

Pastoral Reflection

Second Sunday of Easter 2023

“They devoted themselves to the teachings of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers... All who believed were together and had all things in common... Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes.”

The readings for today summarize something of the significant commitment our Confirmandi are taking on today in their Sacrament of Confirmation. Their classes that they have undergone in preparation for this Sacrament purposefully required their own assent, engagement, preparation, and participation. No longer was all communication going through their parents or guardians, but it was up to each of them to give their own “yes.”

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Notably, the scriptural commitment we read today does not culminate with following the teachings of Jesus modelled by the apostles, but rather it includes our communal obligations to those around us, to “believe together” and to “break bread” together. This is why active and continued participation in our faith community is so important: while prayer draws us deeper, community stretches us out to each other—and thus, to Christ-in-others.

It is fitting in some ways, and ironic in others, that traditionally in the Catholic Church this Sacrament of Confirmation occurs right in the early swells of adolescence, an often-tumultuous stage that finds everything from our bodies, our relationships, our thoughts and beliefs, even our own sense of self in flux. For through Confirmation, a new self emerges with a new name, a new identity, a new commitment to both stretching and deepening in our faith and in our bonds with God through one another.

As we reflect on the commitments that we have made, let us allow ourselves to be sent forth along with those newly Confirmed into our community and into the world, to devote ourselves to the teachings of the apostles, to pray, and to break bread with one another.

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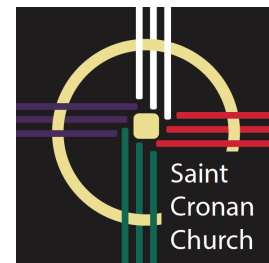
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St. Cronan Catholic Church

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April 16, 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 April will be live-streamed at 10am on Sundays and posted on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/StCronan/>

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.

Easter Prayer Service, Today. Join the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 16 at the Carondelet Motherhouse for their Easter prayer service Radiating Joy. Celebrate the resurrection of our Lord with our community. All are welcome! The prayer service is free, but registration is required by April 9. Register at <https://www.csjsl.org/events/easter-prayer-service>.

Join in investing in The Grove neighborhood by attending the Park Central Development (PCD) Community Meeting Thursday April 27, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in the St. Cronan Parish Center basement. Come hear ways PCD has committed to housing preservation and other service programs and how you can invest in our surroundings too. Contact Christine Lakey for questions at 314-239-2204.

If you have not already turned in your **Rice Bowl** contributions, please bring to the church office this week. If you prefer to make a donation with a check, please notate “Rice Bowl” in memo line.



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, and newborn baby, Giovanni Christopher Centerino; Judy Gallagher; Mary Truetkin; Marie and Roland Martir's daughter, Carrie, and granddaughter, Maddie; Janice Shayne's cousin, Jane Torretta; Jacob Whitworth; John Gozdzi-alski; Wilma Hunt and family, friends of Sandra Ward; Michael Mason; former SVDP hauler; Michael Peterson; Linda and Jeff Caul's daughter, Kelly; Al Sprehe's wife, Maggie; Joe Connolly; Sam Vitale, friend of Father Jack and Mary Ward, John Derr; son-in-law of Alice Adcock; Mr. Charles; Bill Blow's daughter, Meg Shugarts; Sr. Cathy's friends, Jenni, Jackie Bishop. *Please let the office staff know if your loved one should be removed from the prayer list.*

Sr. Cathy's friend, Jackie Bishop, will have brain surgery on the 26th of April. They will put a stent in one of her veins that is narrowing.

Immigration Task Force DACA Gala will be held today, April 16, 3-5 p.m. at the Cardinal Rigali Center. Tickets are \$25 (free for those under 16. Refreshments and Music are provided. RSVP: bit.ly/DACAgala For further information, see the flyer in the vestibule, or contact Marie Kenyon – mariekenyon@archstl.org

Black History Bus Tour Fr. Gerry will leading another Black History Bus Tour on Saturday, April 22, leaving St. Cronan, at 10am and returning at 1pm for the cost of \$7. Those who bring a brown bag lunch will stay longer to eat together and process the experience. Please sign up at church after Mass or contact Nick Ambrose 314-326-2216 or Glenn Eckert 314-849-1000 glenneckert@gmail.com



Taste of Carondelet Thursday, May 4 at 5:30 p.m. Join the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet at the historic St. Louis Province Motherhouse for Taste of Carondelet on Thursday, May 4 at 5:30 p.m. Celebrate our global heritage with delicious cuisine made by local chefs from France, Hawaii, Japan, Peru and St. Louis. Plus cocktails and music! All of this is topped off with an important ministry update. Registration closes April 21. Tickets cost \$50. Get yours today before they run out at csjstl.org/events.



Sacraments: These children were baptized, received their First Communion, and were confirmed at the Easter Vigil: Aliyah Grace Frances DeSmet-Girardi, Kaylen-Marie Elizabeth DeSmet-Girardi, and Rylee Martin Sanchez. What a joyous celebration! Please keep them in your prayers.

Please pray for our Confirmation students who will receive Confirmation on Sunday April 16, at the 10:00 Mass: Maelle Boulanger, Micah Daniels, Oliver Hajek, Nate Baum Scholle, and Meghan Wallace.

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, April 21. Please join us!

St. Cronan Women's Retreat will take place at Maple Creek Farm near Eolia, MO, **April 21-23**. All women are welcome to attend one, two or three days. The cost

will be \$50 for 2-3 days and \$30 for 1 day. Bring a check or cash to the retreat. All the meals will be provided by retreat goers. So plan to bring something to add to one of the meals (including beverages). Plan to sleep in a bed, although a couple of persons may be sleeping on mattresses on the floor. If we have a large group, you may want to bring a tent to sleep in -- you are more than welcome to do that! For more info please email Cathy Hatrich: jubilosa.4547@gmail.com (or text: 314-534-1048).



Bulletin: Please submit all items for the weekly bulletin to mary@stcronan.org. you want your blurb in Monday Notes, too, please copy diane@stcronan.org. Bulletin deadline is Wednesday by noon.

March 2023 contributions

General Fund	\$41,460.00
Building Repair Fund	\$125.00
Catholic Relief (Earthquake)	\$2,459.00
Capital Maintenance	\$100.00
First Offering	\$3.00
Food Pantry	\$1,120.00
St. Louis Review	\$65.00
Holy Land	\$25.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$355.00
Fundraiser—Baseball	\$530.00