

Pastoral Reflection

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

When I went off to college many moons ago, it was the first time I was in a non-parochial setting. To put it mildly, I felt lost. Somehow several of us found our way to a group of fellow students who were deeply involved in the movement of the Holy Spirit. Weekly prayer meetings with a very eclectic and ecumenical group of folks became a guiding light. I experienced a deeper awareness of the Scriptures and learned many hymns that were the foundation in Protestant worship. I knew the words to AMAZING GRACE and HOW GREAT THOU ART long before they became staples in the Catholic tradition.

This weeks's readings brings me back to some of the richness of those days. John touches on Jesus' baptism just

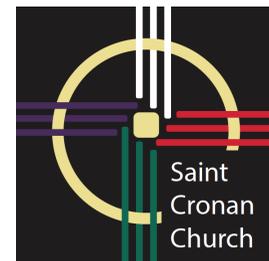
enough to tell us that the Holy Spirit descended and remained with Jesus. When I was touched by the Holy Spirit I too, knew I was called to be faithful, called into fellowship and to be a light to the nations. But we're called not to stop there but to be united in the same mind and the same purpose according to Paul.



I know many of us are disconcerted by the on-going messages of All Things New, myself included. But the messages are clear today: God is steadfast in faithfulness and love and I am called to be of the same mind and the same purpose and what is that? I am sent to proclaim the Gospel. What ought that look like in January,

2023? I'm not certain but I do know the Holy Spirit is with me, with us....Come Holy Spirit, fill me with your wisdom and grace.

—Kathy Stock



St. Cronan Catholic Church
Second Sunday of Ordinary Time
January 15, 2023

Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 pm.
Wednesdays – 8:00 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment

The Masses for January will be live-streamed at 10:00 on Sundays and posted on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/StCronan/>

Black Lives Matter Vigil, takes place the third Friday of the Month at the corner of Manchester and Kingshighway, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. The next vigil will take place on Friday, January 20. Please join us!



Haulers Needed! Dorothy Lucey is in need of more hauling help. She has weekday opportunities as well as Saturday. The need is great! Please call Dorothy if you can help with this important ministry. 314-(314) 803-1858.

HELP WANTED! St. Cronan is looking for a Part Time custodial worker. Approx. 8-10 hours per week during reg. business hours. Additional time during winter for shoveling and Spring/Summer for some yard work. If you know a good candidate please have them call or email Mary in the church office. 314-289-9384 or Mary@stcronan.org. The immediate need is to have shoveling/salting covered for the rest of this winter.

Contribution Statements 2022 Contribution Statements will be going out January 16. Please email Mary at Mary@stcronan.org only if you DO NOT want a statement.



Parish Ministries: If you would like to add your talents to any of our ministries, and meet a great bunch of people, please call the church office or visit our website www.stcronan.org for information. *You are always welcome!*



Prayers Please: Kathy Bayless; Trish Curtis' brother; David Gaillardetz' father, Richard; Nick and Shirley Ambrose's daughter, Brigid Costello; Varrietta Anthony; 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; Tim and Else Hirzel's great nephew, Cameron Russell; Kathy Hunn's niece, Lisa; Sr. Cathy's friends, Inga Casillo, Don Costello, Mike Bowen, Michelle O'Rourke, Kate Genovese; Judy Gallagher; Sharon Orlet; Bonnie and Warren Wimmer's daughter, Anne; Barry Buchek's friends, Jim Bruno and Jim's daughter Courtney; Mary Truetkin; Marie and Roland Martir's granddaughters, Carrie and Maddie, and friend, Craig; Janice Shayne's cousin, Jane Torretta; Jacob Whitworth; John Gozdziwski; Fr. Gerry's friend, Barbara Parker and Wilma Hunt and family, friends of Sandra Ward. *Please let the church office know if your loved one should be removed from the prayer list, or if you would like us to add anyone who needs our prayers.*

Assisi House Opportunities: As many of you know, we are currently working to open an Assisi House on Spring Ave. in North St. Louis. We are aiming to open the house in January or February, 2023. Spring House needs a lot of work, and we intend to have volunteer workers there every Wednesday and Saturday for the foreseeable future. If you have questions or are interested in cleaning, painting, scraping, carpentry, drywall work, etc., send an email to our volunteer director, Megan, at megan@assisihouse.org and let her know how you can help. It is very exciting to see this house transforming into a warm, safe living space again. Please consider helping us.

MEALS PROGRAM AT STS. PETER & PAUL Service Opportunity

The Meals Program at Sts. Peter & Paul serves the homeless & needy from the 2nd through the 21st of each month. We currently have 2 days a month needing coverage. This service includes preparing and serving the meal to those in need. For more information please contact Rachel Schoenberger at 314-231-9923 or office@stspeterandpaulstl.org.

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Mindfulness Class Many people expressed interest in learning and practicing mindfulness when several members of the health cabinet sent out a survey earlier this year. In response to that, classes will be offered beginning, Tuesday, January 10. you can sign up for the 4 week class directly at www.marymiddendorf.com or email Mary Middendorf at mary.middendorf@gmail.com. See class description below:



FOUNDATIONS of MINDFULNESS

This class is designed to teach you the basics of mindfulness in a caring and supportive environment. Each week we will discuss a particular mindfulness topic, explore a variety of practices, including mindfulness meditation, body scan, and mindful movement to name a few, and gain support in establishing a daily practice. This class is a shorter version of the 6 week "Practicing Mindfulness: Tapping into Peace and Well-Being." It will cover the basics and support beginning or refreshing a contemplative practice. **This 4-week class meets every Tuesday starting January 10 and ending January 31 (1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31)** Meetings take place from 1:00 to 2:30 pm on Zoom (link will be sent upon registration) **NOTE: If you are interested, but would rather meet in person please let me know. Arrangements can be made to teach this class in person if there is enough interest or the next class can be in person when the weather is a little more predictable/pleasant.**

Annual Prayer for Christian Unity

Join Archbishop Rozanski and our St. Louis Christian communities in ecumenical prayer for unity on the theme "Do Good; Seek Justice" (Is 1:17). All are also welcome to attend a reception, which will follow the prayer. **WHEN:** Sun., Jan. 29, 7 - 8pm **WHERE:** St. John Bosco Catholic Parish, 12934 Marine Avenue, Creve Coeur, MO 63146 Feel free to reach out to James Fowlkes-Comninellis for more information: 314-792-7177 or JamesComninellis@archstl.org.

December 2022 contributions	
General Fund	\$59,371.00
Building Repair Fund	\$125.00
Capital Maintenance	\$110.00
Christmas	\$405.00
Food Pantry	\$11,937.00
Fundraiser	\$400.00
Human Development	\$330.00
Restricted Fund	\$1300.00
Retired Religious	\$3250.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$860.00
Uganda	\$90.00