

Third  
Sunday of  
Advent

12/15/2024

# ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

A PEOPLE CALLED TO BELONG, BELIEVE & BECOME



**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.

Part of a  
**Parish Community** with  
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Find more information at  
[StBrunoParish.com](http://StBrunoParish.com)



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Parish Office Hours:  
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8:30am to 4pm Tuesday thru  
Thursday  
8:30am to 12:30pm Friday  
Closed Weekends



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## Opportunities to BELONG



Please Join Us **THIS 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 about YOUR Parish Family.  
See you after Sunday Mass!!!

**Christmas**  
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

St. Paul & St. Bruno Parish

# RECREATIONAL PICKLEBALL

**Starts Monday 11/4**

**JOIN US IN ST. PAUL'S GYM**

**SERVE, SMASH, AND SCORE! JOIN US FOR PICKLEBALL!**

Calling all pickleball players and those wanting to learn! Whether you're an experienced player or new to the game, this casual, inter-parish opportunity is for YOU!

- Wear comfy clothes/gym shoes
- Friendly instruction if you need it
- Bring a paddle or try ours before you buy
- FREE to play/just show up!

MONDAYS & THURSDAYS 4:00-6:30PM

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## 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



## St. Vincent de Paul Donation Box Reminder

Please remember that the St. Vincent de Paul donation box in our parking lot only accepts clothing, shoes, and small household items. No furniture or electronics are to be left at or outside of the box. Absolutely nothing should be left on the ground. If your items do not fit inside the box, please take them home and make other arrangements for donation.

WHILE THIS BOX IS OPEN FOR PUBLIC USE, WE APPRECIATE YOUR HELP IN KEEPING OUR PARISH CAMPUS CLEAN AND NEAT.

## Celebrate Advent Idea 3:

Bake cookies to secretly drop off to your neighbors. Include a Christmas card with an Advent prayer or an invitation to Christmas Mass at your parish! © LPI

## FAITH FORMATION: ADULT

### NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION TIME

Ascension is introducing a new podcast: *The Rosary in a Year*. The podcast is **not** 365 daily rosaries ... it's about how to **appreciate** and **enter into** the rosary. Every day, Fr. Mark-Mary will examine an aspect of the rosary and give listeners something to focus on—then lead prayer. Throughout the year, he will read Scripture passages associated with the mysteries, reflections from saints, lead *visio divina* reflections with sacred art, and of course pray the actual prayers so listeners can pray along. <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/riy-signup?> OR choose some that your fellow parishioners have been enjoying: *The Bible in a Year* <https://media.ascensionpress.com/category/ascension-podcasts/bibleinayear/OR> *The Catechism in a Year* <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/catechisminayear?> ~Mary Kral: Director of Adult Formation

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

16 Monday

Parish Office is closed Mondays  
9am Work & Pray / 4pm Pickleball

17 Tuesday

8am Mass

18 Wednesday

6pm Men's Basketball  
6:30pm Finance Council

19 Thursday

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

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



## Readings for the Week

Readings for the week of December 15, 2024

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

**Monday:** Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a / Matthew 21:23-27

**Tuesday:** Genesis 49:2, 8-10 / Matthew 1:1-17

**Wednesday:** Jeremiah 23:5-8 / Matthew 1:18-25

**Thursday:** Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a / Luke 1:5-25

**Friday:** Isaiah 7:10-14 / Luke 1:26-38

**Saturday:** Song of Songs 2:8-14 / Luke 1:39-45

**Next Sunday:** Micah 5:1-4a / Hebrews 10:5-10 / Luke 1:39-45

## LIVING OUR FAITH

### GOSPEL MEDITATION: BY FATHER JOHN MUIR

On a bright Spring morning, a passerby once saw St. Francis of Assisi hoeing a row of beans and asked him, "What would you be doing right now if you knew this was the last day of your earthly life?" The Saint responded, "I'd keep hoeing this row of beans." Preparing for this world to end — whether by our death or by Jesus' glorious coming — invites us to live not in the past or the present, but deeply in the present moment.

This same point is on display in the simple advice given by the wild and eccentric John the Baptist. He speaks of the one who is to come who will baptize "with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Luke 3:16). Despite the bizarre awesomeness of this announcement, he tells his listeners to engage in the present moment with simple acts of justice and love as their preparation for Jesus' coming, sharing their clothes and food, eliminating greedy and underhanded practices, being content with their wages. It's so undramatic. But how many actually did it? We don't know. How many of us will commit ourselves to these types of humble and demanding practices in our lives? That's what we should be doing now in our present moment, not worrying about the future.

Advent challenge: Name one way you are doing the bare minimum towards others in your daily life. Or name something you are doing because you are not content with your financial situation. Pray: "Jesus, if it is your will, help me to stop doing these things this week. Help me prepare for your coming." Then make the appropriate changes. ©LPi

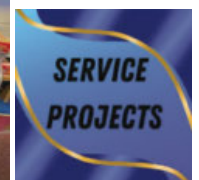


St. Bruno Parish School students and staff have been busy with several service projects which focus on the Corporal Works of Mercy. These include raking yards for parish members, baking cookies for St. Ben, packing and sending 162 boxes to Operation



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!  
~ Tammy  
Price: Administrative Assistant — St. Bruno Parish School



### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

20 Friday

8am Mass

9:30am Renew Group Offsite

21 Saturday

8am Men's Basketball

10am Confession at St. Bruno

5:30pm Mass

22 Sunday

9am Mass

## Opportunities to BECOME

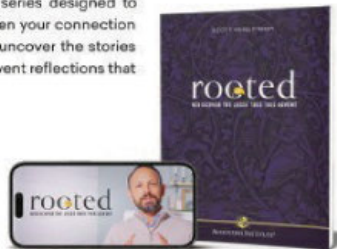
### FAITH FORMATION: YOUTH

**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@stpaulgenesees.net](mailto:cpetre@stpaulgenesees.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](https://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 **THIS 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 23—November 29, 2024**

Regular Parish Support (envelopes/electronic, etc.): .....\$8,342.00  
 Offertory: .....\$382.00

**Total: \$8,724.00**

\*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 - 11/29/2024	07/01/2023 - 12/01/2023
Regular Parish Support*:	\$217,923.00	\$226,363.50
Offertory:	\$10,557.96	\$9,708.86
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$228,480.96</b>	<b>\$236,072.36</b>

## What's Happening @ ST. BRUNO

YOU ARE INVITED TO A

# CHRISTMAS Concert

**DECEMBER 18**  
**FROM 6:30-7:30PM**

**St. Bruno Parish School**  
**226 W. Ottawa Ave., Dousman**

**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 **2<sup>nd</sup> 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:** The Summer Book by Tove Jansson

**February 11:** All The Broken Pieces: A Novel by John Boyne

Please call Nancy Klemp at 414-861-4204 for more info.

## OUR St. Bruno Parish SCHOOL



### SCRIP CARDS MAKE GREAT STOCKING STUFFERS!

Help Support St. Bruno Parish School and buy SCRIP! Scrip (RaiseRight) is a gift card program and can be used for all of your Christmas needs. As you make your Christmas gift shopping list, please keep

Scrip in mind to use as gifts or to purchase gifts, groceries for cookie baking and meals, and restaurant and gas cards for when you are out shopping and need to grab a quick meal. Mrs. Price loves to purchase \$5.00 Culvers, and \$10.00 Target or Amazon gift cards for her college and high school children. SCRIP has you covered for all your needs AND you make money for St. Bruno. **WHAT A GIFT!!**

If you have not checked out this program, now is the time. Scrip is an easy way to raise money for our school without spending any extra! There are several ways to order Scrip including using the RaiseRight app and using our schools enrollment code: 79F86E47777. Or stop by the Scrip table after mass to pick up your gift cards. For more information contact Merideth Sutton at

**You are invited to join us for the Hendrick-Freres Innovation Center Open House** on Sunday, December 15, following the 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!





## 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 16 — DECEMBER 22

Mon	8:00 AM	(Mass At St. Bruno)
Tues	8:00 AM	† Poor Souls in Purgatory by a Caring Parishioner
Wed	8:45 AM	(Mass At St. Bruno)
Fri	8:00 AM	† Charlotte Turner by Bereavement Committee
Sat	4:00 PM 5:30 PM	(Mass at St. Bruno) † Conrad Radzinski by the Radzinski Family
Sun	9:00 AM 10:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Paul & St. Bruno (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 12/29/2024 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

### We're Here For YOU

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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](mailto: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](mailto:cwick@stpaulgenesees.net)

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