

Pastoral Reflection Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“If you are bringing your gift to the altar and remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift at the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother, and then present your gift.”
-Matthew 5:25

If Matthew’s Gospel has a crisis chapter, it’s probably right here, in Chapter 5, in the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus is spelling out the cost of discipleship, and it’s going to be a lot tougher than anyone thought. The commandments are going to be a lot more challenging than even Moses had imagined. For those who thought it was going to be all just “love one another” for all the world to see, now we get to the truth of the matter. It isn’t just what others can see, what we do with our hands or utter with our tongues for people to hear. It’s what we harbor in our hearts that matters as well. It’s that grudge that’s been in the family for years, the one we don’t talk about anymore because we can’t even remember how it started. It’s the friend we’ve given up on and we can’t even remember why. Or maybe we DO remember how it began, like it was yesterday and it still hurts. This is calling us to get serious, to go big or go home. And what if the other party has left this life before the issue could be reconciled and we think there’s no chance now? It’s too late?

I am convinced that reconciliation goes on after death. We can’t expect to be happy in the afterlife with an unre-

solved issue, and we CAN reach across life boundaries with forgiveness if we are willing to try. Holy Mystery doesn’t give up on us, nor does that Boundless Love allow us to give up on one another. You will notice Jesus sets no time limits on the reconciliation He requires. He just suggests that until we have at least tried, (maybe more than once or twice), we will find it difficult to come to prayer with integrity.

These are hard words that Jesus speaks in today’s gospel, uncompromising words as the author of Matthew writes them, but they are spoken by a Spirit, an Inspiration, that credits us with being able to respond.

—Sister Chabanel Mathison, O.S.U.

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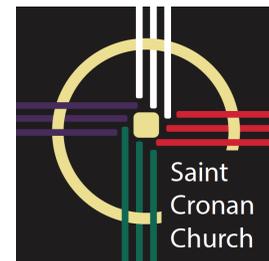
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St. Cronan Catholic Church Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time February 12, 2023

Mass Information

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment

The Masses for February Masses for February 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, February 17. Please join us!

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#/>



ALL THINGS NEW
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ALL THINGS NEW: On Friday, a very important email went out in regards to All Things New. Attached was a letter from Sr. Chabanel, a map of the newest model for our area and a questionnaire. There is a very short turn-a-round for this Questionnaire...it is due no later than Wednesday afternoon, February 15. Please email your responses to Sr. Chabanel or send to the office and we can forward to her. If you did not receive this email on Friday, please let the office know and we will forward to 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 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[DG1], 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; Wilma Hunt and family, friends of Sandra Ward; Michael Mason; former SVDP hauler; Michael Peterson; Linda and Jeff Caul's daughter, Kelly. *Please let the office staff know if your loved one should be removed from the prayer list.*

- Michael Mason, prior SvDP hauling volunteer, has been transferred to Bernard Care Center, 4335 West Pine Blvd 63108. Cards appreciated
- Our deepest sympathies to Sandy McKinney, whose sister, Cindy Findeiss, passed away this past week. Please keep Cindy, Sandy and Helen in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.
- Mary Solomon's brother, Martin Renaud passed away on Friday. Please keep his family in your prayers as well. May the Angels take him into Paradise.



Thank you to everyone who participated in the 139th annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection last weekend.

If you still wish to contribute, please use the envelopes provided in church 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 again, 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 More information will be forthcoming in the coming weeks.

St. Cronan Women's Retreat The 2023 Women's Retreat at the Griesedieck Farm will take place April 21-23. There will be a minimal cost and ride shares will be arranged through the sign-up (coming soon). Feel free to attend the first planning meeting this Sunday, Feb. 5, after the 10 a.m. Mass at Coffee and Donuts. More to come soon!

The collaborative **Immigrant and Refugee Ministry** of Saints Pius V, John the Baptist, Anthony of Padua, Cronan, Margaret of Scotland and Vincent de Paul parishes is seeking a **Coordinator** for its **Immigrant and Refugee Ministry (IRM.)** Based at St. Pius V, this is a full time position and requires some evening and weekend work. Read the mission of the IRM and a job description at <https://www.stpiusv.org/church-s-social-mission>. Please send cover letter, resume and salary requirements to ruthrehresman@yahoo.com by March 15.

Narcan Outreach Program: St. Cronan Church will have Narcan, the life-saving medication to combat opiate overdoses, available at no cost. St. Cronan Church Social Justice Committee, in partnership with the Missouri Institute of Mental Health (MIMH) and The University of Missouri- St. Louis, sponsored this program. The program will offer complimentary boxes of Narcan including substance abuse and mental health resources and education. The program launch announcement will occur at the following Mass dates/times below: Saturday, February 18- 5pm; Sunday, February 19- 8am + 10am. Lori Deering will be at Coffee and Donuts on Feb. 19 to answer any questions. Please contact the church office for more information.

Haulers Needed: The hauling ministry of St. Vincent de Paul is in need of people who can help move furniture from donors to people in need during the week and on Saturdays. If you can donate some time to this worthy endeavor, please contact Dorothy Lucey, (314) 803-1858.



Mass Protocols: The last two years have taught us to be conscious of each other's health and to care for the least among us: those who have compromised immune systems. To that end, masks continue to be recommended, although not required at Mass. Please keep in mind that we are in close proximity in church for at least one hour, which is ample time to catch the Covid or Flu virus. The CDC has indicated that COVID is not spread by touch or physical contact, so it is perfectly alright to hold hands during the Our Father and to extend the Exchange of Peace around you as you wish, provided people are comfortable holding or shaking hands or hugging. We are holding off the practice of going around the Altar during the Consecration in respect for Fr. Jack, who must be without a mask during those prayers. As we are able to open the Church in the Spring, we will revisit this practice. Thank you for your understanding.