

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.

> Schedule of Liturgies Weekday Monday 8:00 a.m. Wednesday 8:45 a.m. Weekends Saturday 4:00 p.m., Sunday 10:30 a.m. Reconciliation 1st & 3rd Saturday 10:00 a.m. Parish Office NOTE New Hours

Monday & Wednesday: 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Thursday: 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Tuesday & Friday: closed Phone: 262-965-2332 Address: 226 W. Ottawa Avenue Dousman, WI 53118 Website: www.stbrunoparish.com

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SHARED PASTOR: Fr. Dan Volkert | dvolkert226@gmail.com Parish Phone: 262-965-2332 | Emergency: 262-965-2313 SHARED DEACON Joe Senglaub 262-442-7888 | joseph.senglaub@LPL.com PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIR Michael Karczewski 414-530-9289 |michael.karczewski@marquette.edu DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES Steve Spiegelhoff 262-965-2332 | steve.spiegelhoff@gmail.com ADULT MINISTRY Mary Kral 262-965-2332 | mkral@stpaulgenesee.net CHILD & FAMILY MINISTRY Amy Golden 262-402-8229 |aldgolden@gmail.com The Holy Family

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. - Lk 2:46-47

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

St. Bruno ⅔ 9:00am ⅔ St. Paul ⅔ 9:00am

Sunday. December 26th St. Bruno 攀 10:30am 攀 St. Paul 攀 9:00am

Friday, December 31st St. Paul 攀 8am 攀 St. Bruno 券 4:00pm

Saturday, January 1 & Sunday, January 2nd Normal weekend schedule

OFFICE

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Live The Liturgy **Inspiration For The Week**

Merry Christmas!

There is something sacred about sun when it dances upon a field of newly iced snow. Lights and colors bounce around in myriad ways flashing prisms of beauty as if in tune with the rhythm of a melodic dance. The Word became flesh and now dwells among us. Humanity can now dance. We sparkle with the beauty and radiance of God and can now walk through life with confidence knowing that we have been divinely kissed. It is a sacred moment, a holy marriage between God and His sons and daughters. All is bright and all is well. Today we celebrate who we are in Christ and rest safely in God's care. God's presence, revealed in the humble birth of His Son, dances in our hearts, calling us to beauty, truth, purpose, and love. Today we know, without doubt, that we are not the product of the rambling offerings of a universe that created itself. We are loved, treasured, and blessed. We have a Savior who can show us the way. Accept him. CLPi



Adult Formation

Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace These beautifully strong titles from the prophet Isaiah (in about 740 B.C.) evoke descriptions that brought promise to a people hoping to belong to a nation headed by a wise and loving leader. Fast forward to today: we believe what the shepherds heard from the angel: *a Savior* has been born for us. The Christmas story isn't just a story, though. Please read this to yourself out loud: Jesus was born for me, part of

God's plan which specifically includes me. God loves me. He has a plan for me that involves Jesus dying for my sin. A plan for eternal life for me. I am here to become the person God created me to be. Jesus calls me to be his hands and feet and heart in this world. I can do this because He is my Won-



der-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. I will look for opportunities to share His message of love and hope and eternal life with everyone I meet and to grow closer to Him*. Glory to God in the highest!

*Check the parish website in February for opportunities to grow closer to Jesus this Lent.

May the beauty and blessings of Christmas fill your heart. -Mary Kral, Adult Formation (mkral@stpaulgenesee.net)

Holiday Parish Office Hours:

Friday, December 24th & Monday, December 27th **Office Closed** Friday, December 31st & Monday, January 3rd Office Closed

End of Year Notice:

Parish Books will close on December 31st, 2021. Federal law prohibits churches from crediting donations received in 2022 back to the prior calendar year. Donations must be postmarked by December 31st, 2021 to be credited to your 2021 donations. The office will be open regular hours through December 30th for walk-in or drop off donations. Thank you for your faithful support of our Parish.

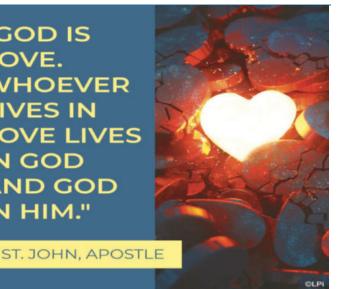
In addition to the Mass schedule found on the cover of your bulletin, please note the following:

There will not be an Evening Mass on Saturday, December 25th-Christmas Dav.

The Sunday, December 26th Mass celebrates The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

There will be a Vigil Mass at 4pm on Friday, December 31st at St. Bruno's to celebrate Mary, Mother of God. Our normal weekend schedule of Masses for Saturday, January 1st and Sunday, January 2nd will celebrate Epiphany

"GOD IS LOVE. WHOEVER LIVES IN LOVE LIVES IN GOD AND GOD IN HIM."



By WeShare

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 STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Parish Support: November 27, 2021 to December 3, 2021

Regular Parish Support (envelopes/electronic, etc.)	\$22,041
Offertory	\$296
Children's Offertory	\$0
Total	\$22,336
*Excludes any form of extraordinary income for both years.	
Mortgage Balance as of 11/26/2021	\$43,759

	Year to Date 7/1/21 - 12/03/21:	Last Year to Date 7/1/20 - 12/04/20:
Regular Parish Support*		
Offertory:		
Children's Offertory: Total:		

Child and Family Ministry



Last December Pope Francis established the Year of St. Joseph so that "every member of the faithful, following his example, may strengthen their life of faith daily in the complete fulfillment of God's will." As we close out the year of St. Joseph, we celebrate two important feast days: The Nativity of the Lord and The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Have you ever pondered Joseph's role in the Holy Family?

How did Joseph prepare for the birth of Jesus? This quiet, hardworking, and faithful saint must have been an absolute rock as he and Marv headed off to Bethlehem. What inner dialogue might Joseph have had with God? What conversations did Joseph and Mary have on the way to Bethlehem? Their questions might help you to think about God's plan for each of us. "What do you expect from me?" Why give me such an unbelievable responsibilitv?"

Excerpted from 2022: A Book of Grace-Filled Days by Loretta Pehanich

Maybe you have doubts about your role in God's plan. Perhaps you feel overwhelmed by responsibility or unsure of what God wants from you? Look to Joseph, a humble carpenter, who was open to God's plan. God's plan for each of us is unique. Some of us will be great leaders, and some will be humble carpenters. I find it fitting to share the lyrics to Joseph's Song by Michael Card. I first heard this song 28 years ago when I was in the guitar group at St. Paul's. This song still is one of my favorites.

How could it be this baby in my arms, sleeping now, so peacefully

The Son of God, the angel said, how could it be? Lord I know He's not my own not of my flesh, not of my bone

Still Father let this baby be the son of my love. Father show me where I fit into this plan of yours, how can a man be father to the Son of God? Lord for all my life I've been a simple carpenter, how can I raise a king, how can I raise a king?

He looks so small, His face and hands so fair, and when *He cries the sun just seems to disappear.*

But when He laughs it shines again, how could it be? On this feast of the Holy Family, we invite you to lead your family to become fully alive in faith. To help build your domestic church with your family, we will be distributing a booklet entitled The Family Fully Alive, Building the Domestic Church starting next weekend. This booklet includes prayers, meditations, and

activities to enrich your family life. Merry Christmas,

Amy Golden Director of Child and Family Ministry aldgolden@gmail.com

St. Bruno Parish School

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

The students and staff thank you for your prayers and support throughout the year. We wish you a very Merry Christmas and the Peace of Christ in the New Year!

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 teach-



er-led instruction in a faithfilled environment. Call the school office (262-965-2291) to schedule a tour, or for more information on the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program.

St Bruno Parish School Winter Carnival and Open House

Save The Date Sunday, January 30, 2022



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DECEMBER 26, 2021

The True Story of St. Bruno's Gold Nativity Set

By: Debbie Hendrick, Parish Archivist

A few years ago, as I was sitting the the pew watching the set up of our St. Bruno nativity set, a lady stepped over to me and told me that she heard that the nativity figures were made by the nuns of St. Bruno's School. This, and another story that I heard while refurbishing the figures in the gym, is what prompted me to write the *true story* of the nativity set. How do I presume to know the true story? Like the other Volkmann, Igl, and Cartwright children, I was there!

Our nativity set was created in 1968 by three ladies of St. Bruno Parish: Betty Igl, Lillian Cartwright and my mother, Barbara Beier Volkmann. These ladies put many hours in the making of a very unique and artistic display which added a new and creative interpretation to the ancient Bible story. One king brought a traditional camel, but another king journeyed from Africa with his wife perched in a howdah atop an elephant. Betty Igl explained that "unless the women were a lot different than they are now, the kings would have brought their wives and families on such a long journey." There are also a few other unique aspects to this set. All age groups are represented: children, adults, and the teenager who is helping her grandmother. Joseph was made to stand next to Mary with his arm behind her, not in the traditional stance across from her with the Baby Jesus in between them. This was to show how the birth of Jesus drew them, and draws us, closer to each other. Mary is holding a small bouquet of wild flowers which Joseph picked for her after Baby Jesus was born. The little black sheep stands closest to Baby Jesus because he knows that Jesus is the Savior who has come to save us from our sins. The camel's name is Leo. He was named after Fr. Leo Lambert who was the pastor of St. Bruno's at that time.

The nativity figures were constructed of styrofoam, with blocks of wood as the base. Material such as the rich lace and silks for the queens, and rough material for the shepherd's cloaks, were actually dipped into the paper mache, made from flour and water, and formed over the styrofoam to dry. The lace for Mary's dress was made from Loretta Heinowski's wedding dress.

Jewelry for the kings and queens was donated by parishioners, as was money for supplies. The elephant was constructed from a nail keg, chicken wire, and two rockers from the bottom of a rocking chair for the tusks. The elephant was built on our kitchen table. It took my mother several weeks to construct him. My brother, sisters and I were thrilled to have to eat supper in the living room. Dad, not so much!

During the time of the construction of the nativity set, a heart wrenching accident almost cause the three ladies to permanently stop the construction of the set. Elmer and Charlotte Prohaska, St. Bruno parishioners, lost their home in a fire, and the youngest of their six children, three year old Betty Jane (Cookie) died in the fire. As Betty Igl said, "We almost lost heart for the whole thing, but then we decided that, as mothers, we might create a memorial for three year old Betty Jane, which would be lasting and meaningful."

On that Christmas Eve in 1968, only a few months after the fire, as St. Bruno parishioners gathered in the darkened church, many eyes filled with tears as six year old, Kathy Prohaska, the youngest Prohaska daughter, carried the figure of the Christ Child up the aisle to complete the Nativity scene. Even without its poignant dedication, this Nativity scene created much interest and conversation, not only at St. Bruno's, but also among other area churches. Another parish even borrowed it one year.

In the years that followed, I have refurbished, repainted, and rebuilt the figures many times. This is getting harder to do because the set is over 50 years old, and the styrofoam underneath the material is literally disintegrating from age. Heads pop off, and I have even had to totally deconstruct the camel and elephant because mice ate at them while they were in storage! The donkey's ears and the elephant's tail seem to need emergency repairs every year, and the entire set needs to be spray painted every few years because the gold gets dull over time. This sounds easy, but every jewel must be removed before spraying! Years ago, eight foot tall backdrops built by my dad, Tom Volkmann, ramed the set. The stable that now frames the figures was built by Vic Hebert, and the figures are set up each year by our St. Bruno Art Committee.

I love to sit in our darkened church with the nativity and crucifix lights on, and ponder the happenings of that night so long ago in Bethlehem. I also remember Betty, Lillian, and my Mom laughing and giggling, and working together, while the true scent of Christmas, wet paper mache, permeated our homes and lungs! Merry Christmas!

Debbie Hendrick





CATHOLIC CHARITIES USA IS ASSISTING AREAS DAMAGED BY TORNADOES, and can use your help.

As you may have heard, tornadoes recently tore through multiple states in the South and Midwest, leaving miles of destruction. Please pray for those who have been injured, for those who have lost their lives, and for their grieving families and communities. Catholics and all people of good will can help our brothers and sisters by supporting the work of Catholic Charities USA, which has been engaging as early responders and will remain in recovery support for the long-term. Donations can be made at **catholiccharities.us/ campaign/ccusa-disaster-relief/c353051**



SAVE THE DATE

St. Bruno's Annual Auction 4.30.22

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In Honor Of: The Thoennes Family The Perinovic Family

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James & Jeannie Race Joseph & Shila Kuenzli Ilene & Paul Kronschnabel Ilene & Paul Kronschnabel Deborah Longley

Arnie Uglum Richard & Janet Hying Richard & Janet Hying Patty Petzold Bernadette Strand Steve & Rhonda Murphy Larry & Liz Williams Mary Daniel Mary Daniel Betty Foltz Betty Foltz

By: Judy Perinovic Judy Perinovic

The St. Bruno Men Who Cook Dinner and Auction is our parish and school's largest annual fundraising event. Details of the event will be coming soon. Scan this code for information on this event and how you can help.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and so we can celebrate that we all belong to the holy family of God which makes us brothers and sisters to each other.

At Christmas this year, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring the joy and hope to our "brothers and sisters" who are poor by assisting families, providing food, gifts, and funding for utility and rent bills.

Thank you!



Attention All Men!

St. Bruno's Men's **Holy Name Society** first quarter will be starting on January 6th at 5:30 a.m. with

program 6:00-7:00 a.m. every Thursday until March 31st. Contact Jerry Strand at 262-844-2988 or email jerrystrand52@yahoo.com



Rooted Women's Group

We meet 2nd and 4th Tues. of the month at 6:30pm Call

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

DEVOTION TIMES

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.

Did you know? Our parish website has a link to Fr. Dan's past homilies. The link is on the left hand side of the front page of the parish website. **www.stbrunoparish.com**

OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

Please invite someone who is looking for a church home to join the Catholic faith, sessions begin in October and meet until the Easter season. We also welcome people who would like to brush up on some of our Catholic faith or would like to be Confirmed. If you would like to attend, please let our team leaders, Beth and Peter McFadzen (<u>bpmc90@wi.rr.com</u>) know so they can send you the reading materials ahead of time or contact Mary Kral in the parish office. The sessions run from 10-11:30am in the Family Room at St. Paul.

St. Bruno Book Club



Do you enjoy reading? 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 at various locations. Sometimes it meets in the Parish Family Room and other times at a member's home. You can come whenever you choose. The dates and books:

<u>January 11</u> – *Life of the Beloved* by Henri Nouwen. Please call Nancy Klemp at 262-468-2421 for more information.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Readings for the week of December 26, 2021 <u>http://bible.usccb.org/</u> Monday: 1 John 1:1-4 / John 20:1a, 2-8 Tuesday: 1 John 1:5—2:2 / Matthew 2:13-18 Wednesday: 1 John 2:3-11 / Luke 2:22-35 Thursday: 1 John 2:12-17 / Luke 2:36-40 Friday: 1 John 2:18-21 / John 1:1-18 Saturday: Numbers 6:22-27 / Luke 2:16-21 Next Sunday:

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

LITURGICAL INTENTIONS

Monday, December 27 — 8:00a.m. † Steven Kuenzli Wednesday, December 29—8:45 a.m. Jeanette Nowakowski Friday, December 31—4:00 p.m. Anticipation of Holy Day Saturday, January 1st —4:00 p.m. †Joseph & Loraine Kuztal Sunday, January 2nd —10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Bruno & St. Paul

MASS INTENTIONS

If you are interested in signing up for a Mass intention for 2021/22 our books have many dates available. There is a fee of \$10 per mass scheduled. Please contact the Parish 262.965.2332 for information.

DOES YOUR CHILD NEED TO BE BAPTIZED?

Please remember that all parents must attend a preparation class before their child can be baptized. If you need to attend a baptism class or need information regarding baptism, please contact Mary Kral: Phone: 262-965-2332 or email: mkral@stpaulgenesee.net

> ST. PAUL MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday: 5:30 p.m. / Sunday: 9:00 a.m. <u>Weekdays</u>: Tuesday & Friday 8:00 a.m. Reconciliation: 2nd & 4th Saturday 10:00 a.m. or by appointment

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