

The Baptism of the Lord January 12, 2025

Jubilee of Hope

Recently I attended a funeral of a former parishioner who had 12 children. The family alone needed 11 pews. The preacher said it was the first time they had to use reserve signs for guests! This woman had a number of famous one liners which made deep impressions on her family. My favorite was: "God will always help you, but you may have to sweat a little?"

Right now I am sweating bullets over what this next Administration may do to those on the margins of society. Fortuitously Pope Francis has declared the 2025 Jubilee Year to be a Year of Hope. He is urging us to be Pilgrims of Hope. As he opened the Holy Door to begin this Jubilee he bids us to pray and stand up for truth. He has given us some hope by appointing Cardinal McElroy as the successor to Cardinal Gregory in Washington, DC. Cardinal McElroy has been ardent advocate for immigrants, the LGBTQIA communities and the environment. While many Bishops and Catholic leaders have shied away from these sacred issues the Cardinal has not. Our Hope is that he will truly represent the Gospel in DC and for the Nation as a whole.

For us here at St. Cronan we have installed our own miniature Sacred Door alongside of which are two posters. One is a poster of the Holy family as refugees and the other is a poster welcoming the LGBTQIA communities. Doing this Jubilee Year we are called to be beacons of hope. My prayer is that our welcome and our search for justice

may reach outside the walls of our church. It is time for the Gospel to be held up and not political/ ecclesial partisanship. Stay tuned as our leadership seeks ways to spread the Good News of Hope.

—Fr. Jack (he/him)



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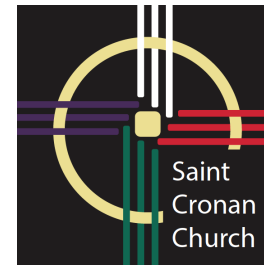
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Sunday Sexton: Open Position





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Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 pm.

Wednesdays – 8:00 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.

Bulletin Deadline: Noon Tuesday



Jubilee Year of Hope: As we begin the new year, let us open our doors to the hope of a better future. Let us resolve to work collectively to welcome our migrant neighbors and LGBTQIA+ siblings. In the vestibule, you will notice the door marked with the Papal Seal, the Holy Family as migrants and refugees, and the “Welcome All” logo. Let us face 2025 with a firm commitment to follow Pope Francis’ declaration.



WE'RE Hiring



HELP WANTED: St. Cronan once again finds itself looking for a part-time employee for janitorial work. This position would be Sunday mornings, and 1 or 2 half days during the weekday. Applicant must be able to lift 40+ pounds and move tables and chairs when needed, pass a background check and have reliable transportation (or live within walking distance). We are looking for a punctual, dependable and trustworthy candidate. Please email mary@stcronan.org for more info or to apply.



Prayers Please: Fr. Jack Schuler

Several times a year the prayer list gets purged due to space and changes in circumstances of those needing prayers. If you would like your loved one to be added back onto the prayer list, please contact Mary in the church office. mary@stcronan.org

Blessing Bags: In a crate in the vestibule are blessing bags given to us by Breakthru Bev, thanks to Mike Ward (Mary's husband). Please feel free to take some, put them in your car, and distribute to the homeless you meet throughout your day.

Envelope Users: In your January packet of envelopes there is an envelope marked "**First Offering**". This envelope is used to offer a contribution to help defray the cost to the church for the printing and mailing of the envelopes. A suggested donation would be \$3.00. Please consider making this small donation to help with our costs.



St. Louis Review: If you are receiving the STL Review, January is the time of year that the Archdiocese requests a \$35 subscription fee be paid to cover the cost of circulation. Please send in your payments to St. Cronan, include REVIEW on the memo line of your check. If you no longer wish to receive The Review, please contact the church office by sending an email to mary@stcronan.org.

Black Lives Matter Vigil, takes place the third Friday of the Month at the corner of Manchester and Kingshighway, 4:30-5:30 p.m. The next vigil will take place on Friday, January 17. Please join us!

Sacred Heart Villa, an Early Childhood Center on the Hill is looking for people who would like to work with young children. The Villa has a few employment opportunities:

Aftercare assistant – Mon -Fri 2:30 -5PM
OR

Full-time Lead Teacher for Toddler Class 7:30-3:30

There is some flexibility in start and end times. Competitive pay. Working in a nurturing environment. Please contact Sister Christian at 314-302-8701.



Help Wanted!

Musician needed: Are you interested in leading a small but dedicated group of Mass participants in song? Our Musician for 5:00 Mass, Red Dorsey, is looking to move on to spend more time with his grandkids, so we would like to find someone with musical experience who might want to bring music to the dedicated 5:00 Mass participants. This is a volunteer position.



Our new banner is now up! Check it out on the Boyle side of the church building. Please see this week's *Monday Notes* for more about **Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope** and some ways you can help out the Immigrant & Refugee Ministry.



EMAIL HELP!!!! The St. Cronan Church Office is looking for some help to migrate our emails to a GOOGLE email or other simpler-to-use format. If you have expertise in this area and can give of your time and talent to get us set up, it would be much appreciated. Please contact Mary in the office. mary@stcronan.org.



Thank You!!!! A Great Big **THANK YOU** to all who donated food for the Reverse Advent Calendar! Your generosity made it possible to feed many over the holidays! It's not too late to turn in your donations if you have not done so. Please bring to the Church Office Mon-Fri 9am-3pm.

Caroline Leibman, Spiritual Enrichment through Movement: Caroline offers instruction in Spiritual Movement on Tuesday afternoons, Feb. 11th and 25th and then March 11th and 25th

at 12pm, 1pm, 2pm and 3pm. To register for a session, please use this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084BAFAF23A0F49-52556820-spiritual> Instructions to sign up: Click "sign up" at the bottom of the list of slots, click "save and continue" (this might be under the "cookies" notice. You will need to close that to see it). On

"Sign me up" page, enter your name and email if it is not displayed. Click "sign up now." Click "back to sign up – your name should appear in your selected slot. Questions? Contact Caroline at carolineleiberman@gmail.com or Diane at diane@stcronan.org

Immigrant Accompaniment Program

Volunteer Training!

January 13, 7:00-8:00pm
or
January 25, 12:30-1:30pm
St. Pius V Catholic Church, Singler Hall

-What is accompaniment? Why is it important?
-How can I walk in solidarity with my immigrant neighbors in times of fear and anxiety?

For more information contact:
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Welcome

To Our New Member:
Emily Donald