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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:

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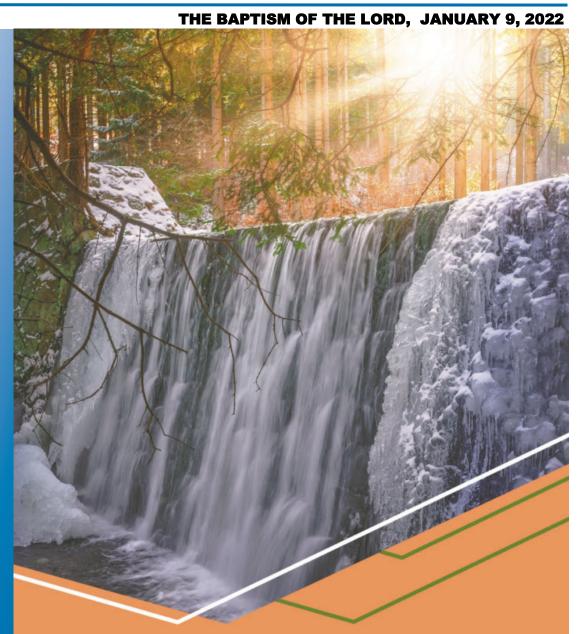
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Tuesday

& Friday 8:00am Mass **Saturday** 5:30pm Mass 9:00am Mass Sunday Reconciliation 2nd & 4th

Saturday 10:00am or by Appointment



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Weekly Message



Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ." — Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life,

the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When



we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear. ©LPi

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YOUR FAMILY = Domestic Church

To help build your domestic church with your family, we will be distributing a booklet entitled "The Family Fully Alive, Building the Domestic Church." This booklet includes prayers, meditations and activities to enrich your family life.



Please remember to turn in your Stewardship Commitment cards at mass or to the Parish office as soon as possible. Thank you!

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Human Concerns

Prayers on this Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Baptized at St Paul in the last year, these children now BELONG to Christ. We welcome them to our community of faith and offer our prayers and support as they and their families find ways to love, live, and BELIEVE in our Savior. Pray for them as they join all of us in the lifelong journey to BECOME the persons God created us all to be.



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May every Baptism be a personal reminder to call on the power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Let us generously share the gifts we have been given to be examples of our trust in God to inspire these children we have welcomed to our family of faith.

Human Concerns

Generous Outreach

Two **Human Concerns** ministries to watch for in January: The <u>Heavenly Babies</u> ministry will have a display at <u>Donut Sunday on January 16</u>. Please stop by to learn more about this beautiful ministry and how you can help.

The <u>Respect Life</u> ministry will distribute envelopes the last two weekends in January to ask for your support of Life's Connection, a pro-life pregnancy resource center in Mukwonago and Waukesha, for women who choose life for their babies. Please pray for all the babies who are not here to light up our lives with their childlike wonder and joy. Pray,

too, for all mothers to choose life and find the support they need from places like Life's Connection.

One more ministry at work behind the scenes...Like most months, the entrée and a side for St Ben's Community Meal will be provided by our St Paul ministry of beef stew preparers (happily bringing their own knives). Join this group once/month, 4th Thursday, 8-9am—Mary Kral, Adult Formation (mkral@stpaulgenesee.net)



Faith Formation

So I am writing this during the season of Advent... Long before you are reading it in this bulletin. The holiday season creates an unique opportunity for us to write articles way in advance so they are in a timely fashion for the upcoming bulletins (which have to go to print early due to the time of year). This, coupled with a time to go on vacation and spend time with my family, I had to work even further ahead.

As these words are being typed, I have a confession to make. Lately I have been exhausted. I have been trying very hard to be present to

God and allow Him to fill me, but I still feel as though I am going on empty.

We hear a lot about self care in our world. Sometimes self-care is a lot of work. It means making it a priority to cook healthful meals, exercise, check your budget, etc. Spiritually speaking, it's the hard work of letting go. It means we need to let go of our plans and allow God to reveal His plan in our lives. We are called to



open our hearts to Him and surrender. It means accepting God on His terms and not our own. And this is probably some of the hardest work we will ever do.

To do this, it's really a call to live out our baptismal call more fully. It means that we let the indwelling of the Holy Trinity, which made our heart and soul His home at baptism, be the all in all of our being. This goes against a society that is saturated in sports mania, politics and the busyness of life. We are actually limiting ourselves when we allow the things of this world to become our greatest priority/(ies). We were made for eternity. We are made for the things of heaven. They are so much more than a game or whatever division is currently giving people grief. The very life of the One who created the glorious expanse in which we live, whom the angels sing, who was recognized as the "well beloved Son," who died and ROSE from the dead, longs to live in and be one with you. It brings you to life.

So, I will continue to fight the good fight of surrendering my dreams for the dreams God has for me. They are grander and greater than anything I could ever imagine. And that says a lot. I have a pretty grand imagination! I will fight for moments where I lay down my defenses and go in silence before the Lord of lords. I will battle on. And I will look to Mary for an example and guide. She is my mother. And my Mother is a warrior! I will allow her to lead me to her Son, my Savior and the Lord of my life... <u>Jesus</u>. Karen Farrell—kfarrell@stpaulgenesee.net

Plan Ahead for Lent

A couple of small groups already meeting are starting up again and you are welcome to join us:

Mondays 1pm St Bruno January 17-April 4 METANOIA Thursdays 9:30am St Paul January 13-May 5 THE CHOSEN

ZOOM Mondays 8pm January 16 ANIMA, THE SEARCH ZOOM Thursdays 7:30 pm February 17 THE WILD GOOSE Contact Mary Kral for more information or see parish website.



GET AWAY ON RETREAT in 2022

The Redemptorist Retreat Center, located in Oconomowoc, set on beautiful, peaceful Crooked Lake, offers mens' and womens' silent weekend retreats each year. This year's theme is "Healing in a Wounded World." How do we return to the basic gospel values so as to bring a sense of healing not only to the world but to each of us? Our recent experience of isolation and separateness reminds us of the need for Jesus and encountering him through a community that reaches out to one another with care. It is our human interaction, based on gospel values, where we begin any healing process. This retreat will offer the values and possible ways to address this inner longing of our hearts. Read more and find dates: redemptoristretreat.org. There are other retreats offered, including Days of Reflection and Prayer. Or make a personal retreat: "Exploring Mindfulness Silent Retreat – Come to the Quiet," February 14-17. To register by phone call 262-567-6900. To register by email rrc@redemptoristretreat.org. Give yourself the gift of guiet time with our Savior in 2022.

ST BRUNO Events and Invites



St Bruno Parish School Winter Carnival and Open House

Sunday, January 30 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Join us for the fun and bring a friend!

Help Wanted

ART TEACHER NEEDED!

St. Bruno Parish School seeks an art teacher for a full time equivalent in two Archdiocesan schools. Our school is a welcoming and supportive learning community that has recently won the Archdiocesan Exemplary Award in Mission and Catholic Identity. Art classes meet for 45-60 minutes per week, depending on grade level. The art standards of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee are the guide for teaching. St. Bruno Parish School has one class of each grade with some combined grades. St. Bruno has a kiln! Questions? Email Principal Mary MacDonald at mary.macdonald@stbrunoparishschool.com or call 262-965-2291.

ST. BRUNO Eucharistic Celebrations

Weekends: Saturday at 4:00 p.m. & Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Weekdays: Monday at 8:00 a.m. & Wednesday at 8:45 a.m. Reconciliation: 1st & 3rd Saturday, 10am & By appointment

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St. Paul's Liturgical Week

Readings for the week of January 2, 2021 http://bible.usccb.org/

Monday: 1 Samuel 1:1-8 / Mark 1:14-20 Tuesday: 1 Samuel 1:9-20 / Mark 1:21-28 Wednesday: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20 / Mark 1:29-39 Thursday: 1 Samuel 4:1-11 / Mark 1:40-45 Friday: 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a / Mark 2:1-12 Saturday: 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a / Mark 2:13-17

Next Sunday:

Isaiah 62:1-5 / 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 / John 2:1-11

MASS INTENTIONS JANUARY 10 - JANUARY 16

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

Tues 8:00AM † Jules Krivos by Grall Family

Wed 8:45 AM (Mass at St. Bruno)

Fri 8:00AM † Al & Sandy Wampner

by Rosemarie Etzel

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

5:30pm + Geraldine Heil by Family

Sun 9:00AM † Mary Theresa Dorsey by Brady Family



Remember all first responders, military personnel and their families. May God keep them safe in his hands.



BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy Birthday to Kern Konley on January 15th and to Charles Shepherd on January 16th!

Best Wishes to all who are celebrating this week!!

Sacramental Information

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults: Prepare for the sacraments of initiation with a small group to join the Catholic church. Call Mary Kral.

Infant Baptism: Parent sessions are required for registered parishioners who would like their child baptized. Call Mary Kral, at least one month in advance, to schedule a class time and make arrangements to pick a date for your child's baptism.

Confirmation: Youth at least 16 years of age or adults seeking to be confirmed, call Parish Office.

First Eucharist: Parent and child preparation required. Contact Karen Farrell.

Reconciliation: 2nd & 4th Saturday at 10:00am or by appointment.

Marriage: Arrangements should be made six months in advance. One of the parties must be a registered parish member and a practicing Catholic.

Care of Sick: Sacramental care of the sick, call the Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick: Call the Parish office with request.

St. Paul Cemetery: Hwy DE & Snowdon Rd. Call Parish Office for information.

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