

**Pastoral Reflection**  
*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*January 21, 2024*

*"Come after me...'  
Then they abandoned their nets and followed him."*

With our readings today, we have an element of prophetic voice, and a corresponding opportunity to respond to that calling. The technological advances of the last few decades have allowed the amplification of voices, but with all that noise what can actually be heard?

How would we have responded to Jonah, this strange man walking through the streets predicting our demise unless we transform our lives? Personally, I think I probably would have avoided eye contact, maybe looked at my phone, picked up my pace a bit until I was safely past and able to "go on with my life." And that is part of the struggle, the incredible pull of inertia makes every change—necessary for transformation—an exhaustive effort. This necessitates a conscious effort on our part to quiet ourselves, to take a breath, and to truly listen.

What would we do if a stranger came up to us while at work and told us to leave everything and everyone we've known and to follow him? Again, it is hard for me to imagine what it would take to put down my net and follow. I do not let go

or say goodbye easily. This is where St. Ignatius' teaching on "detachment" comes into play. Sometimes we think of temptation as that which is "evil" or "wrong," but Ignatius described detachment as the "making use of those things that help to bring us closer to God, and leaving aside those things that don't."

Loving God, grant us the peace to listen to the prophetic voices in our lives, the strength to set aside that which drowns You out, and the grace to see You in all things.

*Amen*

*—David Gaillardetz*

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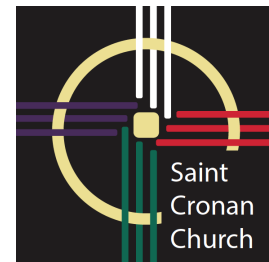
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**St. Cronan Catholic Church**  
**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
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**Mass Information**

SUNDAY – 8 a.m. and 10 am.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 pm.

Wednesdays – 8:00 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.

**There will be no 8am Wednesday morning Mass January 24**

**Issues and Inspirations:** "Just Songs", a Concert of Susan Marting's Original Music Inspired by Catholic Social Teaching. February 11, 1:00 p.m., in the Church. A reception will follow in the Hospitality Room. Please save the date! More details to come.....



**St. Cronan's Men's Retreat**, April 5 -7, 2024 at the Griesedieck Farm (Fri. evening to Sun. 12 noon). Contact Rocky Sieben, [rockysieben@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rockysieben@sbcglobal.net) for more details.

**SPAM CALLS AND TEXTS:** We have been experiencing another round of SPAM calls and texts that claim to be coming from Fr. Jack asking for gift cards and/or banking info. Please delete any such messages, do not respond...don't even open them. Fr. Jack will **never** make any such requests. You will also notice, if you are the recipient of one of these messages, that they do not come from a Cronan email, nor is it Fr. Jack's phone number on texts. If you ever receive a suspicious message, please call the office to verify.

**2023 Contribution Statements:** Contribution Statements went out on January 18. When you receive yours, please look it over carefully. If you have any questions or find any errors, please email or call Mary in the church office.

**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](http://www.stcronan.org) for information. *You are always welcome!*



**Prayers :** Nancy Buck; John Gozdziwski, Tom and Madonna Kuciejczyk-Kernan, Joseph Kuciejczyk (brother of Madonna and Sr. Janet), Nick Ambrose, Kathy Krebs (Sister-in-law of Judy Varias) Andrew Wimmer, Kathy Hunn's niece Lisa and her brother Jon, Dan Orlet's mother Eileen, Mary Truetken.

*Please note that our prayer list has been purged for the new year. If you would like your loved one or yourself to be placed on the list, please call the office: (314) 289-9384, or email [Mary@stcronan.org](mailto:Mary@stcronan.org)*

**Immigration and Migrant Ministry.** St. Cronan is part of the coalition of parishes working on this initiative. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact IRM Coordinator Kevin Kuehl, 772-1525, ext 204, [MigrantMinistrySTL@gmail.com](mailto:MigrantMinistrySTL@gmail.com), or visit our office at St. Pius V Rectory. Envelopes are in the back of church should you care to make a donation. **Make checks payable to St. Pius V.**



**Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet Black History Month Prayer Celebration**  
*Resilience Unveiled: Celebrating Faith, Courage and Sacrifices of Black Catholics*  
**Sunday, Feb. 11 from 2-4 p.m. Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet Motherhouse 6400 Minnesota Ave., St. Louis, MO 63111** The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet invite you to join us as we commemorate Black History Month with a prayer celebration and light reception. Immerse yourself in African drumming and listen to the words of famous Black Catholic civil rights figures such as Julia Greeley, Sister Thea Bowman, Father Augustus Tolton, Ugandan Martyrs and more.

The event is free, and registration is required by Jan. 28. Learn more and register at [csjstl.org/events](http://csjstl.org/events).



**Attention Bakers!** We are in need of bakers for next year! This ministry is easy and requires little time commitment - one day a year. You can even include your children or grandchildren. The bread recipe is pretty simple, and had just a few ingredients. If you are interested in helping out with this ministry, please contact Laura Krueger. [Lauramarie993@gmail.com](mailto:Lauramarie993@gmail.com)

**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, February 16 . Please join us!

**REPLY ALL:** Just a little reminder that when you are responding to someone on Cronan Talk, please **DO NOT** use the **REPLY ALL** option....please only reply to the person sending the email. Many people are unsubscribing to Cronan Talk because of too much back and forth and too many emails.



**The annual Liturgical Composers Concert** will be held Thursday, January 25, 7:00-8:30 PM at Mercy Conference and Retreat Center in Frontenac. Celebrate this evening of music and song with the composers who have enhanced our worship throughout the years. \$25 general admission. \$50 preferred seating (includes reception after the concert with the composers.) \$ 15 individual livestream. Register at [www.mercycenterstl.org](http://www.mercycenterstl.org)

**Weekly Envelope Users:** In your monthly packet of weekly contribution envelopes in January, you should have received an envelope marked “First Offering”. This envelope is used for making a contribution to off-set the costs involved in offering a weekly contribution envelope to our parishioners. The suggested offering is only \$3.00, but if all users contributed, it

would cover all of our costs. Please consider making a donation if you are an envelope user. If you would like to discontinue the use of your envelopes, please contact the church office and we can make those arrangements for you. Thank you.

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**Archdiocesan Concert:** “O Sacred Banquet” is a concert featuring Medieval to Modern Sacred Music devoted to the Eucharist. This event will take place on February 2nd at 7 p.m. at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. Please see the website for more details. <http://www.polyhmniasaintlouis.com/>