

Pastoral Reflection
August 7, 2022
19th Sunday, Ordinary Time
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*“Much will be required of the person entrusted with much,
and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more.”*

Most of us at St. Cronan heed Christ’s message. We are probably one of the most generous parishes, relative to size, when it comes to providing money, clothing, articles for immigrants, refugees and the poor, even socks for the homeless! For the most part, we are a people to whom much was entrusted, and we take our responsibilities seriously when we are called to help. We are indeed fortunate to have saints among us: Fr. Jack, who teaches us and makes us think in his homilies; Dorothy Lucey, who works tirelessly to deliver goods and food; Kathy Hunn and her many volunteers, who run our food pantry; the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and Dan and Kim Madden, who are on another trip to the border to help newly arrived migrants and refugees, just to name a few. These people set a high example for us to follow. We see what they can do, and it inspires us to do more in our own lives.

Have you read the Disciple Maker Index summary that Melanie and Justin composed so well for us? If not, it will be attached to Monday Notes for you to see. St. Cronan, as small as we are, ranked in the top parishes on questions of satisfaction with our parish. How could we not be satisfied, when we know we are a true community and we keep Christ’s message so close to our hearts? We may have some room for improvement in some areas regarding the institutional Church, but for the most part, the survey, as difficult as it was, revealed what we knew all along: We are the Church and We are the Body of Christ.

And so I humbly boast of our wonderful community to anyone who will listen. I tell of the welcoming spirit and the generosity we share. I tell of our homilists who always get to the point and make us think. We are given much and much is required – and we answer the call. We are vibrant and we are a thinking people, and we love each other. What could be better? Of course, there is room to improve. We can love more. We can refrain from petty arguments and judgments about each other and those we meet. We can be kinder to people in our day-to-day lives, especially when our last ounce of kindness is enveloped in stress.

We are small, but we are mighty. Let us pray that, as a community, our gifts will be recognized by the powers of “All Things New,” and that, even if we no longer exist at St. Cronan, our community will find a home where we can still reflect all that Jesus has taught us and keep our community spirit alive.

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St. Cronan Catholic Church
Nineteenth Sunday, Ordinary Time
August 6-7, 2022

Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 p.m.

Wednesdays – 8:00 a.m (there is no mass Wednesday, Aug. 10)

Masks are suggested for all Masses

The Mass for Sunday, August 7, will not be recorded. It will be live-streamed at 10:00, as will all Masses in August.

Live-streaming continues at the 10:00 am Mass. PLEASE BE ON TIME! Live-streamed masses are available on our Facebook page any time after the 10:00 Mass, <https://www.facebook.com/StCronan>



ALL THINGS NEW

Questions for parishioners: Can be found on Cronan Talk from Mary Ward and on papers in the chapel. Please send your answers by August 14 to Mary in the Office: mary@stcronan.org

Young adults, ages 18-39, single or married, with or without children, are invited to take the young adult survey. Take this opportunity to inform the church of St. Louis about your experience, hopes and needs.

<https://allthingsnew.archstl.org/Ways-to-Engage/Young-Adult-Survey>

Connect to young adults: <https://stlyoungadults.com/>

Seeds of Justice Network: Interested in social justice activities in our area? Visit www.seedsofjusticenetwork.org or use the QR code on the flyer in the Chapel to sign up for the Seeds of Justice Network newsletter! The weekly email features a justice-focused article of the week, a listing of local events, and a few national events & trainings.



History of St. Cronan's: The Archives Committee will present the first 53 years of St. Cronan's history through a series of posters that will hang for one month on the north and south walls of the church, plus a table with displays in the back of the church. This will begin on Saturday and Sunday, August 6th and 7th. Any questions, please see Bill Blow or Al Sprehe.

St. Cronan Anti-Bias/Anti-Racism Survey: The St. Cronan Parish Council would like you to complete a survey regarding our work toward becoming an anti-racist parish. For further information, please read Andrew Viragh's letter on Cronan Talk. The Survey can be accessed here: [ABAR Survey](#)

Welcome Neighbor Dinner will be held at St. Margaret of Scotland, 3854 Flad Ave. on Friday, September 23, at 6:30 pm. Cost: \$35 per person. For the menu and details, please see the flyer in the chapel. To register, please see the link on CronanTalk.

Archdiocesan Wedding Jubilee Mass will be celebrated Sunday, October 9, at 2:30 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica. Archbishop Rozanski will preside. This Mass is for married couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 years of marriage in 2022. Please register by September 9: archstl.org/jubilee or call (314) 792-7171

Black Lives Matter Vigil: Continues on the third Friday of each month at the corner of Manchester and Kingshighway. We will meet from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. on Friday, August 19. Please join us.

Children's Faith Formation: If you have school-age children, K-12 and are looking for a religious education program, please consider St. Cronan. Classes meet once per month, with family activities in the interim. It guides the entire family in growth of their faith and love of God and each other. Registration forms are on the table in the chapel, or contact Diane diane@stcronan.org.

St. Pius V Anti-racism & Equity Working Group is sponsoring The Slavery, History, Memory, and Reconciliation Project with Fr. Jeff Harrison, SJ, a workshop presented on Sunday, Sept. 18, 3:00-4:30 p.m. at St. Pius V Singler Hall. For further information, please see the flyer attached.

Marianist Retreat Center Summer Schedule: This summer, the Marianist Retreat and Conference Center, located in Eureka, MO, is offering three unique retreat opportunities, and you are cordially invited! These and all summer events can be found at: <https://marianistretreat.com/blog/summertime-events-2022/>

Katy Trail Marian Pilgrimage will take place October 10-14. For information visit their website at: www.katytrailpilgrimage.com

Apostolic Letter: Pope Francis has written an Apostolic Letter entitled Desiderio Desideravi, on the liturgical formation of the People of God. To read the letter, visit this website: https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/20220629-lettera-ap-desiderio-desideravi.html

MAKING A DIFFERENCE If you're looking for a way to make a positive difference in the lives of immigrant or refugee families in the St. Louis area, read on....IHELP (Immigrant Home English Learning Program) and the former ETP (English Tutoring Project) are merging time and talent to teach English in the homes of immigrant and refugee families. More volunteers are needed two days a week for one-hour sessions, during the day or in the evening. Training and materials will be provided. If you are curious and would like to know more, please contact Christina Rumbold at 314.390.5706, or send in a volunteer application on the website at <http://ihelpstl.org/volunteers>.

Coffee and Donuts. Please join us for Fellowship and community in the COFFEE AND DONUT ROOM after the 10:00 Mass on Sundays. Many thanks to Maggie Hart-Mahon and Dorothy Strathman-Lucy for organizing. We need people to host the 4th and 5th weekends. - If you are interested in taking one weekend a month to host, or even the fifth weekend when it occurs, please contact Maggie: ofccomp17@gmail.com

Prayers Please: Kathy Bayless; Barry Buchek's wife, Mary; Trish Curtis' mother and brother; David Gaillardetz' father, Richard; Nick and Shirley Ambrose's daughter, Brigid Costello; Shelly Kurtz; Varrietta Anthony; Teresa Sullivan's friend, Caroline Bucci; Kathy Stock's niece, Jill; Fr. Jack's brother, Mike; Natalie Johnson and the Johnson family; Diane Calcaterra; Sr. Lynne's friend, Jan Berberich, SSND; Barb Sopp's friend, Joe Sinibaldi; Bob Barnicle; Paul Schmitt., Sr. Chabanel.

July 2020 Collection

General Fund	\$ 23,807.79
Food Pantry	1,285.00
Cardinal Glennon	200.00
Capital Campaign	445.00
Fundraising-Baseball	440.00
Mission Appeal	1,438.50
SVDP	245.00
Uganda	50.00
Building Repair	165.00
Total	\$ 28,076.29