

Second
Sunday of
Advent

12/08/2024

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— LUKE 3:5 —



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Thursday
8:30am to 12:30pm Friday
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**WE'RE SO GLAD
YOU'RE HERE!**

Welcome to St. Paul!

We hope you're blessed today as we worship together. Please feel free to stop by the welcome table in the Gathering Space 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 are here and we hope to see you again!

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesdays & Fridays: 8am
Saturday: 5:30pm
Sunday: 9:00am

CONFESSION

Second & Fourth
Saturdays of the Month
10am or by appointment

ADORATION

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like access to our Adoration Chapel.

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Parish Community with
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Find more information at
StBrunoParish.com

Opportunities to BELONG

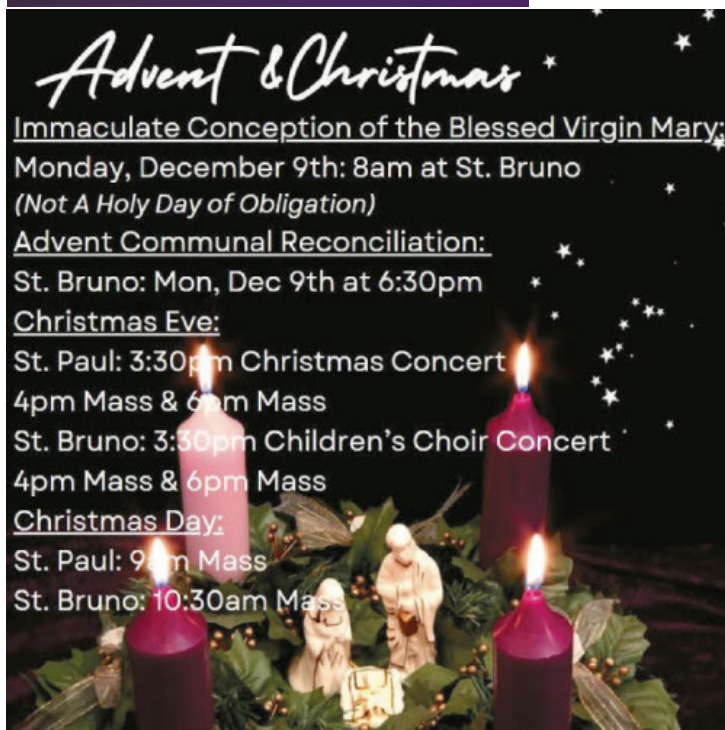
Advent & Christmas

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary:
Monday, December 9th: 8am at St. Bruno
(Not A Holy Day of Obligation)

Advent Communal Reconciliation:
St. Bruno: Mon, Dec 9th at 6:30pm

Christmas Eve:
St. Paul: 3:30pm Christmas Concert
4pm Mass & 6pm Mass
St. Bruno: 3:30pm Children's Choir Concert
4pm Mass & 6pm Mass

Christmas Day:
St. Paul: 9am Mass
St. Bruno: 10:30am Mass




Please Join Us NEXT SUNDAY for Sweet Treats and Time together!

Each Donut Sunday this year will feature a St. Paul ministry and present an opportunity for you to learn YOUR Parish Family.

See you after Sunday Mass!!!

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

Join Us for Communal Reconciliation

Date: Monday, December 9
Time: 6:30 PM
Location: St. Bruno Parish

Prepare your heart for the Advent season with our Communal Reconciliation Service. All are welcome to experience God's grace and forgiveness in a communal setting. Join us for a meaningful evening of prayer, reflection, and reconciliation.



Represent your family, honor someone special, or remember a loved one who has passed away by donating money towards the purchase of poinsettias and live plants for the church and sanctuary during the Christmas Season. Names will be displayed in an upcoming bulletin as we near Christmas. Please return this form and your donation in the offering baskets at any Mass or to the Parish Office during regular business hours.

Please return this form by December 8th!

Donor's Name: _____ Phone Number (____) _____ - _____

<u>In Memory Of...</u> <i>Someone who has passed</i>	<u>In Honor Of</u> <i>Someone living</i>	<u>Name(s)</u> <i>Please Print Clearly</i>
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Total Enclosed:

☐ \$15 ☐ \$25 ☐ \$35 ☐ Other \$ _____

FORMS DUE TODAY

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

9

Monday

Parish Office is closed Mondays
8:30am Giving Tree Pickup
9am Work & Pray / 4pm Pickleball
6:30pm Communal Reconciliation at St. Bruno

10

Tuesday

8am Mass
10:30am Book Club at St. Bruno
6pm Faith Formation Gr 2-5

11

Wednesday

9:30pm Staff Meeting at St. Bruno after Mass
6pm Men's Basketball

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Thursday

9:30am Faith & Life Small Group
4pm Pickleball
7pm Choir Rehearsal

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

Opportunities to BELIEVE

Readings for the Week

Readings for the week of December 8, 2024

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

Monday:

Genesis 3:9-15, 20 / Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12 / Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday: Isaiah 40:1-11 / Matthew 18:12-14

Wednesday: Isaiah 40:25-31 / Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday: Zechariah 2:14-17 / Judith 13:18bcde, 19 / Luke 1:26-38

Friday: Isaiah 48:17-19 / Matthew 11:16-19

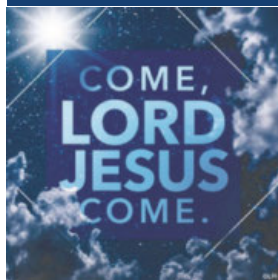
Saturday: Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11 / Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday:

Zechariah 3:14-18a / Philippians 4:4-7 / Luke 3:10-18

LIVING OUR FAITH

GOSPEL MEDITATION: BY FATHER JOHN MUIR



In the year 1995, in the seventeenth year of my life, when Fife Symington was governor of Arizona, Bill Clinton was president of the United States, Chuck Keiffer was pastor of St. Theresa parish in Phoenix, Arizona, and Ron and Mary were my parents, the word of God came to my youth minister Eric and through him I started to see the salva-

tion of God. Soon, Christ came into my life never to leave. I'm thankful beyond words.

Why am I being so specific, you ask? Because in the Gospel this week we hear the specific names of people holding civic and religious authority in first century Palestine when **"the word of God came to John the Baptist:"** Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate, Herod, Philip, Lysanias, Annas, Caiaphas, and Zechariah. All this is meant to help us see that God breaks into our *history*, into real human events. Jesus is no mere myth. He is the Word-which-breaks-in, in concrete moments, you might say. And now we anticipate his coming once again in our specific situations.

Advent challenge: Name as many civic and religious leaders who are in authority currently in your life. Now, name who the potential John the Baptists may be. A spouse? A friend? A podcaster? A work colleague who brings God's word to you? Spend a moment considering that this comprises the concrete, historical setting into which Christ wishes to come. Then, with these specifics in mind, pray: "Come, Lord Jesus. Come." ©LPi

Ministry SPOTLIGHT

St Bruno Parish School unveils The Hendrick-Freres Innovation Center

Students and staff at St. Bruno Parish School celebrated Innovation Week, November 11-15, by enjoying a variety of STEAM



based opportunities during the week. Activities included a Zoom visit from Apollo XIII astronaut Fred Haise, the Grand Opening of The Hendrick-Freres Innovation Center, and a Lunar Landing event.



Guests who attended the grand opening witnessed Mrs. Freres and Kurtie's mom, Erin Hendrick, cut the ribbon. Then they were able to take a tour of the Innovation Center led by our Student Council members.

Students spent the week in the Innovation Center creating Lunar Landers in preparation for the Lunar Landing Drop that took place on Thursday. Students had to create a lander that would keep their egg safe when being dropped from 100 feet in the air. Members of the Western Lakes Fire Department came out to drop the Lunar Landers from their ladder truck. Many students had great success, while some of our "eggstraunauts" did not fair so well on landing.

For more information on the Innovation

Center and all of the educational activities happening at St. Bruno Parish School, check out their website, www.stbrunoparishschool.com



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

13 Friday

8am Mass

14 Saturday

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

15 Sunday

9am Mass
10am Donut Sunday after Mass
10am RCIA
6pm Faith Formation Gr 6-12

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Opportunities to BECOME

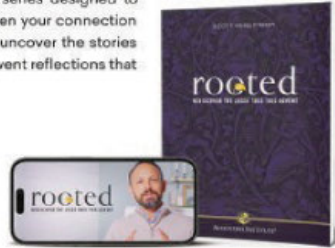
FAITH FORMATION: YOUTH

Attention all high school seniors, college students and adults: If you are interested in being part of a team to plan and facilitate the Confirmation Retreat which will take place February 20-21, please email Cindi Petre at cpetre@stpaulgeneseese.net

Deepen Your Roots in Christ this Advent

This Advent, transform the way you prepare for Christmas by diving into *Rooted: Rediscover the Jesse Tree*—a 25-episode series designed to help you journey through salvation history and deepen your connection to Christ. In just 7 minutes a day, explore Scripture, uncover the stories of Christ's ancestors, and experience meaningful Advent reflections that connect faith to your daily life.

Join Formed and Dr. Scott Hefelfinger as he leads us through the Jesse Tree tradition, a powerful way to reconnect with the roots of our faith! Whether you watch alone or with family, *Rooted* offers a simple and meaningful way to prepare your heart for Christ's coming at Christmas.



Our parishes have a subscription to **Formed** so please check it out! Go to formed.org/signup. Ignore 'create a new account' and enter zip code 53189 in the box. St Paul with a Waukesha address will appear (our parishes share the account). Click on that. You will be asked to enter your email address.

Loaves & Fishes Sunday

Loaves & Fishes Sunday is **NEXT Weekend!**
Money collected will go towards our Human Concerns projects.
Thank you.



GOD loves A cheerful GIVER

2 CORINTHIANS 9:7

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FINANCIAL CORNER

Parish Support: November 16—November 22, 2024

Regular Parish Support (envelopes/electronic, etc.)*:\$13,012.00
Offertory:\$500.56

Total: \$13,512.56

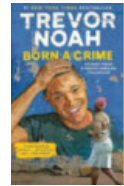
*Excludes any form of extraordinary income for both years.

	<u>Fiscal Year to Date</u>	<u>Last Fiscal Year to Date</u>
	07/01/2024 - 11/22/2024	07/01/2023 - 11/24/2023
Regular Parish Support*:	\$209,581.00.....	\$217,762.51
Offertory:	\$10,175.95.....	\$9,282.86
Total:	\$219,756.95.....	\$227,045.37

What's Happening @ ST. BRUNO

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:



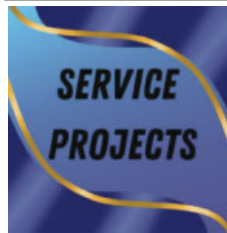
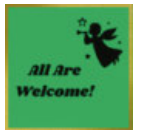
December 10: Born A Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood by Trevor Noah

January 14: The Summer Book by Tove Jansson
Please call Nancy Klemp at 414-861-4204 for more info.

OUR St. Bruno Parish SCHOOL

SONGS OF THE SEASON

Join us on Wednesday, December 18, 6:30 PM, for the St. Bruno Parish School Christmas Concert! Our students have been working hard and invite you to come to the church and hear them perform music of the season. We hope to see you there!



St. Bruno Parish School students and staff have been busy with several service projects which focus on the Corporal Works of Mercy. These include raking yards for parish members, baking cookies for St. Ben, packing and sending 162 boxes to Operation Christmas Child, and making 14 tied blankets for a hurricane relief project and St. Ben's. Thank you to everyone who supports these projects allowing us to teach the children about the importance of giving back to the community and treating others as Jesus would. God Bless!

You are invited to join us for the Hendrick-Freres Innovation Center Open House on Sunday, December 15, following 10:30 AM mass until 12:30 PM. The Innovation Center is our STEAM lab and students have the opportunity to use 3D printers, create with Legos, build circuits and more. We are excited to show you what our students are building and learning!



Greater Catholic COMMUNITY

Looking for a retreat before or after the upcoming Holidays?

Check out www.elizabethministry.com/events.

Elizabeth Ministry International hosts lovely retreats and pilgrimages at their Zechariah House in Kaukauna, WI.



People, Prayer & Resources

MT MERU MINISTRY

For many years our parish has had a self-serve cart in the Gathering Space featuring coffee from Tanzania. The project has provided small farmers with a fair price for their premium coffee. Over time, we have seen a decline in the purchase of the coffee and have made the decision to phase out this ministry. The cart will remain until most of the coffee has been sold. You may still support small farmers by purchasing Mt Meru coffee online: <https://www.mtmerucoffee.org/collections/all>.

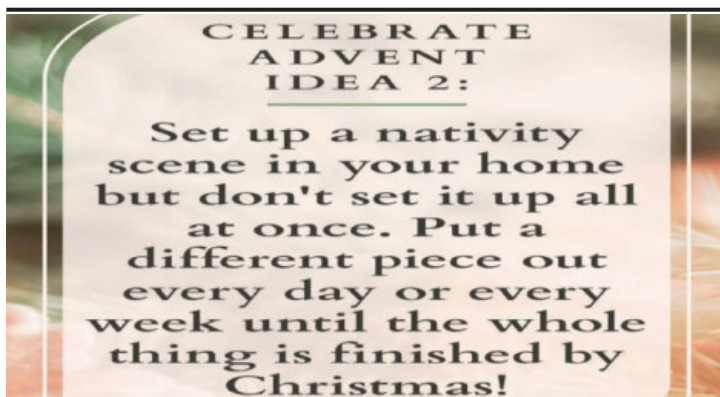


FAITH FORMATION: YOUTH



To bless others with prayer is a beautiful expression of our faith and a comfort to those in need. The Middle School and High School students plus the catechists have been putting their prayer intentions on the "Prayer Wall" in the Gathering Space. Please feel free to take a scroll and bless our youth and adults with your prayers for their needs and the needs of our greater community.

~ Cindi Petre: Director of Youth Ministry



ST PAUL'S LITURGICAL WEEK:

MASS INTENTIONS: DECEMBER 8 — DECEMBER 15

Mon	8:00 AM	(Mass At St. Bruno)
Tues	8:00 AM	† John Hale by Jean Hale † Yolanda Diaz Delgado by the Valdes Family
Wed	8:45 AM	(Mass At St. Bruno)
Fri	8:00 AM	† Poor Souls In Purgatory by a Caring Parishioner
Sat	4:00 PM 5:30 PM	(Mass at St. Bruno) † Conrad Radzinski by the Work & Pray Group
Sun	9:00 AM	† Connie Cosgrove by Jackie & Don Schmidt † Jess Olson by Friends of the Olson Family
	10:30 AM	(Mass at St. Bruno)

MASS INTENTIONS

If you are interested in signing up for a Mass intention for 2025 our books have many dates available, especially weekdays! There is a stipend of \$20 per mass scheduled. Please contact the Parish 262-968-3865 for information.

Early Bulletin Due Dates

- Content for 12/22/2024 is due by 12/09/2024
NOTE: This is the Christmas Issue
- Content for 12/29/2024 is due by 12/16/2024
- Content for 01/05/2025 is due by NOON on 12/26/2024
- Content for 01/12/2025 is due by 01/02/2025

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* This staff also works with St. Bruno Parish in Dousman, WI

Prayer Network:

For our Parish families, those facing surgery, those undergoing treatment for cancer and other chronic illnesses.

Email prayernetwork@stpaulgenesees.net to add someone to our prayer list.

Bulletin Content:

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@stpaulgenesees.net

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