

ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH



THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 16, 2023

WELCOME

to the congregation of St. Paul Catholic Church. We are glad you joined us.

St. Paul Mission Statement

As a welcoming faith community centered in the Eucharist and guided by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to give glory to our Lord Jesus Christ through:

Inspirational Worship Faithful Discipleship Service to Others

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ST. PAUL EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Tue & Fri 8:00am Mass
Thursday 6:00pm Adoration
Saturday 5:30pm Mass
Sunday 9:00am Mass
Reconciliation 2nd & 4th
Saturday 10:00am
or by Appointment
Contact the parish office if you

would like access to the Adoration Chapel.

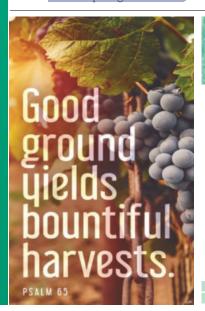


15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt 13:23

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Welcome! We are happy to have you join us at Mass. If you are visiting, looking for a new parish or just need more information about the Catholic faith, simply visit our website at www.stpaulgenesee.net, call us at 262-968-3865 or email at office@stpaulgenesee.net



Readings for the Week

Readings for the week of July 16, 2023

http://bible.usccb.org/

Monday: Exodus 1:8-14, 22 / Matthew 10:34—11:1
Tuesday: Exodus 2:1-15a / Matthew 11:20-24
Wednesday: Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12 / Matthew 11:25-27
Thursday: Exodus 3:13-20 / Matthew 11:28-30
Friday: Exodus 11:10—12:14 / Matthew 12:1-8
Saturday: Song of Songs 3:1-4b / John 20:1-2, 11-18

Next Sunday:

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 / Romans 8:26-27 / Matthew 13:24-43

LIVING OUR FAITH

17 Monday

Today is a great day to read your Bible!



18 Tuesday

8am Mass

at St. Bruno

8:30am-1pm Parish Office

6pm Safe Environment Training

Closed for Staff Training

19 Wednesday

6pm Men's Basketball



20 Thursday

9:30am Faith & Life 6pm Adoration & Prayer



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

Weekly Message



It's not uncommon to hear people complain that we Catholics often fail in communicating our faith. Fair enough. We can and should improve there. But it's interesting to notice that Jesus himself was implicitly accused by his disciples of a similar failure. This week in Matthew's gospel they are perplexed that he speaks to the crowds in ambiguous parables. The Lord's riddles leave many people more confused than before. He responds by



pointing out that his parables have an intentional dual purpose: to hide (for some) and to reveal (for others) his Gospel: "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted" (Matthew 13:11). Is Jesus being unnecessarily difficult, obscurantist, or, worse, elitist?

No. We have to remember that all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge lie hidden in him (c.f., Col. 2:3). He is the word of God from heaven to be planted in the earth of our humanity to bear great fruit. However, like a lover delicately pursuing his beloved, we're dealing with a *relationship*, not new data. When we aren't willing to personally accept Jesus into our lives, the "info" of the Gospel will simply not make sense to us. It'll seem bizarre, esoteric, or like incoherent religiousspeak. But when we are willing to accept Jesus into our lives, everything else starts to make sense. When others don't understand the Church or the Lord, let's be patient. Love is patient. Sometimes it has to hide before it is revealed. — Father John Muir ©LPi

- \$767,805 pledged to date
- 64% of goal
- 872 Households
- 162 Pledges
- Average Pledge \$4,740
- 19% participation





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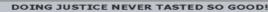
St Paul is partnering with St Bruno's St Vincent de Paul school supply drive this month. Items most need-

ed: backpacks, filler paper (wide & college), index cards, pink wedge erasers, glue sticks, glue bottles, yellow highlighters, colored pencils, pens (blue, black, red), pocket folders, 24 pack crayons, scissors



(blunt, sharp), spiral notebooks. Deliver IN JULY to marked bins at the church entrance so supplies can be packed and distributed to children in the beginning of August. Thank you for helping St Vincent de Paul help others.

Safe Environment Certification: We require all of our employees and volunteers that work with children in any capacity to be Safe Environment certified. St. Bruno is hosting an INITIAL Safe Environment training on Tuesday, July 18th. If you need your INITIAL Safe Environment training, please register on CMG Connect. This is a PERFECT opportunity to meet your requirements before Autumn volunteer opportunities start. Please note that this training is not for RENEWAL of certification. Contact the Parish Office with any questions..



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*Excludes any form of extraordinary income for both years.

Fiscal Year to Date 7/1/22 - 6/30/23 Last Fiscal Year to Date 7/1/21 - 6/30/22

 Regular Parish Support*
 \$664,321.03
 \$693,785.74

 Offertory:
 \$24,315.19
 \$27,390.75

 Total:
 \$688,636.22
 \$721,176.49

21 Friday

8am Mass 9am Renew Group (SB & SP) At St. Bruno 22 Saturday

8am Men's Basketball 10am Reconciliation / Confession 5:30pm Mass



23 Sunday

9am Mass 1pm Youth Ministry Summer Series



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

Child & Family Ministry

Celebrating Ordinary Time Series

Saints are a great way to show your family how to live a life that shines a relationship with Jesus...and that makes ordinary time a great time to begin a family tradition of reading the stories of the saints on a regular basis. Source: Teaching Catholic Kids

This is a great place to get started. Meet the Saints: https://mycatholickids.com/allthe-saints/

Remind your kids that saints



were not perfect, but human just like us. The Church recognizes the holiness of certain individuals and honors some with the title of "saint." If you make it to heaven, you are a saint – whether or not the Church recognizes you as one publicly.

Whether your life is ever investigated or a statue ever chiseled, the good news is that **God has given us every opportunity to become saints in our everyday life.** He's given us the Sacraments to ensure we become holy and the saints to offer a model of life and example of prayer. The only thing missing is your consent to allow the Holy Spirit to make you a saint.

Your sainthood doesn't begin when a council starts investigating your life. Your invitation to sainthood began at your Baptism. Your life – right now – is your RSVP. Just live today and every day for heaven and let your resume take care of itself. *Source: Lifeteen*

Enjoy learning about the saints with your future saints! ~ Amy Golden: Shared Directory of Child & Family Ministry

Youth Ministry (Middle & High School)

This summer, St. Paul Catholic Church is excited to announce the creation of a brand new prayer space in our green space on campus. It will feature a prairie-like landscape with wildflowers; within it, there will be an outdoor Stations of the Cross/Walking Rosary. This will be a space for Parishioners as well as the community to use to engage in their Spiritual Life for years to come. We are so excited to announce that this will be a youth-driven project!

The first step on this project is the formation of a "think-tank" for this project where we will discuss design elements and other ideas for the space. We will talk further about this at our High School Summer Small Group this weekend. If your teen is interested in joining the "think-tank" have them reach out to me at awass@stpaulgenesee.net.

Throughout the summer, we will then begin construction on this area which will involve planting, helping to spread mulch/gravel, digging holes for the Stations of the Cross posts, placing the posts, and more! 2023/2024 CONFIRMATION PREP STUDENTS, any hours spent on this project will count toward your 25 service hour (10 hours to be spent at St. Paul or St. Bruno) requirement for this upcoming Fall!!!

"Abby Wass: Shared Director of Youth & High School Ministry

FAITH FORMATION Registration is

Registration is Now Open

K3 - 5th Grade: St. Bruno & St. Paul Family of Faith:





6-11 Grade GO FISH: St. Bruno & St. Paul Youth:





Register Today!
Students MUST be registered before classes start on September 10th. Early registration is appreciated!

Adult Faith Formation

Is the WORD bearing fruit in your life?

The prophet Isaiah reminded his audience of the divine activity of God at work: rain and snow water the earth, making it fruitful, giving seed...and bread. As Wisconsinites, we know that our Creator has a plan for our lawns and trees and perennials under the blanket of white (I couldn't resist using a winter scene because it's been so hot and humid!). God's WORD is another part of His plan for us: "The word comes gently from God, never intended to remain suspended like clouds in midair, but to soak the earth and to be drawn back toward God like



plants and trees. God's spirit is infused within human beings where it brings forth divine fruits. God's word is less a message and more an event, or better an event perceived in the mystery of Israel's salvation." (source: New Jerome Biblical Commentary) For us, the event of those seeds sown on rich soil in today's gospel illuminate our place in God's plan of salvation: Is the WORD growing and being shared in your life? ~ Mary Kral: Shared Dir of Adult FF & Human Concerns

Thinking About Becoming Catholic?



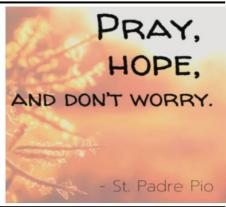
Learn more about RCIA! This process is for unbaptized adults and those baptized in other Christian traditions who wish to be received into the Catholic Church. It is also for those baptized Catholics who have not been raised in the faith, and who now wish to complete

their Initiation Sacraments. The reception of the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist is usually celebrated at our parish Easter Vigil Liturgy. The preparation process takes place throughout the year on Sunday mornings after 9am mass at St Paul. For more information, contact the parish office.

Daily Reflections

In Acts 8:30-31, a seeker of the faith was asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" and his reply was, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" You are invited to receive reflections on the daily readings via email.





Eucharistic Revival

"Indeed, the Eucharist is God's response to the deepest hunger of the human heart, the hunger for authentic life, for in the Eucharist Christ himself is truly in our midst, to nourish, console and sustain us on our journey." Pope Francis

OUR PARISH FAMILY

MEN'S Ministry

Dynamic Men's Group

The men's Bible Study / Small Group will resume meetings on Wednesday, September 20th. Join us at 6am in the cafeteria (come a bit early for fellowship and coffee). See you there!

Questions? Contact Tim Weske: tim.weske.679@gmail.com

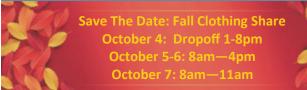


Help Wanted

August 23, two hours of your time, Hope Center meal, Waukesha

Come help set up, serve, and clean up dinner. Hope Center's mission is to reduce the risks of poverty by helping people in Waukesha County meet basic needs. Hope Center is a non-profit organiza-

tion that has been serving the basic needs of financial assistance, food, and clothing in Waukesha County for more than thirty years. St Paul has been helping serve dinner twice/year for many years. Please let Mary Kral know if you would like to help serve: mkral@stpaulgenesee.net





WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ST. BRUNO



Seeking School Staff

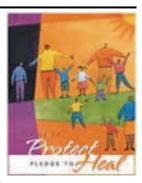
St. Bruno Parish School has open positions for the 2023-2024 school year. Are YOU interested or do you know someone to send our way? We are looking for a second grade teacher and support staff.

Check out our openings on the <u>Careers</u> page of the website.

https://stbrunoparish.com/careers-1

Safeguarding All God's Children

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee requires all adults who work with children as volunteers or employees of our parish/school to complete the Safeguarding All God's Children course. This course is an in-person class and requires a background check following the class in order to be fully certified. We have a Safeguarding class at St. Bruno on Tuesday, July 18 at 6:00 pm. If you are interested in volunteering at the school or with any of our parish youth programs, please register TODAY for this course.



Click the link on the school website: https://stbrunoparish.com/safeguarding-all-gods-children

Greater Catholic Community



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Arrive early at 5pm to join our picnic dinner, and please dress for the weather and bring bug spray, sunscreen and a folding chair or lawn blanket. Chick-fil-A will be available onsite. Learn more at arisemke org/worshipnights.

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Centered on our theme of Stepping Into The Mystery, we will gather, pray, and learn together how to lead people to a life-changing encounter

and relationship with Jesus Christ in preparing them for the Sacraments.

August 24-26, 2023

Find more information and register at: https://archmil.regfox.com/23cc-attreg

WORD OF LIFE

"Because of our belief and hope in the Resurrection, we can face death not with fear, but with preparation.... We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God now, in our daily lives and decisions." Read more at www.respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing"



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St Paul's Liturgical Week

MASS INTENTIONS JULY 17 — JULY 23

Mon 8:00 AM (Mass at St. Bruno)

Tues 8:00AM † Living & Deceased Members of the

Quinn Family by Joseph Quinn

Wed 8:00 AM (Mass at St. Bruno)

Fri 8:00 AM † Robert Schaefer by Nancy, Caroline,

Kim & Wendy

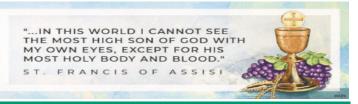
Sat 4:00pm (Mass at St. Bruno)

5:30pm † Kate Sherman by Bereavement

Committee

Sun 9:00 AM St. Paul & St. Bruno Parishioners

10:30 AM (Mass at St. Bruno)



PARISH PERSONNEL

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Shared Staff also works with St. Bruno Parish in Dousman, WI		

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(10 days before article appears in bulletin.)

Please E-MAIL content and artwork to cwick@stpaulgenesee.net



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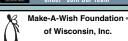
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