

Pastoral Reflection

Third Sunday of Easter 2023

Were not our hearts burning within us as he spoke to us on the way? --Luke 24:32

All of us are on the road to Emmaus. Emmaus is the code word for home, the place we come from and to which we most especially belong. It's the place where we feel we can be ourselves when no place else quite feels that it fits as well for us. St. Cronan is for many of us our "Church home" where we fit somehow with the diverse and varied community of pilgrims who find their way here most weeks. And on the way, in the process, we meet Jesus, but we don't always know it is He. We meet Him in the stranger we encounter and with whom we strike an unexpected bond, the person we haven't seen for a long time and with whom we enjoy a catch up conversation, the homilist who inspires us unknowingly with words that deeply touch us, the beautiful little child who escapes her parent's grasp and brings us a smile of delight as she races up the center aisle in freedom, Father Jack who tells just the right story, the choir who sings one of our favorite songs, the announcements which sometimes take longer than the Mass but speak to the community that we are, the treat of having happy and committed young people being baptized and received into the Church or confirmed. It's all part of what

makes St. Cronan our weekend road to Emmaus. Whether it be "parish" or "chapel", it's our Church home!

And there, each in our own way and also corporately, we come once again to recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread. He "goes on ahead" while we beg Him to stay with us longer, and He does, perhaps joining us in some of those wonderful, prolonged conversations at coffee and donuts. Eventually, however, He goes farther on into the week, encouraging us to go with Him wherever this week will lead. And we go . . . to our families, friends or neighbors to share, like the disciples in today's Gospel, the wonderful, amazing experience we enjoyed that morning.

—*Sister Chabanel Mathison, O.S.U.*

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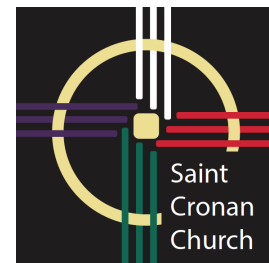
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St. Cronan Catholic Church

Third Sunday of Easter

April 23, 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/>



Annual Catholic Appeal: This weekend kicks off the annual ACA. Be on the look-out for your pledge card in the mail. Returning your pledge card through the church office is the best way to respond, we then have a direct record of your pledge. Please return your pledge card even if you are unable to participate. You can drop it in the collection basket at Mass or mail to the church office. **A great big THANK YOU** to Christine Lakey and Dede Coughlin, who along with our ACA chairs: Roland Martir and Glenn Eckert, helped stuff all of the pledge envelopes.

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, May 19. Please join us!

St. Vincent de Paul Pancake Breakfast: After a 3-year hiatus, the SVdP Pancake Breakfast will take place on Sunday, April 30, 8:30am-12:30pm. This is our way of thanking you for your generosity and welcoming our neighbors to share in a delightful meal. Come enjoy live music, pancakes and sausage as we celebrate You and St. Vincent de Paul! Good will offerings are welcome, but not expected. For further information, please contact Kathleen at johnson-kath2@gmail.com

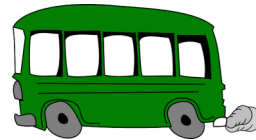




Prayers Please: Kathy Bayless; Trish Curtis' brother; David Gaillardetz' father, Richard; Nick and Shirley Ambrose's daughter, Brigid Costello; Varrietta Anthony; Fr. Jack's brother, Mike; Natalie Johnson and the Johnson family; Diane Calcaterra; Sr. Lynne's friend, Jan Berberich, SSND; Barb Sopp's friend, 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 Gozdziwski; Wilma Hunt and family, friends of Sandra Ward; Michael Mason, former SVDP hauler; Michael Peterson; Linda and Jeff Caul's daughter, Kelly; Joe Connolly; Sam Vitale, friend of Father Jack and Mary Ward, John Derr; son-in-law of Alice Adcock; Mr. Charles; Mary Ward; Bill Blow's daughter, Meg Shugarts; Sr. Cathy's friends, Jenni, Jackie Bishop, Roger Bailey; friend of Dom and Marcy Soda, Philip Anala and Bonnie Wimmer. *Please let the office staff know if your loved one should be removed from the prayer list.* Please keep Judy Varias and her family in your prayers as Judy travels to help Sharon Bresser, the mother of her grandchildren, as she recovers from colon surgery.

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.

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.

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.

Join in investing in The Grove neighborhood by attending the Park Central Development (PCD) Community Meeting Thursday May 18 (NEW DATE) 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.

Please pray for our First Communion students who will receive their First Communion at the 5:00 Mass on Saturday, April 29: Jonah Boulanger, Jack Callahan, Paddy Callahan, Noellia Cortes, Sean Fairless, Augustine Hajek and Allison Lehman.



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



Welcome Neighbor STL Syrian Dinner will be May 12, 6pm at St. Margaret of Scotland church hall. Many of you know the great work Welcome Neighbor STL does for immigrants and refugees in our community and their dinner club is one way they help.

The women/families cook and serve food and share about their experiences. They will be from Syria. In addition, several women will be selling their crafts. The funds from such events help the families not only here but back home as well. Follow the link below to register and pay. Seating is limited. <https://welcomeneighborstl.org/events/dinner-at-st-margaret-of-scotland/>

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.



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!*