

Pastoral Reflection

Sixth Sunday of Easter 2023

There's been sadness in my life these recent weeks as I walked the journey of dying with my last living aunt. She "adopted" us when her sister and my mother died unexpectedly many years ago. My parents generation is gone now and I do feel that sense of abandonment and loss. And then Jesus promises, "I will not leave you orphans...because I live and you will live." Such a powerful, amazing promise. Can I even believe it? How do I take it in? Our daily human condition challenges us to believe.

Daily we see and hear multiple examples of the Spirit of truth "whom the world cannot accept." One only needs to glance at the news headlines to be made aware of the lack of honesty and forthrightness in our world. We might wonder what it is all about. If we truly call on Jesus as beloved in our hearts we will know peace and joy. Then we can share that good news of hope with gentleness and reverence. Maybe these words can help us think about how to move forward:

Busyness is a choice

Stress is a choice

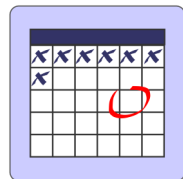
Joy is a choice

Choose well.

(Seen on a church sign)

—Kathy Stock

Mark Your Calendars!



**June 4—Parish Potluck
Lunch after 10am Mass**

**June 17—Care and Share
GiveAway**

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.

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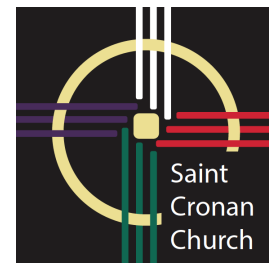
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St. Cronan Catholic Church
Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 14, 2023 - Mother's Day

Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 a.m. and 10 am.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 pm.

Wednesdays – 8:00 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment



Annual Catholic Appeal: Please return your pledge cards to the Parish Office by mail or via the Sunday collection. **Please return your card even if you can't participate this year.**

You can view the ACA video on the St. Cronan Homepage.

Once you make your pledge, please put a colored dot on the church progress board in the back of church. Let's fill up the church and watch us progress to meet our goal. Pledges can also be made online at <https://www.archstl.org/aca> please be sure to credit St. Cronan. If paying by check, please be sure to make your check **payable to ACA**. As of today, 16% of cards have been turned in. Please keep in mind there is about a 2-week lag in reporting from the ACA office.

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!

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

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!***

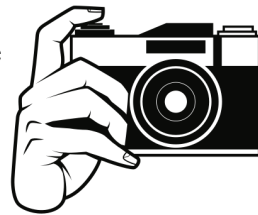


Prayers Please: Kathy Bayless; Trish Curtis' brother; David Gaillardetz' father, Richard; Nick and Shirley Ambrose's daughter, Brigid Costello; Varrietta Anthony; Fr. Jack's brother, Mike; Natalie Johnson and the Johnson family; Diane Calcaterra; Sr. Lynne's friend, Jan Berberich, SSND; Barb Sopp's friend, 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, Jenni, Jackie Bishop, 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 Wallace; Bill Blow's daughter, Meg Shugarts; Roger Bailey; friend of Dom and Marcy Soda, Philip Anala, Bonnie Wimmer, and Jon Ebner nephew of Rocky Sieben & Ruth Hasser. *Please let the office staff know if your loved one should be removed from the prayer list.*



May's Ministry of the Month is the St. Cronan Book Discussion Group. Please consider joining with us as we connect outside of Church and Mass in talking all things Social Justice, Anti-Racism and Oppression, Liberation Theology, our Environment, to name a few topics. We read fiction and non-fiction and rotate the book chooser and discussion leader. Right now we are about 10 participants and we welcome those who are not able to read the book or want to join some months and not others. Meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. on Zoom. July's meeting will be in-person. Email Christine.Lakey@yahoo.com for the Zoom link.

Website Photographer: On June 4, we will have a photographer at Mass taking photos for our new website (yay!). She will be here before, during and after mass to capture shots of our gathering, worship and hospitality. She will also pop in to the Pot-luck and get some shots of our Community. We would like to fill up the church and show the world our wonderful families and friends. Wear your beautiful smile and your Sunday best! We will have special arrangements for those not wishing to have their photo taken.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Parish Pot-luck – Let's come together as community on Sunday, June 4, after 10:00 Mass for a pot-luck lunch, conversation, and BINGO! If you plan to attend and can bring a dish to share, please contact Maggie at ofccomp17@gmail.com or call the office (314) 289-9384.

Children's Faith Formation The St. Cronan Community offers Children's Faith Formation for all children, K-8, through a hybrid Catechist-led/Family led approach. This year, we hope to offer classes twice per month, usually on the first and third Sundays after 10:00 Mass, and send home additional information for parents to share Faith with their children in a family-based program. I want to take this opportunity to invite all families with school-aged children to join us. For more details on the program please contact Diane at 314-289-9384 or diane@stcronan.org **This faith-filled community welcomes each of you!**

Calling Teachers/Catechists: We are in need of additional catechists for the 2022-23 school year. The only requirement is that you are willing to share your own faith with these children and can follow a very well-planned program. If there are community members, parents or young adults who might lead the monthly classes, please contact Diane, diane@stcronan.org There is much support and instruction for anyone willing to be a catechist to these wonderful children. You will find yourself growing in your own faith as you help children grow in theirs.

Gathering around the Altar: We are inviting people to join Fr. Jack around the Altar for the Consecration. We will begin at the 10:00 Mass, to see how things go, and then expand to the 5:00 and 8:00 Masses in the near future.

Here are the procedures:

- Everyone who comes to the Sanctuary must wear a mask (available in the back of church and on the stools up front) out of respect for Fr. Jack, who cannot be masked during the prayers
- Please come up just before the Preface ("The Lord be with you.." dialogue) and form a semi-circle behind the Altar, allowing room for the choir, and ending at the ends of the railings on either side so as not to block the rest of the congregation.
- You will return to your pews during the Sign of Peace

