

St. Cronan Catholic Church
October 11, 2026
28th Sunday of
Ordinary Time



Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 am. and 10 am.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5 pm.

Wednesdays – 8 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.

Bulletin Deadline: Noon Tuesday



Friday, October 16, 2026

7:00 PM

First Congregational Church UCC

10 West Lockwood Ave.

Webster Groves, MO

Tickets

\$30 at the door

All proceeds benefit Habitat for Humanity St. Louis.

Advent Reflection Book: The calendar for Advent reflections will be in the vestibule of church starting this weekend. Anyone who can pray, read, reflect and write is welcome to write a reflection based on the daily readings. For those who have contributed reflections for several years, please hold off a week or two to allow new members to contribute first. See the signup board in church for instruction on how to sign-up. Reflections are due **NO LATER THAN OCT. 31**. The Advent Reflection Book has been a tradition at St. Cronan for many years. It is an opportunity for us to share our thoughts with our community. Please consider participating. Questions? Contact Diane.





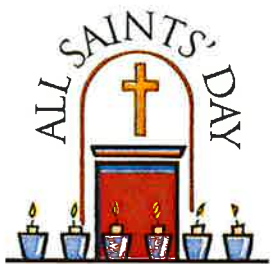
Prayers Please: Nick and Shirley Ambrose and Family; Elisabeth Byrne's mom, Denise Siebold; Yvonne DeHart's daughter, Cathy Hebert; Nancy Buck's daughter, Jeanne Oberle; Trish Curtis' sibling, Skip; Joe Fairless; Judith Santamaria; Leslie Conway; Madonna and Tom's friend, 3-1/2 year old Juliette Braren; 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; J.T. Fowler; Grace Mueller; Joe Kuciejczyk, brother of Madonna and Janet, and brother-in-law of Tom; Maria, daughter of Marcy and Dominic Soda; Sr. Lynne Schmidt's nephew, Brian Ahr; Teresa Beard's son, Edward Burch; Ed Calcaterra, brother of Diane Calcaterra; Colleen Wallace's cousins, Katy and Dennis Rosolowski; Sandra Ward; Fr. Jerry Stookey's brother, Tom; Cecilia Kelly; Sr. Leah Holzum; Debbie Kowalski's father, David Cobb; Neil O'Hallaron, Doritt's husband; Irma Forbes; Sr. Janet Kuciejczyk; Lisa Masek, niece of Kathy Hunn, Mary Margaret Kleba: sister of Fr. Gerry.

Join in Prayer

Two Loretto Novices: Saima Kiran and Shaista Alyas will pronounce First Vows at the Loretto Motherhouse in Kentucky on Sunday, October, 18, 2026.

We will have a special blessing for them at the Oct. 10th Saturday evening 5:00pm Mass. Please join us in person or in prayer for them.



We will have our annual **All Saints Celebration** the week-end of Oct. 31-Nov. 1. If you have any close relatives or

friends who passed away this year (since Nov. 2025) that you would like to have a candle lit and their name read at our memorial service, please send their names to Diane, diane@stcronan.org, to be included. Also include which Mass you will be attending for the memorial.

Migration Mass

October 18, 2026
at 10 AM

St. Pius V Catholic Church
3310 S. Grand Blvd.
Liturgy with International
Potluck to Follow



Immigrant & Refugee
Ministry

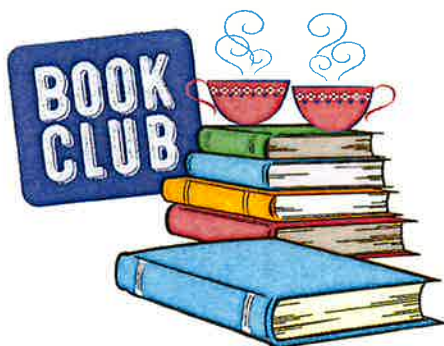
For More Information Contact: Kevin Kuehl, IRM Coordinator, MigrantMinistrySTL@gmail.com

The next Black Lives Matter Vigil will be Friday, October 16, at the corner of Manchester and Kingshighway, from 4:30-5:30pm. Please join us!



Looking for a quiet place to pray and meditate? Following the 5pm mass on the 1st Saturday of each month (11/7, 12/5), the church will remain open for a time of silence and contemplative prayer. Whether you join for 5 minutes or stay for 50, all are welcome. If you would like to lead or introduce a prayer practice, please email Olivia at owalter1010@gmail.com.

"On Pilgrimage" - a small group series where we will dive into stories of pilgrimage and imagine how we can incorporate this practice into our lives. We will gather on Thursdays (10/8, 10/15) from 7-8:15pm. There is no need to commit to every session - join us whenever you can! We will meet in the vestibule of the church. Email Olivia (owalter1010@gmail.com) for more info! Please register Here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1y2tWrzAyXEMuynrlrSOJf3d3ZS-_CjqmM_MQpe5RCcU/viewform?edit_requested=true or us the handy QR code.



St. Cronan Social Justice Book Club meets on the 2nd Sunday of each month, TODAY. Looking ahead, the November 15 book is *The Veiled Prophet: Secret Societies, White Supremacy, and the Struggle for St. Louis* by Devin Thomas O'Shea. We meet in the 1st floor conference room after the 10am mass from 11:30am-12:30pm and invite you to join us in person or to simply read with us.

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. Make checks payable to St. Cronan and write "coffee" on the memo line.



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 Indigenous communities.



Mark Your Calendars!

The Blind Date with a Book is coming.

Nov. 7/8

See the flyer in the church vestibule for more info.

Congratulations to our Football Raffle winners:

Janice Fairless

Mary Brasken

Beab Reid



Have you been attending Mass at St. Cronan, but have not yet registered as a MEMBER? You can officially join the Cronan community by filling out a registration form from the church website, <https://stcronan.org/resources>, or by contacting the church office. You can also fill out one of the cards in the pews and we'll be happy to email you a form to join!



Carry the Light with Midtown this holiday season!

Our 2026 Holiday Sponsorship Program is officially open! Every year, local families and seniors in our community need extra support to make the season merry and bright — and this year, there are more ways than ever to help:

- Sponsor a Family — shop directly for a family in need
- Stock Our Holiday Store — shop from our

list or donate funds for us to shop for you

- Sponsor a Senior — give a \$50 gift basket to an elderly neighbor

Sign up today and help us make this a merry and bright season for Midtown families and seniors: <https://www.midtownstl.org/holiday-sponsorship>

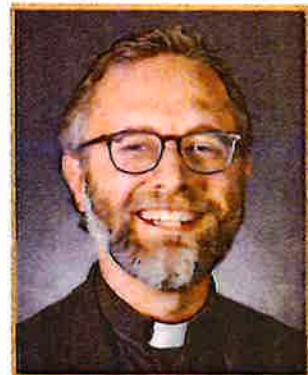


LORD, GIVE US WISDOM

A Prayer Service for the Coming Election

*Scripture, prayers and hymns to prepare
ourselves, our hearts and our souls*

**WE WELCOME FR. CHRIS SCHROEDER
AS OUR HOMILIST**



October 18 - 4:00 pm



St. Justin Martyr Church



11910 Eddie & Park Rd.





Ministry Fair: Want to get more involved with the community? We are having a ministry fair the weekend of October 24-25. This is your chance to see what groups are available at St. Cronan's, find something you might enjoy, and make new friends in our community. The Fair will take place after all masses.

TODAY: Issues and Inspirations: A representative from the League of Women Voters will clarify some voting issues and answer questions on October 11 at 11:30 during Coffee and Donuts.



2026 O Antiphon Advent Retreat: Discover the mystery and wonder of the coming Savior at "O Come, O Come: Praying the O Antiphons," a Catholic Advent retreat from December 17th–20th, 2026, at Mercy Conference and Retreat Center in St. Louis, Missouri. This 4-day retreat, led by Father Jeff Putthoff, SJ, invites participants into the ancient O Antiphons — the great titles of Christ prayed in the final days before Christmas — through the lens of Ignatian Spirituality. DATES: December 17 – 20, 2026

COST: \$650 for overnight retreatants (includes lodging, meals, all retreat materials). \$275 for commuters (includes lunches, dinners, retreat materials). Initial deposit of \$100 is due before October 1st. This is nonrefundable. The remainder will be due November 1st. After November 1st, full payment is due with your registration.

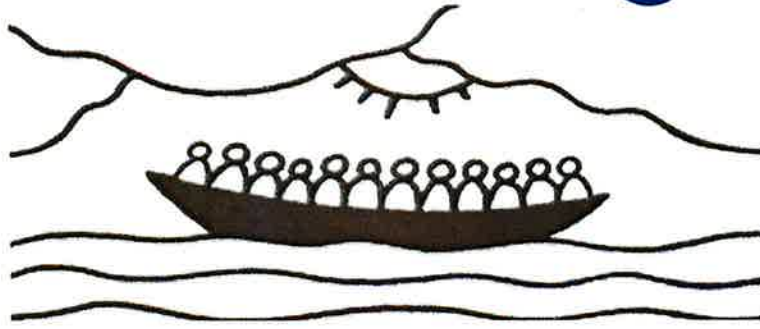
LOCATION: Mercy Conference and Retreat Center, 2039 North Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131. Guests will be hosted in private or double rooms with a private or shared bath, each furnished simply with a bed, comfortable chair, and desk and chair. QUESTIONS: For retreat specific information you may contact Father Jeff Putthoff at jeff@putthoff.com

August 2026 Contributions Thank You!

General Fund	\$20,055
Building Repair Fund	\$270
Food Pantry	\$985
Reparations	\$5
St. Vincent de Paul	\$470
Uganda	\$55
Immigrant & Refugee Min.	\$256
Catholic University	\$30
Mum Fundraiser	\$1,195

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St. Louis

Trivia Night

Saturday October 24, 2026 7:00pm

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**St. Pius V Church Hall
3310 S. Grand 63118**

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**Silent
Auction**

\$200 for table of 8

50/50

**scan here to register
for TRIVIA**



Questions call Gene 314-973-5861



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In Rublev's icon of The Trinity, the Three Persons of the Trinity are depicted together at a table, perhaps as one might find them at a wedding feast, partaking in the loving, joyful community that is their nature. (If you're having a hard time picturing this icon, just look to the left of the altar here at St. Cronan! Or to the right of this reflection!)

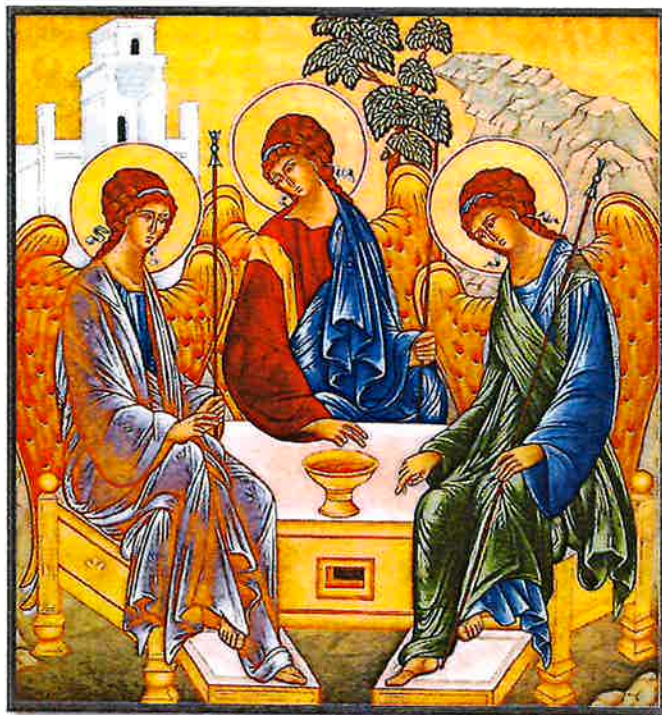
If you look a little more closely, you will see a small rectangle at the edge of the table that faces the viewer. Some believe that this rectangle was where a mirror was originally placed. We, too, are invited to this most joyful wedding feast.

This invitation is being extended to us every moment of every day. And yet, like the characters in this parable, we often find ourselves turning down the invitation and turning from God by acting in ways that separate us from one another and from our soul's one true Bridegroom.

The fact that we would turn down an invitation to sit at the most wonderful table at the most joyful celebration is mind-boggling—just as mind-boggling as the actions of the invitees in today's Gospel. And yet, more often than not, we each find ourselves not responding to this ongoing invitation—or, perhaps, like the character at the end of the story, we show up, but not fully. We don't bring our full selves.

Luckily enough for us, the feast is eternal and the invitation always waiting.

—Loren Gaillardetz



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