

Reflection
October 13, 2024
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We were created in the image and likeness of God and our deepest longing is to embody God's Spirit fully. The rich young man felt those stirrings as well but when Jesus invited him to be his fullest self, he turned away. We can only imagine what he was feeling inside. Did he wonder, "Who would I be without my identity as the rich young man? How would that affect my status in my family and community?"

When I read this Gospel, I thought it tells the story of attachment. The Buddha saw attachment as a hindrance in the spiritual life. I can identify with the rich young man. I struggle with attachment as well. Some of my attachments seem absurd. I feel anxiety as I am sorting through junk mail. I prefer my physical space to be uncluttered yet I am surrounded by stuff. I experience letting go of that stuff as battling dragons. Perhaps some of you can identify.

It seems that the path through this attachment is trust. St. Francis of Assisi (whose feast we celebrate as I write this reflection) models being confident in God. He let go of fear and attachment. He combined a life of service with a life of prayer. Francis was a rich, young man who made a different choice.

Well, we don't actually know what happened in the end with the rich young man in today's gospel. Perhaps his encounter with Jesus worked on him, though it took some time. Like him, and Francis, we can choose the direction we want to take with our life. Jesus calls us too, to trust, to let go, and to follow his way... into the fullness of life. "May you awaken to the Light of your true nature."

—*Madonna Kuciejczyk-Kernan*

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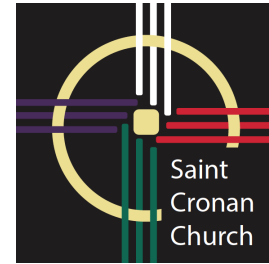
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Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 a.m. and 10 am.
SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 pm.
Wednesdays – 8:00 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.
Bulletin Deadline: Noon Wednesday

Special Collection Oct. 20th: On World Mission Sunday, we are reminded of the universal call of our Baptism to be Christ's witnesses to the world. As we gather at Mass, our prayers, sacrifices, and offerings to the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith support the Church's missions, enabling:

- Over 844,000 catechists to share the faith
- 258,540 Religious Sisters to tend to families and children
- 80,555 seminarians to journey towards the priesthood
- Education for 26 million children
- Medical assistance in 12,000 clinics
- Comfort in 8,750 homes for the orphaned and elderly

As we pray and respond on World Mission Sunday here at home, we share in those celebrations taking place in every parish throughout the world. Together, through our prayers, sacrifices and financial support, we support the life-giving presence of the Church in more than 1,100 mission dioceses. Learn more at www.archstl.org/WMS.



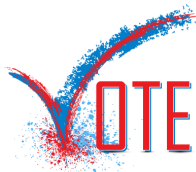
2024 Sock Angel Campaign The Knights Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary . Warm, clean socks are one of the most requested items for our homeless neighbors. The "Sock Angel" collection box for new socks will be in the back of church until Nov. 15. New this year: Amazon Purchases may be sent directly to: Sock Angels, 1040 Nobleman Drive, St. Louis MO 63146



Prayers : 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, Sr. Mary Ellen (friend of Nick Ambrose), Jim Chapin (friend of Marty Spies), Bob Wiley, Pam Schaefer, Eileen Heidenheimer's friends, Joe and Laura; Brian and Susan Klinkhardt friends of Judith Santamaria; Andrew Moll's brother, Michael, Saralou Henderson, Kathy Bayless, Jesse Koenig; friend of Mary Solomon and former parishioner Sr. Louise Lears and her family, Fr. Gerry's young friend; Ben Zevely, Sheryl Renken's brother Dan Engelman, Colleen Wallace's cousin, Katy Rosolowski and friend, Kelsey MacBryde, Mary Solomon and Shelly Kutz's 4 year old nephew Louis Barricklow, Dan Stout. And Trish Curtis' brother, Skip Curtis.

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 18. Please join us!

Blessing and Crowning of Mary TODAY after the 10:00 Mass we will have a short prayer service to honor Mary and crown her new statue in the Garden. Please join us!



Get out the Vote: Members of the Social Justice Committee will have a table with voting information in various locations. If you would like to help, please contact Kim Madden, kim.madden514@gmail.com. A voting information sheet is in the Church foyer

Attention All Men: Bored on Saturday evenings, tired after working, just need a rest and want to spend some time with your friends? Then come to the New Men's Club. First meeting? Saturday October 20, 2024, in the parish hall 6:30 till ? For more information, please contact Nick Ambrose: Nambrsr1@gmail.com



St. Cronan's Social Justice Book Discussion Group meets the 2nd Sunday of each month in the Parish Center at 11:30 - 12:30 in a hybrid format: Zoom and in-person. Our upcoming book choices are: November: Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann; December: The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store by James McBride; January: The Whole Language by Greg Boyle. Contact Christine Lakey at christine.lakey@yahoo.com for the Zoom link or more information.

We love new members/readers!

Hello, St. Cronan community!

It is a privilege to share the updates from the October St. Cronan Church Council meeting with you. Please reach out if you have any questions!

Council members reviewed a mid-year update letter to be distributed to the full St. Cronan community this month.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Issues & Inspirations with Rabbi Daniel Bogard and Jordan Braxton and helped table at Tower Grove Pride!

The Council was briefed on repairs needed to the building's retaining wall.

The Council discussed selling branded mugs and tumblers as a fundraiser in 2025.

The Council is accepting nominations of community members to join us in 2025.

Council seats are a three-year term. If interested, please let any current Council member know!

With gratitude,

Mariah Byrne Sullivan

Chair, St. Cronan Church Council (407) 451-6850

Rosary and Crucifix Collection Kathy Hunn is collecting rosaries and crucifixes (4"-10" size) for The Marianist Retreat Center in Eureka for those on retreat who might not have either. If you have any tucked away in drawers, not being used, we would love them! There will be a box in the back of church during the month of October.



Coming Soon! Watch the bulletin and Cronan Talk for the Kick-Off of our Winter Fundraiser. A poinsettia sale just in time for Christmas! Beautify your home for the holidays. Don't need a poinsettia for you own home? These make perfect gifts.



Thank you, Fr. Jack, Mary, Lynne, Mariah and the Church Council, Maggie and Bob, Gary, Carolyn and all the Turtles, and of course our joyous Community for your wonderful planning and execution of the celebration. It was such a good time! I hope you all enjoyed yourselves as much as I did. I was totally overwhelmed by the good

wishes and expressions of appreciation. I pray that I will continue to live up to your expectations - I love you all dearly!

As Fr. Jack said, "Let's keep the good vibes of grace flowing!"

—Diane