

Pastoral Reflection

Pentecost Sunday

The Gospel for Pentecost from John says: "THE DOORS WERE LOCKED". Yet in burst Jesus! He was oblivious to all barriers. Not only were the doors locked but the hearts of the apostles were locked. They thought it was all over between them and Jesus. Their conduct had been less than sterling these last few days: denials, betrayals, flight, leaving Jesus alone to die alone. The only thing they had left was their embarrassment and guilty consciences. Truly, the bunch of failures needed to be behind locked doors. But Jesus sought them out. He burst through their locked hearts and sent the Spirit of the Second Chance. That Spirit of love was greater than their shame. The doors were broken open and these wounded, forgiven healers were sent out to share the Good News of the greatest love ever. And that folks is what Pentecost is all about! We are never beyond his reach nor beyond his love.

This is very important news for this weekend as Archbishop Rozanski announces the final configurations for All Things New. Doors will be locked; hearts will be broken; angst will be palpable; fears will gush forth. There will be over 150 new priest assignments. Guys will be on the move; parish configurations will be significantly altered. There will be much soul-searching and sadly much anger and blame. I have been through this before. In 2005 I lost three of the parishes that I grew up in (and one in which I was ordained) - no fun. But the test of true

faith is how one handles change. Will it be a time of new and different grace or a time of bitterness and crippling stress. Will it be a time for winners and losers or a time for the Pentecostal Spirit, a Spirit that shakes the foundations!

Pray for our Archdiocese. Pray that the true Spirit will blow through our Archdiocese and fire up our hearts. Pray for our Archbishop. He did not come here to alter our Archdiocese in such a humongous way. It was the Priests Council that asked him to begin this process. He is taking "hits" he doesn't deserve. Pray for him. Pray for those who will malign him. And most of all remember Genesis 1 i.e. "God creates out of chaos!"

God bless and may the Spirit rest gently on each of you,

—Fr. Jack (he/him)

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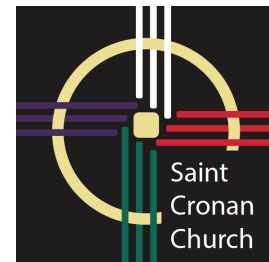
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St. Cronan Catholic Church

Pentecost Sunday

May 28, 2023

Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 a.m. and 10 am.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 pm.

Wednesdays – 8:00 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.



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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.**

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.



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.

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.

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, and newborn baby, Giovanni Christopher Centerino; Judy Gallagher; Mary Truetkin; Marie and Roland Martir's daughter, Carrie, and granddaughter, Madi; Jacob Whitworth; John Gozdzialski; 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 the Krueger Family and Nick Ambrose. *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.



Second Collections:

On Sunday, May 28, there will be a second collection for the Home Missions Appeal. Today, more than 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work of their communities. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions


Sunday, June 4, is Cardinal Glennon Sunday. There will be a second collection to support the many children served by Cardinal Glennon Hospital. Additional information can be found at glennon.org/what-we-do/glennon-sunday/

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.

Food Pantry Coordinator Search The coordinator of our Food Pantry, Kathy Hunn, is retiring so we are looking for a replacement. With Kathy's assistance we have put together a new job description (please see the attachment). Mary, our Pastoral Administrator, will be taking over the clerical duties associated with the Pantry. What this position will entail is being on sight to coordinate the efforts of the volunteers. There is little "homework" associated with this opportunity. We will be paying \$25 dollars an hour for your services. To apply for this position, please reach out to Mary at 314-289-9384 or mary@stcronan.org for an application. Are deepest thanks to Kathy for her many years of dedication!

Gathering around the Altar: We are inviting people to gather 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