

# Pastoral Reflection

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Some things never change! In the second reading this weekend, Paul in First Corinthians says: "It has been reported to me that there are rivalries among you. I mean that each of you is saying, 'I belong to Paul' or 'I belong to Apollos' or I belong to Cephas' or I belong to Christ' Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you?" Now we hear, I am a Democrat or I am a Trumper or I am a conservative Republican or I am pro- Pope Francis or I am very Catholic or I am Pro-Life or am pro- Second Amendment etc. And why was Christ crucified!? Can we really look at the cross and keep on hunkering down in our favorite camp. I am amazed at how Pope Francis can meet with folks who really don't like him and yet come out smiling. I think he has a way of getting inside the heart. I remember when I had the opportunity to speak with St. Teresa of Calcutta on the playground of Sacred Heart School. Mother Teresa had "eyes" that could see right into your heart. You knew that you were loved. Now That's evangelization!

We are in the liturgical season of Ordinary Time but this is no "ordinary time". I

can never remember such rancor and vilification. We need to continue to "look up" from what is right in front of us and see the "star" that led to the light of the world. If we keep looking down we will get ground down. Look up and over! There is more to life than "getting my point across" or "tearing apart" someone else's stance. Get a life, give life. We have Christ crucified to give.

Happy Ordinary Time!  
—Fr. Jack (he/him)



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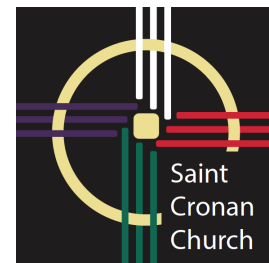
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**St. Cronan Catholic Church**  
**Third Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
**January 22, 2023**

### 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/> The Mass for Sunday, February 5, will be recorded and posted on our website on Saturday, February 4: <https://www.stcronan.org/> If anyone is available to read for the recorded Mass on February 2 at 8:30 (please note time change) please contact Diane [diane@stcronan.org](mailto:diane@stcronan.org)

**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.



**Contribution Statements 2022** Contribution Statements were mailed out this week via US mail. When you receive yours, please look it over and let Mary know if you have any questions. Thanks for your generosity!

**A Message from St. Vincent de Paul Society:** The members of St. Cronan SVDP are thankful for the generosity of the parishioners who sponsored families this past Christmas season. Once again you have gone above and beyond! Thanks to you, our neighbors in need had gifts to open this holiday season. More important than the physical gifts, your kindness gave those same neighbors reason to smile and to hope. Those gifts were priceless and a blessing. It's people like you that make "St. Cronan Sponsor a Family at Christmas Program" successful. Thank you!

**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](http://www.stcronan.org) for information. *You are always welcome!*



**Prayers Please:** Kathy Bayless; Trish Curtis' brother; David Gailardetz' 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; 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, Wilma Hunt and family, friends of Sandra Ward, Michael Mason; former SVDP hauler. *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.*

**Prayers of Thanksgiving from Bonnie and Warren:**

Thank you to the Cronan community for praying for our daughter Anne's healing of breast cancer. We are happy to announce Siteman has declared her cancer free Amen and Praise the Lord. She especially wanted to thank Eileen Heidenheimer and her sewing group for the prayer shawl, she said she has bonded with it and takes it to bed with her every night.

**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](mailto: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.



**Wedding Bands:**  
**Mariah Byrne and Connor Sullivan**  
**January 14, 2023**



**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](mailto:office@stspeterandpaulstl.org).

**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-Comminellis for more information: 314-792-7177 or [JamesComminellis@archstl.org](mailto:JamesComminellis@archstl.org).



**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, February 17. Please join us!

**Scholarships for Catholic Education:** The Today-Tomorrow Educational Foundation is offering scholarships that can be applied to Catholic elementary schools, Catholic private schools, and Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese. For further information, please see the flyer in back of church.

**St. Cronan Men's Retreat** The St. Cronan Men's Retreat will be live and in person this year. The retreat will be held April 28 - 30 (Friday evening to Sunday noon) at the Griesedieck farm, which is about 75 miles north of mid-town St. Louis. All men of the parish are invited. Please contact Rocky Sieben by e-mail if you are interested or have questions. [rockysieben@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rockysieben@sbcglobal.net) More information will be forthcoming in the coming weeks.

**Data Base Updates:** Be sure to let Mary in the office know if you have had any changes to your address, email, mailing address of phone number. You can email any changes to [mary@stcronan.org](mailto:mary@stcronan.org).

**Wills:** Please remember Saint Cronan Parish in your will. Title is St. Cronan's Catholic Church-1202 South Boyle Ave.- St. Louis, MO 63110. Our Federal I.D.# 43-0653457

