Talis Westerby will present *Doing*Less, Better: The Essentials of Our Catholic
Faith. Reservations are required and due
by Sunday, December 31st, please give
Jane a call at 262-549-3803.

LADIES: IF YOU ARE AGED 35+, THIS EVENING IS FOR YOU!

January 17, 2024 • 6:30-8 p.m. | Cost: \$15 Christ King Parish I 2604 N. Swan Blvd., Milwaukee, WI 53226

Menopause occurs between ages 45-55 for many women. Perimenopause is the 10 years prior to menopause. During this transitional time, women experience shifting menstrual cycle patterns and fertility. Learn what that looks like and what to expect at our new Perimenopause Pres event.

Service

Whether you're already noticing cycle changes, or are just looking ahead, this event will equip you with the tools needed to navigate perimenopause with confidence and positivity! Grab a sister or a friend and plan to join us!

Contact Tori Franke with questions franket@archmil.org, 414-758-2241

Check out: https://relevantradio.com/eucharisticencounters/



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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.

Reconciliation: 2nd & 4th Saturday 10:00 a.m. or by appointment

Adoration: Thursdays at 6pm

SPAGHETTI DINNER

sponsored by the St. Paul Knights of Columbus



Saturday, January 13

Immediately following Mass

We will be serving spaghetti with meat sauce (or meatless!) along with salad and garlic bread. Come for simple fellowship and casual conversation with our parish community! Everyone's invited.



St. Paul & St. Bruno Parish



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ST BRUNO'S LITURGICAL WEEK

Mass Intentions: January 1 – January 7

Mon 8:00 AM † Judy Mundschau by Mr.

Mundschau

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

Wed 8:45 AM † Kurt Hendrick by J. Parulski

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

† Joseph Schutten by Betty Igl 4:00pm Sat

> 5:30pm (Mass at St. Paul)

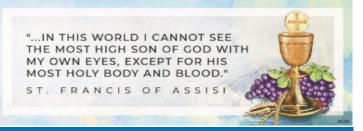
Sun (Mass at St. Paul) 9:00 AM

10:30 AM † Joseph Schutten by Dan Igl

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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Closed Tuesday & Friday ~ Monday & Wednesday 8:30am - 3:00pm ~ Thursday 8:30am-12:30pm

Bulletin articles are due before 3pm on Thursday of the week prior to publication (at least 10 days before article appears in bulletin). Please E-MAIL content and artwork to

cwick@stpaulgenesee.net

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