

## Pastoral Reflection Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings point to humility. This isn't a wise interpretation on my part, the word actually appears in each of the readings! What does it mean to be humble? I think it means to put others before yourself when it really counts.

*How many people do you know who live the Beatitudes?*

However, in our world, humility won't get you very far. Zephaniah talks of the "remnant of Israel," who seek God and justice and humility. Paul talks of the foolish and weak shaming the wise and strong; those who count for nothing bringing down those who are something. It seems just the opposite of what is going on now in our world and even in our Church. How many people do you know who live the Beatitudes? Who have the attitude of poorness in spirit? Who allow themselves to be persecuted for righteousness? In a few weeks, we will have a sharing session on clericalism here at St. Cronan. The committee organizing the session define "clericalism" as the "Attitude and practice that ordained ministers are better than and set above everyone else in the Church." I don't think the clergy are the only ones who succumb to clericalism, but I believe that the clericalism we witness can be the exact opposite of the beatitudes. Let's work to change our attitudes. Let us pray that we can be what Christ calls us to be.

—Diane Gozdzialski

**Journey Together as Church:** All Catholics have a role to play in changing the culture of the Church. Come share your thoughts and experiences on clericalism and how it affects our Church. St. Cronan is hosting a sharing session on Sunday in the Coffee and Donuts Room, February 19, 1:00-3:00 p.m. at 1202 So. Boyle, 63110. We will use the 4 questions from the Synod and add a fifth question designed to work toward action. Registration is required: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084bafaf23a0f49-synod#/>



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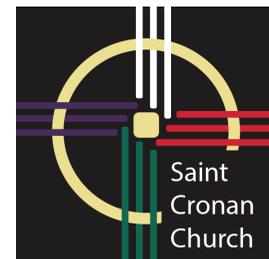
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**St. Cronan Catholic Church**  
**Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
**January 29, 2023**

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

**Haulers Needed!** Dorothy Lucey is in need of more hauling help. She has weekday opportunities as well as Saturdays. 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 last 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!

**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). <https://www.stspeterandpaulstl.org/meal-service>

**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!



**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 and Michael Peterson. *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.*



**BLACK AND INDIAN**  
MISSION OFFICE EST. 1884

Next week, Feb. 4/5, St. Cronan will take up the 139th annual Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the church in African American, Native American and Alaska Native communities from

coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs and diocesan ministries depend on our generosity to help spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! Please use the envelopes provided or just write Black and Indian Mission on the memo line of your check. You can also contribute online from the "Contribute" button on the home page of our website or use this link: <https://www.wesharegiving.org/app/giving/WeShare-20000089?tab=home> Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**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.

**Amazon Smile Update:** Thank you to those of you who use Amazon Smile when purchasing items from Amazon.com. Amazon announced this week that they will discontinue this program beginning February 20, 2023. If you have any purchases to make via Amazon Smile, please do so by this date so St. Cronan can get the donation.

You're Invited  
to join us for a prayer vigil against the

# EXECUTION OF LEONARD "RAHEEM" TAYLOR

02.07.22 | 5:15 PM | 2727 Highway K Bonne Terre, MO

There will be a bus leaving the Rigali Center at 4:00 pm. Email [mariekenyon@archstl.org](mailto:mariekenyon@archstl.org) to reserve your seat on the bus. Estimated return to the Rigali Center is 8pm.

For more information, email [mariekenyon@archstl.org](mailto:mariekenyon@archstl.org)

**Prayer Vigil Against the Death Penalty:** The state of Missouri has executed 2 individuals in the past two months, with another execution scheduled for February 7th. As Catholics, we are pro-life from womb to tomb, and this includes standing against the death penalty. The Catholic Church teaches that "the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person" (CCC 2267). The Archdiocesan Office of Peace and Justice will have a bus available to attend a Prayer Vigil for Leonard "Raheem" Taylor on February 7 at 5:15 p.m. at the Bonne Terre Prison, 2727 Highway K, Bonne Terre, MO. The bus leaving the Rigali Center at

4:00 pm. Email [mariekenyon@archstl.org](mailto:mariekenyon@archstl.org) to reserve your seat on the bus. Estimated return to the Rigali Center is 8pm. For more information, [mariekenyon@archstl.org](mailto:mariekenyon@archstl.org)

**Midtown Community Services Update:** Last week Midtown found out that the state of Missouri is changing its classification of their program. They will now be deemed by the state a Child Care Facility, and will be required to be licensed as such, where in the passed they were exempt from this status. You will be noticing some small and some not so small changes in the Parish Center. One of the first changes will be access to the building and parking lot during after school and camp hours. The parking lot will be sectioned off at the playground with retractable stanchions during hours when children are present, so no vehicles will be permitted beyond that point. Midtown attendees and staff will only access the building through the back doors. Any non-Midtown visitors, staff and parishioners will access the building via the front entrance only. We are grateful for your cooperation with this important implementation of state regulations. Other smaller changes will be upgrading some faucets, paper product dispensers, painting, posted signage and some added safety precautions. Please contact Mary in the church office if you have any questions.

