

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 26, 2025

Who am I? What is my sacred work? Who are we? What is our sacred work?

These questions challenge me whenever I read or hear about what St. Cronan community members are doing. Each time I open emails with all the actions and resources that are listed in Monday notes and other emails, I find myself challenged. Add to this the resources and suggested actions that come from my Religious Congregation, provincial and international committees and leadership. I feel overwhelmed. Yet the times in which we live call for intense response, and I am drawn to a number of issues. But I am also aware of various limits. I know I must select my areas of involvement or be open to letting them find me. Have you had a similar experience?

The reading from Paul's letter to the Corinthians can offer solace and hope. It reminds us that we are all parts of the body. We don't need to be an eye, an arm, a leg, a heart, and a brain. Others are doing their sacred work, being their part of the body, and together we form the body of Christ struggling for justice. Sometimes we are called to personal interaction, sometimes to systemic action. We make our choices based on "Who am I? What is my sacred work?" and remember that we are part of

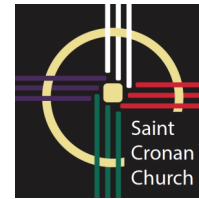
many communities responding to the challenge "Who are we? What is our sacred work" in solidarity with one another. Each brings her or his gifts to the Body of Christ.

Luke addresses his Gospel account to Theophilus, a name that means loved by God. It is a reminder to Luke's community and to each of us that we are held by God in the times we feel overwhelmed and are searching for our place in the Body of Christ in our world today.

Jesus chooses a selection from Isaiah to affirm who he is and who the Spirit of God is calling him to be in his ministry. Each disciple, each of us, can attest: "The Spirit of God is upon me, because God has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. God has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to our God." This is our sacred work, the sacred work of the Body of Christ.

How we are called to our sacred work, to our response to the Spirit of God today, requires discernment leading to action. In the midst of our discernment as part of the Body of Christ, we are confident and trusting: The Spirit of God is upon us, the beloved of God,

—Lynne Schmidt, SSND



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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

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 21. Please join us!

Immigrant Accompaniment Program



Immigrant
& Refugee
Ministry

The Immigrant & Refugee Ministry will be taking on a new immigrant accompaniment program, an initiative which provides a way to walk with our immigrant sisters and brothers and show support as they go through their immigration process. To deepen your commitment to IRM efforts, contact IRM coordinator, Kevin Kuehl at (314) 772-1525 ext 204 or www.stpiusv.org/migrant_ministry, or contact Trish Curtis, your rep on the IRM Board.

Please contact the church office if you would like some "Know Your Rights" cards. Keep an eye on Monday notes for this and more opportunities to help.



Housekeeping needed! St. Cronan is looking for someone to perform housekeeping duties in the Parish Center and in Church. This is a part-time position, 10-12 hrs per week with a flexible schedule.. Please contact Mary in the church office to apply or for more information.

mary@stcronan.org or 314-289-9384



Prayers Please: Fr. Jack Schuler; Nick and Shirley Ambrose and Family; Elisabeth Byrne's mom, Denise Siebold; Mary Truetken; Joe Connolly.

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

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.



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/904084BAF23A0F49-52556820-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

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 LBGQTQA+ 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.



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.

A Great Big Thank You to Judy Varias, Laura Krueger and Michel Wendell who came in on a very frigid day and stuffed envelopes for the church office last week. With many hands, they made light work! Thank You!



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 and email to mary@stcronan.org.

Contribution Statements: 2024 Contribution Statements went out last week. When you receive yours, please look it over carefully. If you find any errors or have any questions please reach out to Mary in the office. mary@stcronan.org or 314-289-9384



GIVING CHILDREN ROOTS TO HEAL AND GROW

7. Mass begins at 11:30, Lunch at 12:00 p... Free to attend, donations appreciated. To learn more or to RSVP, contact Jackie Boyd at (314) 584-6129 or jboyd@mgstl.org

SVdP Thanks you: We give heartfelt thanks to the Cronan Community for contributions to St. Vincent de Paul this past Christmas season. Although funding from other sources have diminished, your financial assistance, about 30% more than last year at this time, will make a profound difference in the lives of our Neighbors in Need. We deeply appreciate your kindness, concern and generosity. This extraordinary outpouring of support will enable us to continue to do our charitable work. There are few things a community working together cannot accomplish! Thank you!!

Marygrove Lunch Club: We invite you to learn more about Marygrove and the work we do for youth in our community. Join us for Mass in our beautiful chapel, followed by lunch and fellowship in the cafeteria. Lunch club dates: February 7, May 2, November

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Sunday Sexton: Open Position

