

**Pastoral Reflection**  
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 1, 2023

In the Gospel this Sunday, Jesus shares a parable illustrating that it is better to A) resist doing what God asks of us first before changing our mind and doing it than it is to B) claim we will do God's will and then not do so. Paul's words to the Phillipians emphasize the importance of humble service to God.

Both of these scriptures bring to mind the intriguing life of St. Vincent de Paul, whose feast day was September 27th. Vincent grew up in a poor family in France in the late 1500s and joined the priesthood to better his family's fortune. He was not proud of his humble roots; he was disdainful to the point of refusing to welcome his father at his seminary for wearing shabby clothing. He spent most of his young priesthood using his wit and charm to work his way into high society, on his way to a life of comfort and clericalism.

But he changed.

Vincent was summoned to hear a dying peasant's confession, and the peasant's gratitude for absolution touched Vincent to his core. From then on, he committed himself to loving the poor through service to them.

The list of Vincent de Paul's gifts to both the poor and the church runs long. He leveraged his contacts with the wealthy to fund many charitable endeavors, helping and caring for tens of thousands of people. He founded the Congregation of Priests of the Mission (later known as the Vincenzians) and, with the help of Louise de Marillac, the Daughters of Charity. He personally ministered to people in prison and ransomed enslaved persons in North Africa.

St. Vincent de Paul challenged us all to practice what we preach when he wrote, "We must love God...But let it be in the work of our bodies, in the sweat of our brows. For very often many acts of love for God, of kindness, of good will, and other similar inclinations and interior practices of a tender heart, although good and very desirable, are yet very suspect when they do not lead to the practice of effective love."

Let us ask God to repeatedly motivate us to offer love to our neighbors, especially the poor among us, and even when it means entering uncomfortable territory.

Sources:

All Saints: Daily Reflections on Saints, Prophets, and Witnesses for Our Time by Robert Ellsberg

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/saint/st-vincent-de-paul-607>

—Justin Lorenz

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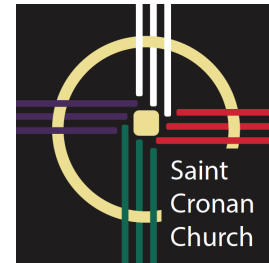
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**St. Cronan Catholic Church**  
**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
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**Mass Information**

SUNDAY – 8 a.m. and 10 am.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 pm.

Wednesdays – 8:00 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.



**Sock Angels:** The Knights and Ladies Auxiliary of St. Peter Claver are holding their annual "Sock Angel" campaign through Oct. 7. Please purchase packages of socks for distribution to unhoused people and place them in the box in the vestibule. For further information click here: [www.knightsofpeterclaver.org](http://www.knightsofpeterclaver.org) Look for the box in the back of church! You can also bring socks to the church office.

**Children's Book Collection:** If you have any new or used books in good condition suitable for 5-10 year olds, please bring them to church for Dewey Elementary School. Miss Shannon, daughter of Glenn and Pat Eckert is creating a library in her classroom for children who do not have access to books. See the bin in back of church. You can also bring your book donations to the church office.



**Please help welcome our newest parishioners:**



**Sr. Pauline Lorch**

And

**Sarah Reilly**

**Black Lives Matter Vigil,** takes place the third Friday of the Month at the corner of Manchester and Kingshighway, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. The next vigil will take place on Friday, October 20. Please join us!

**Midtown Community Services news:** The Midtown Lip-Sync Battle will take place Friday, Oct. 13, 7-9 p.m. at the Schlafly Tap Room, 2100 Locust. For more information, visit <https://www.midtownstl.org/>



**Prayers Please:** Kathy Bayless; Trish Curtis' brother; David Gaillardetz' father, Richard; Nickand Shirley Ambrose's daughter, Brigid Costello; Varrietta Anthony; Fr. Jack's brother, Mike; Diane Calcaterra; Sr. Lynne's friend, Jan Berberich, SSND; Barb Sopp's friend, Joe Sinibaldi; Bob Barnicle; Paul Schmitt; Tim and Else Hirzel's great nephew, Cameron Russell; Kathy Hunn's niece, Lisa; Sr. Cathy's friends, Inga Casillo, Don Costello, and newborn baby, Giovanni Christopher Centerino; Judy Gallagher; Mary Truetkin; Marie and Roland Martir's daughter, Carrie, and granddaughter, Madi; John Gozdziński; Michael Mason, former SVDP hauler; Michael Peterson; Linda and Jeff Caul's daughter, Kelly; Joe Connolly; Sam Vitale, friend of Father Jack and Mary Ward; John Derr, son-in-law of Alice Adcock; Bill Blow's daughter, Meg Shugarts; Roger Bailey, friend of Dom and Marcy Soda; Philip Anala; Bonnie Wimmer; Jon Ebner, nephew of Rocky Sieben and Ruth Hasser; the Krueger family; Nick Ambrose; Betty Newberry; Marty Spies; Judith Santamaria; Rocky Sieben's father; Nick Ambrose's friend, John; Tom Farace, Brother-in-law of Mary and Dave Solomon; Theresa Jones, sister of Dave Solomon; Gary Johnson, brother-in-law to Madonna and Tom Kuciejczyk-Kernan and Sr. Janet Kuciejczyk; Janice Fairless; Leslie Conway; Mary Middendorf, Barry Buchek's friend, Alan Zagurski; Barry Buchek; Judy Varias; Else Hirzel; Dede Coughlin; Fr. George and Diane Gozdziński. *If your loved one should be removed from the prayer list, please let the church office know.*

**Reception for Kathy Hunn:** Let's come together on Oct. 15 after the 10am Mass for a Salad and Charcuterie Brunch in the Hospitality Room to honor Kathy Hunn for her many years of service as our Food Pantry Director. Please contact Maggie Hart-Mahon if you wish to contribute to the food; phone or text 314.749.1453 or email [Ofccomp17@gmail.com](mailto:Ofccomp17@gmail.com)



**BE COUNTED**

**Weekend Mass Attendance** For the weekends of October 7-8, 14-15, and 21-22, we will be counting the number of people in church at each Mass for the Archdiocese. Please make sure you attend and bring your friends!

**Tower Grove Pride** Thanks to David Gaillardetz and all those who signed up and visited our booth at Tower Grove Pride this past weekend. We shared a booth with St. Margaret of Scotland, and it was a treat getting to visit with members of their community.




**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!*

**The next Black History Bus Tours** will take place on Sat. Oct. 7th and Oct. 14. The tours leave St. Cronan, 1202 S. Boyle Ave, 63110 at 9:45 and will return at 1 pm. There is one rest stop in the middle of the tour at a service station for rest rooms and snacks and water. If you bring a brown bag lunch, you can stay to participate in Q & A and further sharing. The cost of the tour is \$10.00 to be paid on the bus. Make your single or group reservation by responding with names, email addresses, and phone # to Paul Loida at [Paul.Loida@Bayer.com](mailto:Paul.Loida@Bayer.com)

**October Ministry of the Month: Faith Formation for Children and Adults**  
**St. Cronan's Children's Faith Formation** is a unique, tailored religious education program for children from Kindergarten-8th Grade. We offer instruction in the Sacraments as well as grade-appropriate classes for all students. Meeting twice per month, the children are instructed in the Catholic Faith with a Social Justice perspective. Parents receive supplemental materials to instruct children in their homes, creating a family religious culture that is designed to teach the Children to live their faith. Emphasis on what we believe, how we worship, how we live and how we pray occurs throughout all of the classes. We also strive to build community among the students and adults by participating in social justice activities. Children and parents meet the first and third Sundays of the month after 10:00 Mass.

**Adult Faith Formation** takes place through small group and large group offerings as well as resources provided for individual study through Cronantalk. Current small groups include Turtles women's reading group, adult reading group, Contemplative prayer group, and women's prayer group. We have annual men's and women's retreats. Some future offerings will include a social justice concert, Issues and Inspirations (talks occurring after 10:00 Mass), Bible Study, and some Adult Faith on Tap discussions. If you are interested in any of these, or have other suggestions, please contact Diane G at [diane@stcronan.org](mailto:diane@stcronan.org)



**The Sisters of St. Joseph present: Uncorked!**  
 Thurs., Oct. 5 from 6-8 p.m. Carondelet Motherhouse:  
 6400 Minnesota Ave., St. Louis, MO 63111  
 Join the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet for an evening of wine, hors d'oeuvres, desserts, live entertainment and Motherhouse tours!  
 Tickets cost \$40.  
 Please register by September 28 online at [csjst.org/events](http://csjst.org/events) or contact us at 314-678-0328.  
*FYI....Mary Ward will be there with Ward on Wine to share some delicious wine.*