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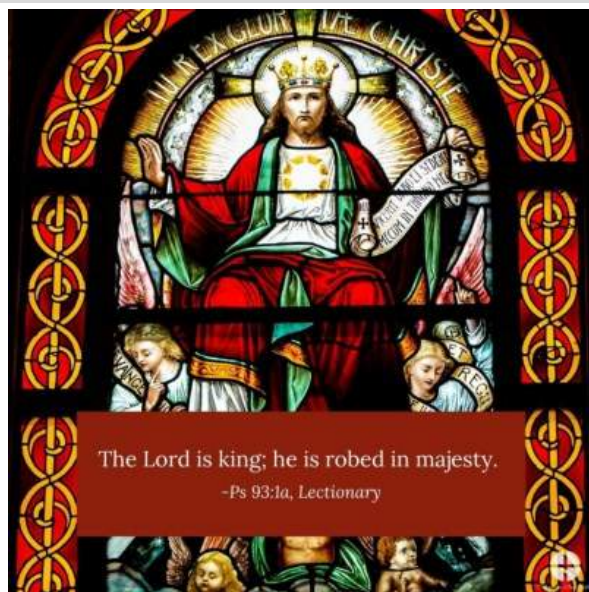
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Reflection

Why did God strike Uzzah dead for touching the Ark of the Covenant?

The story of Uzzah and the Ark of the Covenant is found in 2 Samuel 6:1-7 and 1 Chronicles 13:9-12. As the ark was being transported, the oxen pulling the cart stumbled, and a man named Uzzah took hold of the ark. God's anger burned against Uzzah and He struck him down and he died. Uzzah's punishment does appear to be extreme for what we might consider to be a good deed. However, there are the reasons why God took such severe action.

First, God had given Moses and Aaron specific instructions about the Tent of Meeting and the movement of the Ark of the Covenant. "After Aaron and his sons have finished covering the holy furnishings and all the holy articles, and when the camp is ready to move, the Kohathites are to come to do the carrying. But they must not touch the holy things or they will die. The Kohathites are to carry those things that are in the Tent of Meeting" (Numbers 4:15). No matter how innocently it was done, touching the ark was in direct violation of God's law and was to result in death. This was a means of preserving the sense of God's holiness and the fear of drawing near to Him without appropriate preparation.

Notice how David took men with him to collect the ark, rather than allowing the Levites to bring it to him. That was a great mistake, since it ought never to have been put upon a cart, old or new. It was to be borne upon men's shoulders, and carried by Levites only, and those of the family of Kohath (Exodus 25:12-14; Numbers 7:9), using the poles prescribed. Failing to follow God's precise instructions would be seen as (a) not revering God's words when He spoke them through those such as Moses, whom He had appointed; (b) having an independent attitude that might border on rebellion, i.e., seeing and acting on things from a worldly, rather than a spiritual, perspective; or (c) disobedience.

Second, the ark had stayed for a period of time at Abinadab's house (2 Samuel 6:3), where his sons, Uzzah and Ahio, may well have become accustomed to its presence. There's an old saying, "familiarity breeds contempt," that could apply in this case. Uzzah, having been around the ark in his own home, could very likely forget the holiness that it represented. There are times when we, too, fail to recognize the holiness of God, becoming too familiar with Him with an irreverent attitude.

Third, the account tells us the oxen stumbled. The cart didn't fall and neither did the Ark, just as the boat carrying Jesus and the disciples rocked fiercely in the storm, though it wasn't necessarily in danger of sinking (Matthew 8:24-27). And yet, just as with the disciples who failed to put their faith in their Master, Uzzah, for a moment, felt it was his responsibility to save the integrity of God, and that our almighty God somehow needed Uzzah's assistance. He presumed that, without his intervention, God's presence would be dealt a blow. As Job asks, "Can you fathom the mysteries of God?" (Job 11:7). "His greatness no one can fathom" (Psalm 145:3). "His understanding no one can fathom" (Isaiah 40:28). Moses lost his right to enter the promised land because he felt his intervention was needed when he struck the rock, instead of speaking to it as God had commanded (Numbers 20:7-12). *Continued on inside...*

ST. BRUNO

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 22
No Mass

Tuesday, November 23
6:30pm Larry Hagene

Wednesday, November 24
8:30am Tina Jenkel

Thursday, November 25-Thanksgiving
8:00am Our Parish Families

Friday, November 26
No Mass

Saturday, November 27
5:30pm Al Kellerman

Sunday, November 28-First Sunday of Advent
8:30am Leo Buschschulte
10:00am Our Parish Families

LECTORS

Saturday, November 27
5:30pm Colleen Lacy

Sunday, November 28
8:30am John Buschschulte
10:00am Barry Kellerman

ROSARY LEADERS

Saturday, November 27
5:00pm Ben Porter

Sunday, November 28
8:00am Mike Brand

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, November 27
5:30pm Margie Eisfelder

Sunday, November 28
8:30am Andrea Buschschulte
10:00am Ruben Davis

USHERS

Saturday, November 27
5:30pm Mark & David Urbanek,
Marvin Bochantin, Danny Kellerman

Sunday, November 28
8:30am John Buschschulte, Joe Bruns,
two more volunteers needed
10:00am Bob Giacomo, Steven J. Malinski, and
Volunteers

St. Vincent De Paul Giving Back

Thank you to everyone that donated 5 items last weekend. Next weekend we will be having our collection that took the place of piggy bank Sunday. If you or someone you know are in need of help please confidentially call 618-318-6765 to see if our St. Vincent DePaul Society can help you.



ST. MARY MAGDALEN

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, November 24
6:00pm August & Cecelia Lamczyk

Thursday, November 25-Thanksgiving
8:00am St. Mary Magdalen Parish

Sunday, November 28
7:00am Leona Bathon

LECTORS

Sunday, November 28
7:00am Robert Davidson

ROSARY LEADERS

Sunday, November 28
6:30am Jim & Barb Forys

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sunday, November 28
7:00am Carol Porter

USHERS

Sunday, November 28
7:00am Norbert Ryterksi & Jim Ryterksi



Catholic Daughters Christmas Party

Our Catholic Daughters Christmas Party will be **Monday, December 6th, 2021 at 6:00pm**. There is a sign up sheet in the back of St. Bruno for this dinner. Please sign up by November 29th. A Gift exchange of a \$10 gift is optional. The Catholic Daughters invite ladies from St. Bruno and St. Mary Magdalen who are interested in joining our organization to come to our Christmas dinner to meet our members and learn more about CDA. Please Call Darlene Vanderjack, 618-318-6370, to sign up. Hope to see you!

St. Mary Magdalen Raffle Tickets
Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets!

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ST BRUNO		ST MARY MAGDALEN	
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Online	\$ 475		
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School Support	\$ 45	<i>Thank you!</i>	
Thanksgiving	\$ 6	<i>\$1,611.00 is needed per week to</i>	
Sister Parish	\$ 12	<i>maintain St. Mary Magdalen</i>	
Campaign for Human	\$ 1	<i>Parish.</i>	
Endowment	\$ 5		
2021 Picnic Fund	\$8,425		
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<i>\$5,250.00 is needed per week to</i>			
<i>maintain St. Bruno Parish.</i>			



Please Pray For All On The Prayer List:

Jimmy and Jan Bathon, Roger Hagene, Marion Konkell, Rose Gertrude Ruppert, Marty Griffin, Joanne Fontana, Rudelle Gross, Chris Kelley, Fred Sterns, Susan Mason, Judy Szopa, William Heisner, Jaden Miller, Sallie Stern, Florence Dudek, Genevieve Barnowski, Susie Dudek, Dale Nerone, Kay Winter, Jerry Bathon, Janice Jarowski, Karen Fozard, Coletta Degenhardt, Addi Reimann, Paul Bruns, Thomas Huggins, Bob & Loraine Przygoda, Kristen Dierkes-Roethemeier, Nick Travis, Jack Jenkel, Georgia Zacher, Lillian Mathis, Bruce Rice, Julie Curless, Lawrence Bathon, Annette Hagene Hart, Martha Winter, Doris Bathon, Roger Brand, KJ Frost, Gary Stewart, Jonas Huntley, Phyllis Payne, David Searby, Don & Ruth Ann Opp, Darlene Sterns, RosEllen Greten, Bob Majewski, Melanie Segalhorst, Rose Degenhardt, Deacon Michael Rowland, Rev.Paul Wienhoff, Rev. Joseph Rascher, Dorothy Holt, Maci Bathon & family, Elizabeth & Othilda McCune, All Active Duty Military and their families.

ST. BRUNO SCHOOL NEWS

<https://www.facebook.com/stbrunoschool/>

November Gun of the Month Winners

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| Nov. 1- Alex Voges (\$20) | Nov. 11- Jill Cleary (\$20) |
| Nov. 2- Craig Kirchner (\$20) | Nov. 12- Ronna Martin (\$20) |
| Nov. 3- David Carns (\$20) | Nov. 13- Donette Wheatly (\$20) |
| Nov. 4- Andy Sroka (\$20) | Nov. 14- Angie Bruns (\$20) |
| Nov. 5- Chris Caro (\$400) | Nov. 15- Mitch Harsy (\$20) |
| Nov. 6- Kathy Dululsh (\$20) | Nov. 16- Angie Bruns (\$20) |
| Nov. 7- Tracy Hayden (\$20) | Nov. 17- Bill Kohring (\$20) |
| Nov. 8- Ashley Meagher (\$20) | Nov. 18- Rocky Flark (\$20) |
| Nov. 9- Steve Otten (\$20) | Nov. 19- Krista Maurer (\$20) |
| Nov. 10- Hailly Williams (\$20) | |

Wednesday Nov. 24-Friday Nov. 26th- No School- Happy Thanksgiving!!

St. Bruno Du Quoin Bus Driver needed- please send resumes to Lisa.stanton@stbrunoschool.com

Christmas for Shut-ins

The Catholic Daughters will continue the tradition of gift giving on behalf of St. Bruno Parishioners to the Pinckneyville Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Manor at Mason Woods, and our Homebound. There are **2 ways** you can help with this project.

1. If you prefer to purchase items to go into a "small" gift bag, please choose from the following list: men/women deodorants, hand creams, chapstick, pocket Kleenex, handsoap. Small gift bags are also needed. Baskets for these items will be in the back of church.
2. Monetary donation- We can shop for you- Look for the basket in the back of church. Envelopes will be marked, Christmas for Shut-ins"

Please Bring Gifts or donations by December 12th.

Thank you for your caring, support, and generosity!!

ST. BRUNO JESSE TREE

Christmas will be here before we know it! This year we are again trying to make it as easy as possible for you to show your generosity. The Jesse Tree will be up next weekend. We are offering a few options for how you can help:

- 1) Pick an ornament, purchase items on the list and return the gifts with the ornament by December 12
- 2) Pick an ornament, buy a gift card in the amount you would have spent if you were shopping and return the card (maybe in a Christmas card) with the ornament by December 12 in the collection basket.
- 3) Make a donation in the amount that you normally would have spent, put it in the collection basket marked 'Jesse Tree' and we will purchase gift cards for you to give to a child.
- 4) If you would really like to give clothing to a child, pick an ornament, return a donation and the ornament in the collection basket and someone will shop for you. This would need to be returned by December 5 in order to have time to shop online and receive the items.
- 5) Just make a donation to the poor box which will be under the tree.

As in the past, we ask that you spend about \$50 per child. You are always welcome to go together with someone to share the expense.

We know that some of you will be concerned about giving gift cards. We hope that you would do this with a cheerful heart and pray that it is received with the right intention. No matter what is purchased by the parents, we know that we have given in the spirit of love.

If you choose the gift card option it would be a great opportunity to help the St Bruno School by purchasing Scrip.

Thank you so much for your generous hearts!

Reflection- Continued

We need to listen carefully to what God has to say to us, and in obedience strive to do all He commands. Yes, God is loving and merciful, but He is also holy and He defends His holiness with His power, and affronts to His holiness sometimes bring about His holy wrath. “It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God” (Hebrews 10:31).

Something of God’s presence in the Ark of the Covenant seems to be lost in the church today. In the time of Moses, the people knew the awesomeness of God’s absolute holiness. They had witnessed great miracles when the ark was with them. They respected that God’s ways and thoughts are much higher than ours (Isaiah 55:8-9). In truth, the more we try to bring God down to our worldly way of thinking or reasoning, the further away He will seem to us. Those who would draw near to God and have Him draw near to them are those who approach Him in reverence and holy fear. Uzzah forgot that lesson, and the consequences were tragic.

Culled from: Why did God strike Uzzah dead for touching the Ark of the Covenant? | GotQuestions.org

Minutes of the October 19, 2021 St. Bruno Parish Council Meeting

Attendance from St. Bruno Parish Council: Father Augustine, Mike Brand, Ben Porter, Cindy Konkol, Cindy Ferrari, Cathy Chapman. Unable to attend: Jon Ruppert and Rick Robb Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Father Augustine.

Opening Prayer was offered by Ben Porter.

The September 21, 2021 minutes were approved by Cindy Konkol and seconded by Cindy Ferrari.

Scripture Sharing - Life is Messy by Matthew Kelly. Plan to complete the book and share reflection over the book at the next meeting.

School Report - Father Augustine reported that a new teacher aide, Stacie Duniho was hired and will be floating as needed. The St. Bruno School Annual Silent Auction will go live on November 1st for 50/50 . The Raffle and Auction start on the 7th through the 12th. Water fountains have arrived and will be installed over Thanksgiving Break. Fund a need for the school this year will be A/C units for the classrooms. The blessing of the pets will be October 20. St. Bruno School will march as a group in the Mardi Gras parade with a side by side carrying the school sign and the candy.

Areas of Life Report

Liturgical/ Spiritual- Plan to purchase 300 pamphlets of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Discussed Divine Mercy apps which are available to be downloaded and providing names of these apps to parishioners.

Building and Grounds

The St Bruno Jr High School groundbreaking ceremony and blessing is Saturday October 23. Dignitaries from the Diocese, city officials, a nephew of Margaret Ruppert have been invited to the ceremony. Permits have been obtained and the building is to start November 1st, weather permitting.

The doors to the gym are broken and will need to be replaced. They have been repaired numerous times. Looking into options for replacing.

The heating/cooling system in the Venegoni Chapel is beginning to have problems. Looking into alternative ways to heat/cool. Mike Brand suggested a MiniSplit system. Options will be checked on.

Social/Justice

Discussed ideas for the St. Bruno 150 years celebration. Plan to have the planning committee work together with the picnic committee. Some ideas discussed were getting food trucks, recognizing the oldest parishioner and displaying memorabilia from years past of St. Bruno church. We will be reaching out to parishioners for old pictures, items and stories of the church.

Cindy Konkol reported she is unable to locate a company to do the church directory. She is looking into contacting photographers from the parish and possibly process the directory through a company like Shutterfly or Snapfish.

Old Business

Plan to continue the same Mass schedule. We will be looking into the Christmas schedule at the next meeting.

New Parish Council members will be selected. Council positions for 2 males and 1 female will be needed.

Currently looking into pricing on updating the church, painting, caulking the windows from the inside and updating carpet.

New Business-None

Pastors Report- Father had nothing further to discuss at this time.

The next meeting for the St Bruno Parish Council is on Tuesday November 16. Father will be meeting with Todd’s Mill and checking into possibly having our joint Parish Council meeting on Wednesday November 17th at Todd’s Mill.

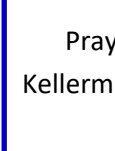
Opening prayer next meeting is Mike Brand, Closing prayer is Cindy Ferrari

The closing prayer was offered by Cathy Chapman

The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm



Prayers & Sympathy to Jerry and Carla Bruns and Robert Mohr and families on the passing of Carla’s Father and Robert’s Brother **Carl Mohr**.



Prayers & Sympathy to Doug & Marlene Kellerman and Family on the passing of Doug’s Father **Stanley Kellerman**.



Prayers & Sympathy to Olin & Colleen Lacy and Family on the passing of Olin’s Mother **Nedra Lacy**.

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May Carl, Stanley, and Nedra Rest in Peace and may God’s eternal light shine upon them.

Area Events:

Community Thanksgiving Service– First United Methodist Pinckneyville. Mon, Nov. 22 @ 6:30pm.

There will be a collection for Pinckneyville Community Center After School Program.

Catholic Social Teaching: Learn, Pray, Act Sat, Nov. 20th, 9-3. St. Clare of Assisi Church. O’Fallon, IL to Register go to:

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Concert of “Thanksgiving and Hope” Nov. 28, 2021

A free community concert of “Thanksgiving and Hope” will celebrate the “heroes” of the pandemic and pay tribute to all who lost their lives due to COVID-19. The Bach Society of St. Louis will present the concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28 at St. Clare of Assisi Church in O’Fallon, IL

The Most Reverend Michael McGovern, Bishop of Belleville, Kim and Jim Sabella of Wolfersberger Funeral Home, O’Fallon, IL, and St. Clare Parish are sponsoring this free concert as a gift to area communities.

Advanced registration for the free tickets is needed due to limited seating capacity. Please visit bachsociety.org/community21 for the free tickets. Seating is general admission, and doors open at 2:30 p.m. The church is wheelchair accessible.

Distinguished Alumni

Each November St. Bruno Catholic School asks for you to nominate an Alumni/graduate of our school that is leading an exemplary life to spotlight and honor as our St. Bruno Catholic School Distinguished Alumni at the Catholic School’s Week kick off mass. This persons achievements can be but are not limited to: professional achievements; outstanding service to our parish, community, etc.; a faith-filled life that shows in all they do; an honorable personal/family life; etc.; etc.. Is this describing your Parent?? Grandparent?? Adult Child?? Let them know people are aware of their acts of kindness and achievements!! Send nominations to St. Bruno Church, 204 N. Gordon St., Pinckneyville, IL 62274 or place in the collection basket. Include: Nominee’s name, address, phone number and a description of why you nominated them for this honor.

Deadline for nominations is December 1st.

Scrip and Gun of the Month Sold after All Mass

Scrip and Gun of the Month raffle tickets will both be sold after Mass every Saturday & Sunday at St. Mary Magdalen and St. Bruno.

Joint Parish Council Meeting St. Bruno Highlights from Nov 17th, 2021

- Continuing to plan for the 150th Parish Anniversary in July.
- Plans are being made for a new Parish Picture Directory, looking to make it happen in the January/February timeframe.
- Painting and touch up work at St. Bruno church, in preparation for the anniversary celebration, is in progress.
- Gym doors are being replaced.
- Jr. High building progress is underway.

St. Mary Magdalen has been unable to host our Annual Chicken & Dumpling Fundraiser for the past two years due to the Covid Pandemic. The church relies on this annual fundraising income to cover expenses. To help make up for some of that lost income we are asking that everyone who is able please donate to help



Parish Council Nominations: Corrections

St. Bruno is looking to fill three vacancies, two male and one female on their council

St. Mary Magdalen is needing to fill three vacancies, two male and one female on their council.

Please fill out the ballots in the **back of church at St. Bruno and in the pews for St. Mary Magdalen** and place in the collection basket with someone you think would be a good fit for the parish council of your parish. Those chosen will begin their 3 year term January 2022.

The Parish Office will be closed Thursday, November 25th and Friday, November 26th.