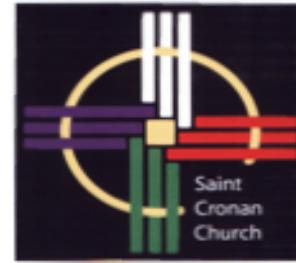


**Pastoral Reflection**  
**September 4, 2022**  
**Twenty-third Sunday, Ordinary Time**

I couldn't decide whether I would take my theme for this reflection from today's Gospel reading about the prodigal son or the twenty-first anniversary of 9/11. Our collective lessons of 9/11 seem to change over time as the processing of the event gives us new vantage points from which to see it. The biggest difference appears to me now to be that the destruction rained upon us with 9/11 came from without. The destruction of our country and our values in these times, twenty-one years later, appears to be coming from within. Americans have allowed our governmental systems and those who manage them to be so selfishly and politically driven that at all levels—national, state, and local, things are crumbling all around us from the way voting will be done, to the way votes will be counted, to how money gets subverted, to who can make decisions about our bodies, to whether we will cooperate with health department requirements and recommendations, to how we steward the gifts of the earth. We allow processes in which as few as one or two senators can control the passing of bills to confront these erosions, we excuse officials who take personal possession of classified documents, and we allow inexcusable behavior to go unchallenged.

We can't recover documents from Mar-A-Lago or undo a Supreme Court decision. With the up-coming elections, however, it is time for us, like the prodigal son, to come home to our best selves and our values, to make a serious point of studying the issues at every level, to find out as much as we can about the candidates and proposals for which we will have an opportunity to vote, to seek dialogue with informed others about these things and to make time to cast our votes responsibly. Al Qaeda cannot dim the promise of America. Only we can do that to ourselves.

*Sister Chabanel Mathison, OSU*



**St. Cronan Catholic Church**  
**Twenty-fourth Sunday,**  
**Ordinary Time**  
**September 10-11, 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 8:00 Mass on Wednesday, Sept. 14.

Masks are suggested for all Masses

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>

The Mass for Sunday, September 4, was recorded and posted on our website on Saturday, September 3: <https://www.stcronan.org/>



**ALL THINGS NEW**

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](http://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.



**St. Cronan Anti-Bias/Anti-Racism Survey:** The Survey is now closed. Thanks to all who participated. Information concerning next steps will be available soon. If you have any thoughts or questions, please contact Andrew Viragh, [andrew.viragh@gmail.com](mailto:andrew.viragh@gmail.com) or Justin Lorenz, [jmlorenz@gmail.com](mailto:jmlorenz@gmail.com)

**Willie's Fund:** If you would like to contribute to a trust fund for Willie's daughter, Nina, who lost her mother last November and will be a senior in high school, please send checks to St. Cronan with "Willie" in the memo. You can also contribute on this site: <https://stcronan.square.site>

**A big THANK YOU** to all who came to my aid these past two weeks to help staff the office and keep me sane. I promised Fr. Jack we would still be Catholic when he returned, so I think we've kept that promise and the place is still standing! Mary returns on Monday and Jack returns on Thursday. Alleluia!

**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. Some of us from St. Cronan are going and you are welcome to join us.

**St. Louis Black History Bus Tour:** Fr. Gerry has been leading these tours on select Saturday mornings for members of the Archdiocese. If there is an interest at St. Cronan's, we will schedule one in the near future. The tour would leave St. Cronan's parking lot on a Saturday at 9:30 a.m. and return to St. Cronan at 1:00 p.m., with an opportunity to eat lunch and discuss with Fr. Gerry at the Parish Center after. Please see the flyer in the chapel for details. To show your interest in a tour, please contact [Paul.loida@bayer.com](mailto:Paul.loida@bayer.com) ; [Berniesalmons@aol.com](mailto:Berniesalmons@aol.com) ; [tulsabillw@gmail.com](mailto:tulsabillw@gmail.com)

**Katy Trail Marian Pilgrimage: Please consider joining us for a Katy Trail Marian Pilgrimage informational meeting:** Thursday, September 15th at 6:45 PM at **St. John the Baptist-Gildehaus Catholic Church Rectory 5567 Gildehaus Road, Villa Ridge, MO 63089 Phone: 636-583-2488 ...we hope to see you there!** And remember, if you're asking God to guide your footsteps, be willing to move your feet! **For more information, please visit our website at [KatyTrailPilgrimage.com](http://KatyTrailPilgrimage.com) or send us an email at [MarianPilgrimage77@gmail.com](mailto:MarianPilgrimage77@gmail.com)**

**History of St. Cronan's:** To access the pictures on CronanTalk, you need to click on the blue link, then click "open Zip extractor". Once that is open, you can view the posters, or download them to your computer. Here is the link:  [St. Cronan's History Vol 1.zip](#) There is a binder in Church that people might look at as well. Any questions, please see Bill Blow or Al Sprehe.

**Pax Christi:** Make plans to participate in the Bread Not Stones Days of Actions, Sept. 19-26. Find the Bread Not Stones organizing toolkit at <https://paxchristiusa.org/bread-not-stones-2022> Look for the prayer cards in the Chapel next weekend.

**The Word Among Us:** This daily meditation book is available free of charge in the Chapel. Feel free to take one for September.

**Environmental Justice Parish Open House** will take place Saturday, September 17 at 9:00 am at Our Lady of the Holy Cross Catholic Church, 8115 Church Road, 63147. For more information please see the flyer in the Chapel.

**Being Who You Are, Perfectly Well:** An LBGTQIA+ Catholics, Families and Friends Retreat will take place November 18-20 at the Mercy Retreat Center. For further details visit this link: <https://marianistsjc.net/lgbtq-retreat>

**Tower Grove Pridefest** St. Cronan is having a booth to welcome our LBGTQIA+ brothers and sisters Saturday, September 24 and Sunday 25. Volunteers are needed to staff the table both days from 11:00 – 6:00. To sign up for a time slot, please see the poster in the Chapel, or visit the Google sheet: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1UegDek0CVQWbHJcCia05iWYhoQmQ6KlsaxtqK3Ya4I/edit?usp=sharing>

**SLUH Mothers Club 95th Annual Fall Social October 2<sup>nd</sup>** Whether you are an alumni or current or future SLUH parent, or are just looking for a fun afternoon, all are welcome! Please join us in the Si Commons on Sunday, October 2 from 11 AM until 2:30 PM for games, food, shopping and a fashion show. Reservations are \$12 for the event with an optional lunch for an additional \$12. Buy a single ticket or request group seating. See old friends and make new ones! This long-standing event (formerly Card Party) is not to be missed! Please register at <https://tinyurl.com/SLUHFallSocial> by **September 26!**

**The Reclamation Center of the Archdiocese of St. Louis** is holding an open house Wednesday October 26 and Monday November 7, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For further information, please see the flyer in the chapel.

**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 in the Chapel.

**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; Nick and Shirley Ambrose's cousin, Tammy Bayes; Tim and Else Hirzel's great nephew, Cameron Russell; Barry Buchek, Claire and Alex Wallenda-Zoppe'and family