

**Pastoral Reflection**  
**28th Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
**October 12, 2025**

The Gospel this week from Luke is the familiar story of the 10 lepers that are cured by Jesus. But there is a deeper meaning. The Greek literally means “to be made well” or “saved”. So there isn’t just a cure. There is a complete transformation through the saving grace of God. Every aspect of this man’s life was touched and made new. We are not just dealing with a physical cure, rather the healing goes deep into the the very core of his being. By the “healing” of the Samaritan and also the healing of Naaman, a Gentile, we see that love is not meant to be insular or narrow. It is meant to be outward and like the universe ever expanding. Love is meant not to just be an exchange among family and/or friends. Love is to reach all.

We have an ailing individual named Lance Shockley who is scheduled for execution this week. Besides the questions that surround the evidence or lack thereof, how do we love someone on death-row? Too many governors, judges, juries etc. say that’s the law! I can’t see Jesus uttering those words. As Pope Leo just said, “If you are for the death penalty then you are not Pro-Life”. For many there are serious questions concerning his guilt. It is insane to kill someone, period. But to chance the fact that he may be innocent and kill him anyone is barbaric. Please love Lance Shockley! Let our Catholic Governor know that Catholics don’t kill people!

I had the opportunity to testify on behalf of a man who committed three murders and one was a 10 year old boy. My testimony was during the penalty phase. My plea was

for life in prison instead of the “needle”. I referenced the attempted assassination of Pope John Paul. I said that even though someone tried to take his life the Pope still valued the gunman’s life. He visited him in prison. I knew the person who committed the three murders. He had been in our grade school and I visited him for seven years while he was awaiting trial. I testified that I value his life and that his extremely large family value his life. It was a bench trial and the judge gave the penalty of life in prison! Praise God!

Last year I was present for his Confirmation in the Potosi Correctional Facility. Now he is the sacristan for Mass and he assists in the OCIA program for those interested in becoming Catholic. He also trains service dogs. What a waste if he had been executed. Love begets love!

—Fr. Jack



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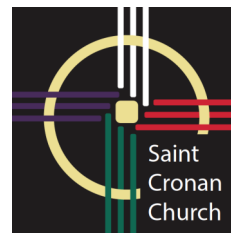
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**St. Cronan Catholic Church**  
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**Mass Information**

SUNDAY – 8 am. and 10 am.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5 pm.

Wednesdays – 8 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.

**Bulletin Deadline: Noon Tuesday**



**What's Happening with Immigration?**

Wednesday, October 22, 7:00 - 8:15 at Christ Prince of Peace School Cafeteria

The Catholic Church does not support open borders but does advocate for caring for the stranger/immigrant in our midst. Our speakers will summarize the principles that guide the Church’s response to immigrants, outline the current legal environment, and share their experiences working to protect the dignity and human rights of the immigrant community.

Speakers:

*Kristine Walentik*, Catholic Legal Assistance Ministry’s Immigration Law Project.

*Kevin Kuehl*, Immigrant and Refugee Ministry Coordinator.

*Belem Gómez Cruz*, DACA Recipient, member Archdiocesan Immigration Task Force

**Second Collection Today:** The Archdiocese has encouraged us to take up a special collection in support of humanitarian and pastoral relief for those who have been impacted by the violence in Gaza. This weekend, Oct. 11-12, you can contribute to the second collection for this purpose and as a follow up to our recent postcard action on the issue. This collection will support the efforts of Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) who have well-established partnerships in the region to allow them to respond quickly and efficiently. Please also continue to raise your prayers with Pope Leo as he continues to call for a ceasefire and for the Israeli government to allow aid to reach the territory. *If you would like to make a donation to this cause, please write “Gaza” on the memo line of your check. Online donations will also be accepted by following the link below. Please use the drop down menus to Special/Memorial and add "Gaza" in the NOTES box. <https://www.wesharegiving.org/app/giving/WeShare-20000089>*



**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’ siblings, Skip, Teree, and Ray; Joe Fairless; Sr. Cathy Doherty’s friends, Lina Tackas and Tim; 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; Laura Krueger’s mom, Evelyn Puleo; Marie and Roland Martir’s daughter, Carrie and their granddaughter, Madi and their dear friend, Robert Screace, who has been placed on hospice; Judy Varias’ husband Gene; J.T. Fowler; Grace Mueller; and Joe Kuciejczyk, brother of Madonna and Janet, and brother-in-law of Tom.

*If you would like your loved one or yourself to be placed on the list, please call the office at (314) 289-9384, or email [Mary@stcronan.org](mailto:Mary@stcronan.org)*

**Midtown:** Midtown is holding their Fall Festival October 17, 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. Bring the family to enjoy a pumpkin walk, bounce house, food and drinks, trick or treating and more. On the church center parking lot.

### Sept. 2025 Contributions Thank You!

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| General Fund             | \$17,727 |
| Building Repair Fund     | \$62,435 |
| Food Pantry              | \$1,115  |
| Tumbler/Mums Fundraisers | \$1040   |
| St. Vincent de Paul      | \$300    |
| Uganda                   | \$85     |
| Catholic University      | \$25     |
| Latin America            | \$25     |
| Mission Co-Op            | \$325    |
| Reparations              | \$50     |

**Save the date for Midtown’s Holiday Gala** on Friday, Dec. 5! This night of fun includes dinner, open bar, awards ceremony, and dancing to the music of DJ O! For more info or to purchase tickets visit <https://www.midtownstl.org/upcoming-events-1>



**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, October 17. Please join us!

### Coming Soon! Poinsettia Fundraiser!



*“Workers are fundamentally community members. They are our neighbors, and we work alongside each other for the good of our communities.”*



BROTHER KEN  
HOMAN, SJ

November 10th, 2025

7:00pm

IBEW Local 1

5850 Elizabeth Ave. | St. Louis, MO 63110

Dignity of the Work & Rights of the Worker

SEEDS OF  
JUSTICE  
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World Day  
of  
Migrants &  
Refugees



**Thank you** to all who joined in the pilgrimage to St. Pius V last Sunday. St. Cronan had the largest contingency in attendance with over 40 people. Watch the bulletin and Monday Notes for more ways you can participate. *If you have not yet paid for your t-shirt, please contact the office: 314-289-9384.*

**World Mission Sunday, October 19, 2025** On World Mission Sunday (next Sunday), we are called to be “Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples”—embodying the love of God, poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit (cf. Rom 5:5). As we pray and respond here at home, we share in those celebrations taking place in every parish, in every diocese, in every country throughout the world. Your financial offering on World Mission Sunday provides hope to the young and growing Church in 1,124 mission territories under the care of Pope Leo XIV by supporting the formation of seminarians, religious Sisters, and catechists; the building of chapels, schools, and clinics; and the ongoing evangelization of people who may be hearing the Gospel for the first time. Give via the collection basket (noting World Mission Sunday on your check) or online at [www.archstl.org/donatetothemissions](http://www.archstl.org/donatetothemissions). Thank you for your generosity!

#### 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](http://stcronan.org).*