

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 25, 2026

In our Gospel reading today we get two back-to-back examples of what it means to accept God's call to us, to truly follow God: first with brothers Simon and Andrew, and then with brothers James and John. In each case, Jesus approached them and told them to follow him; and in each case, they immediately stopped what they were doing and did so.

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

At once they left their nets and followed him.

"He called them, **and immediately** they left their boat and their father and followed him."

This was not simply a one-day work strike, or a telling your boss that something came up and you are checking out early; this is a renunciation of the life you had been living, and a whole-hearted and complete *turning towards* a new way of living and being.

With Simon and Andrew, Jesus emphasizes that what they had believed was their vocation—to catch fish that would feed the people—was too being transformed into catching people so that they could be *truly fed*. With James and John, they not only immediately left their work, but also their father, their family, and followed Jesus. This "yes" that we are being called to

make does not come without sacrifice, without a sincere and painful re-orienting of our life towards God—even potentially by means of distancing ourselves from some loved ones along the way. We must ask ourselves, "does this serve God?" Such is the inherent cost of transformation, for as we progress from darkness to light there is inevitably a "leaving" that must occur.

As Isaiah had said, "*the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen.*" Where once they caught and killed fish to be eaten, they now will capture the hearts of the many so that they may truly *live*.

May we have the courage to do the same.

—David Gaillardetz

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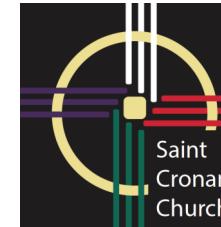
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Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 am. and 10 am.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5 pm.

Wednesdays – 8 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.

Bulletin Deadline: Noon Tuesday

Year End Statements: 2025 Contribution Statements will be going out in January. If you have had any recent changes to your mailing address, please email them to mary@stcronan.org as soon as possible. We want to make sure we do not get any returned mail. If you have had any changes to email or phone, please send those as well. Thank you!



January Envelope Packets: For all envelope users: In your January Envelope Packets you received an envelope marked "First Offering". This envelope is used to pay for the cost of your weekly envelopes which St. Cronan pays for. If you use envelopes, please remit the requested \$3.00 during January. In addition, if you receive the STL Review, please use the envelope designated for the Review to help cover those costs, as well. Please contact Mary in the church office if you have any questions.

Blessing Bags: Our Confirmation class is collecting items to distribute to the homeless. See Monday notes for a list of needed items. Please place donated items in the box in the vestibule of Church. The Confirmandi will then compile the bags and have them in Church for you to pick up and distribute.



Coming Soon! St. Cronan Basket Raffle. Watch the bulletin, Monday Notes and the church Website for details coming soon!



Prayers Please: Nick and Shirley Ambrose and Family; Elisabeth Byrne's mom, Denise Siebold; Joe Connolly; Yvonne DeHart's daughter, Cathy Hebert; Nancy Buck's daughter, Jeanne Oberle; Trish Curtis' sibling, Skip; Joe Fairless; Rob Barnicle, who has been placed on hospice; Judith Santamaria, Leslie Conway; Madonna and Tom's friend, 3-1/2 year old Juliette Braren; Jane Sykes; Mary Proot's sister, Terry Jacks, and Mary's son, Tim Proot; Madonna Kuciejczyk-Kernan; Ken Ladd; Fr. Gerry Kleba; Marie and Roland Martir's daughter, Carrie and their granddaughter, Madi and their dear friend, Robert Screace, who has been placed on hospice; J.T. Fowler; Grace Mueller; Joe Kuciejczyk, brother of Madonna and Janet, and brother-in-law of Tom, John Ross and Maria, daughter of Marci and Dominic Soda; Sr. Lynne Schmidt's nephew, Brian Ahr; John Ross; Teresa Beard's son, Edward Burch; Dodie Heilich, sister in law to Helen and Sandy McKinney; Judy Benson, Elliot Gaillardetz's caregiver; Ed Calcaterra, brother of Diane Calcaterra; Colleen Wallace's cousins, Katy and Dennis Rosolowski.

Shine on the Shrine
Annual Dinner Gala
Please join us on
Sunday, February 1 2026

5 pm Mass at Old St. Ferdinand Shrine
1 Rue St. Francois St., 63031

6 pm Cocktail Reception
6:30 pm Dinner

7 pm Silent & Live Auction
JFK Community Center at Koch Park
315 Howdershell Rd., 63031

Tickets: \$150 each
Tickets can be purchased at the Shrine or on the website www.oldstferdinandshrine.org

OLD ST. FERDINAND
SHRINE

Fair Trade Coffee: We are ordering Fair Trade coffee for Sunday mornings. If we order in bulk, we get a cut on shipping. If you care to order some coffee and add to the Cronan order, please contact Al Sprehe and give him your order. 314-607-7188. Order forms are located in the church vestibule. We will have the coffee at Church or in the office for pick up.



Our Newest Member:
Annie Grisoli

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of St. Louis is dedicated to bringing the healing, help, and hope of Jesus Christ to those in need with a compassionate, caring presence. Catholic Charities has been a leader with the Archdiocese of St. Louis in helping people recover after they have experienced the effects of a disaster. Through Natural Disaster Case Management, we help people address the disaster related needs that they encounter and work with on their journey to recover. Our team is working directly with families impacted by the Tornado on March 14th in Jefferson County and May 16th in Saint Louis City. For more information or to get involved, please contact your Parish Ambassador Kelly Collins at kelly.collins60@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. Louis University Hospital is looking for more volunteers to offer Communion to Catholic patients. Some ministers commit to one day a week, some once or twice a month. It usually takes about two hours to visit all the patients who wish to receive. Jennifer Wilkerson, Administrative Assistant for the Pastoral Care Department at the hospital, can answer any questions you have and direct you to next steps. You may call the Pastoral Care office (314-257 8700) weekdays 8:30 am to 5:00 pm to speak with her or contact her by email: Jennifer.wilkerson@ssmhealth.com

St. Cronan Catholic Church Land Acknowledgement.

We respectfully acknowledge that St. Cronan Church stands on the ancestral lands of Native American and Indigenous peoples. We honor their enduring presence and acknowledge the historical and ongoing impacts of colonization. We are committed to learning, dialogue, and fostering reconciliation with Native American and Indigenous communities.

For the full land acknowledgment, visit stcronan.org.

THE TONY MCDONALD MEMORIAL

TRIVIA NIGHT

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF MIDTOWN COMMUNITY SERVICES

21ST MARCH 2026

SATURDAY
DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM
GAME STARTS AT 7 PM

\$225 PER TABLE
OF 8 OR \$30
PER PERSON

FREE BEER, SODA, SNACKS

8 ROUNDS OF TRIVIA
MUSIC BINGO,
GAMES, & SILENT AUCTION

TICKET SALES OPEN JANUARY 9 AT WWW.MIDTOWNSTL.ORG/TRIVIA-NIGHT

THE HEIGHTS
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