

First Sunday of Advent

“So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

Advent has arrived, the “Coming” of Jesus is at hand. The day is already here and has not yet arrived when all nations shall stream toward the house of God. The paradox of “already, but not yet” is one of the most important paradoxes for us Christians: it is a reminder of our call to deepen our participation right now in the in-breaking of the kingdom of God, though it will not reach its full expression until some unknown time.

This season, I find myself especially focused on the world we are co-creating for those who come after us. My baseline functioning is quite future-focused, looking forward to the meal I am going to cook this evening, my plans for the weekend, a trip during my next school break, or what is coming next year and beyond. Yet, in the growing changes of pregnancy that my spouse, Loren, is currently undergoing, I now see an ever-present reminder of the “already, but not yet-ness” of life.

Suddenly, I am hyper-aware that every choice we make today carries with it the “nowness” of our future life. With every parenting book I purchase and read, in eve-

ry craving or aversion-responsive meal I make, I am living out the preparation for the baby’s “Coming,” while continuously co-creating the very world in which that baby is already living and growing. In every meal, every touch, every word I am awakened anew to the truth that every day we are given is as real as life will ever get. As inconceivable as it may often feel, perhaps death and life are just as interrelated as now and then, today and tomorrow.

Already, and not yet.

—David Gaillardetz



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.



St. Cronan Catholic Church First Sunday of Advent November 26/27, 2022

Mass Information

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment
Masks are suggested for all Masses

Masses for December 3/4: Masses for the first Sunday of each month are available on <https://www.stcronan.org/> at 5pm the first Saturday of each month.



Poinsettia Fundraiser ends today. Today is the last day to purchase your poinsettias. No orders can be taken after today. Pick up is in the coffee and donuts room on Sunday, Dec. 4 after the masses until noon. Beautify your home for the Christmas season and support St. Cronan! Available sizes, prices and colors: **Red, Pink or White: 6" (\$22), Red, Pink or White 8" (\$30) and Red 10" (\$40)** Please use the order forms in back of church and drop in the collection basket or give to Diane.

All Things New Survey: By Now, anyone who attended a listening session should have received a link for the newest survey emailed to the email address you used for registration. If you attended a listening session and did not receive a link to the survey, please contact Mary Ward in the church office and she will email the link to you. You have until Dec. 31 to complete the survey.



Reflections from the St. Cronan Community: Hard copies of the St. Cronan Advent Reflection Booklet are now available in church. The online version will be coming soon...watch Cronan Talk for updates.

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' mother and 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; Barry Buchek; Carolyn Coyne's daughter, Molly Maryan; Kathy Hunn's niece, Lisa; Sr. Cathy's friends, Inga Casillo, Don Costello, Mike Bowen, Nora Camacho. Judy Gallagher; Sharon Orlet; Mary Proot's grandson, Silas; Bonnie and Warren Wimmer's daughter, Anne; Peggy Banks, friend of Mary Ward; Mary Truetkin, Barry Buchek's friends, Jim Bruno and Jim's daughter Courtney. *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.*

Rosaries Needed: The Marianist Retreat & Conference Center in Eureka is looking for non-plastic rosaries for their "Rosary Wall" (Please see photo) that they've created to provide rosaries for folks who are on retreat to use and, if desired, to take home as a gift from their time on retreat. If you have any rosaries that you are not using and would like to donate to a good cause, they would be very grateful. There will be a designated box in the back of Church for the month of November and will take them to the Retreat Center the first of December. If you have any questions, contact Kathy Hunn at kmhunn@aol.com.

Hello from your Hospitality Committee. We now have pronoun stickers for your name tags, thanks to Erin O'Connell. Please pick the pronouns you prefer and put them on your name tag. We'd also love to see more people use their name tags at mass so we can all get to know each other by name. If you don't have one on the board in the back of church, contact Mary Ward at mary@stcronan.org and she'll have one made for you. Questions, contact Christine Lakey at 314-239-2204 or christine.lakey@yahoo.com.



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

Upcoming Programs at Mercy Conference and Retreat Center

- ◆ "Allowing Christ to Become Flesh in Us: An Advent Day of Prayer," Saturday, December 17, 9:00 AM-3:30 PM, \$75 commuter; \$145 overnight. More information and registration at www.mercycenterstl.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, December 16. Please join us!

Blessing Bags Thanks to the parents and children in Children's Faith Formation who assembled Blessing Bags this year for us to give to the homeless we meet on the street. The bags are ready to be picked up in the Church vestibule, for you to place in your car and have available when you encounter the homeless.

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.

City Greens Market (<https://www.stlcitygreens.org/>) reached out to ask for help with volunteer shifts around the upcoming holidays. Shifts are two hours on Wednesday-Sunday and include help with stocking, inventory, data entry, cleaning, gardening, and staffing community events. They are especially looking for help on Wednesdays! If you are interested, you can sign up here: volunteersignup.org/Q97J7. City Greens is located on Manchester near Tower Grove Ave. Mariah Byrne and Cathy Hartrich have been volunteering with City Greens regularly and love it there. The market has all sorts of native produce and has super high quality local ingredients. Bonus--if you volunteer at least four hours a month, you qualify for a membership and get to buy food at cost! If you have any questions, please contact Mariah at mariah.e.byrne@gmail.com.



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All Saints It has been wonderful honoring our ancestors in the Communion of Saints this past month. Please take your pictures home today. Pictures that are left will be on the table in the Chapel for you to pick up for the next couple of weeks.

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