

The Epiphany of our Lord January 5, 2025

One thing that struck me in my reflection on the readings for Epiphany is the way in which the three magi came to find Jesus. It was through their seeming passion for astrology and the stars that led them on the path to Jesus. They “saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage” and later, “they were overjoyed at seeing the star.”



I wouldn't normally associate wisdom with excitement, but that is interestingly where the Gospel takes us this weekend.

It leads me to a couple questions:

- 1) What passions or interests have led me to Jesus?
- 2) Do my passions kindle in me a desire to give what I have to other people, similar to how the wise men brought gifts to Jesus?

It may sound strange, but I relate this to my foray into rock climbing over the last two years, which I do for exercise, but also because I love the thrill and social aspect of it. Perhaps a sign that it has led me to

Jesus is that an accompanying part of this hobby is to give to others. It has caused me to find a great willingness to invite others to come try it, even though this often means I am giving of my time to belay someone else (handling the rope to prevent the climber from falling) without their ability to respond in kind (since one needs to be certified to do so).

Giving a little of my time and attention might not be as valuable as gold, but it is a way to give welcome and help to others, which we all desire, and it feels not like a burden, but an opportunity. The three magi teach us that a sign of healthy interests may be that it leads us to freely offer our gifts.

—Justin Lorenz

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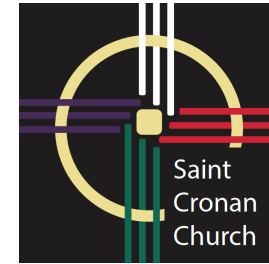
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Sunday Sexton: Open Position



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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.

Bulletin Deadline: Noon Tuesday



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.

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 LBGTQIA+ 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.



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!



Prayers Please: John Gozdziwski; Tom and Madonna Kuciejczyk-Kernan; Joseph Kuciejczyk (brother of Madonna and Sr. Janet); Nick and Shirley Ambrose; Kathy Hunn's niece Lisa and her brother Jon; Mary Truetken; Pam (cousin of Donna Zuroweste); Laura Krueger's mother, Evelyn Puleo; Marie and Roland Martir's grandson, Camden and daughter, Carrie; Sr. Pauline's niece, Laura Rettke; Bob Barnicle; Sandra Ward's family and her friend Anita; Jim Chapin (friend of Marty Spies); Pam Schaefer; Joe and Janice Fairless; Eileen Heidenheimer's friends, Joe and Laura; Brian Klinkhardt and his mother, Susan Klinkhardt, friends of Judith Santamaria; Andrew Moll's brother, Michael; Saralou Hendrickson; Mary Solomon's friend, Jesse Koenig; former parishioner Sr. Louis Lears and her family; Shelly Kurtz's Great-Great Nephew, Louis Barricklow; Fr. Gerry's little buddy, Ben Zevely; Colleen Wallace's cousin, Katy Rosolowski; Sheryl Renken's brother, Dan Engelman; Mary Solomon; Dan Stout; Trish Curtis' brother, Skip Curtis; Kathleen Absts' grandson, Matthew Peters, Fr. Jack; Gavin Barret-Hayes; Marcy Soda

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.

Year end contributions: If you are planning to make a year end contribution for 2024, your donation must reach the church office prior to Jan. 5 and be dated prior to Dec. 31, 2024 in order to be included on your 2024 year end statement. Statements will be mailed out mid-January.

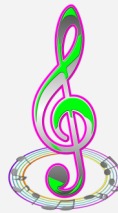
Envelope Users: In your January packet of envelopes there is an envelope marked "**First Offering**". This envelop is



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.

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.



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.

Liturgical Composers Concert, Thursday, January 30, 7-8:30 pm at Mercy Center Chapel, 2039 N. Geyer Rd, Frontenac (in person or live stream). General admission \$25, Preferred Seating/Reception with Composers \$50, Individual Live Stream \$15. Register and pay at www.mercycenterstl.org/liturgical-composers-concert. Composers TBD.

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 – Monday-Friday 2:30 -5:00 PM

OR

Full-time Lead Teacher for Toddle 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.



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.

MAY 2025 BE A YEAR OF HOPE, JOY, AND LOVE FOR ALL MEMBERS OF OUR

ST. CRONAN COMMUNITY, PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

FR. JACK, MARY, DIANE AND THE ST CRONAN STAFF