



St. Cronan Catholic Church
October 18, 2026
29th Sunday of
Ordinary Time



Mass Information

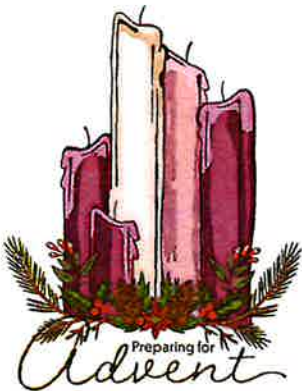
SUNDAY – 8 am. and 10 am.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5 pm.

Wednesdays – 8 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.

Bulletin Deadline: Noon Tuesday



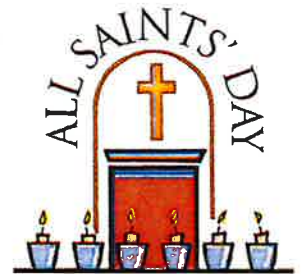
Advent Reflection Book: The calendar for Advent reflections will be in the vestibule of church starting this weekend. Anyone who can pray, read, reflect and write is welcome to write a reflection based on the daily readings. For those who have contributed reflections for several years, please hold off 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.

World Mission Sunday, October 18, 2025 On World Mission Sunday (**today**), 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 Catholic church, 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. Thank you for your generosity!



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; Lisa Masek, niece of Kathy Hunn, Mary Margaret Kleba: sister of Fr. Gerry.

We will have our annual **All Saints Celebration** the weekend 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.



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.

The Community of Preachers (CoP) are active participants of St. Cronan who have been called to serve the Church in the ministry of preaching. They evidence an ability to "break open" the Word of God in the context of their own lives and the life of the community—church, local, and global. To find out more information about the CoP and to nominate someone to join, you can pick up a form in the back of church on the tables or use this QR code.



Coming Soon!
Poinsettia Fundraiser!



**Assisi House Thanksgiving
November 14**



Each year we host Thanksgiving dinner for the Assisi House residents and staff. It's a wonderful opportunity to provide a traditional Thanksgiving feast for our friends. Residents have commented it is the nicest (or only) Thanksgiving they have ever had. We are hoping Cronan community members can contribute the pies, whipped cream, rolls and butter for the event. Assisi House volunteers provide all the other food. If you are able to contribute one of the following, it would be much appreciated.

Pies: (pumpkin or any kind). Need 10; Whipped cream (Need 5 cans); Rolls (7 packages of 12); Butter (4 packages)

If you have some time that evening to serve and help wash a ton of dishes, that would be great too. Thank you so much for your generosity. Please let Maggie Hart-Mahon if you have any questions or if you are able to contribute something or help at the dinner. Maggie's contact info is ofccomp17@gmail.com; cell 314.749.1453.

Thank you!!

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.

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Economic Justice for All **At 40:** Why this Pastoral Letter Still Matters

Prof Jim Bailey

Department Chair & Associate
Professor of Theology
Duquesne University
Author, *Rethinking Poverty*

Ray Boshara

Senior Policy Advisor
WashU & The Aspen Institute
Member, Peace & Justice Commission

What does a just economy ask of us?

Join Prof Jim Bailey and Ray Boshara
for a conversation on economic
justice, Catholic Social Teaching,
and how the Church is called to act.

Tuesday, October 27, 2026

Reception at 5:30 PM

Program at 6:30 PM

Cardinal Rigall Center
20 Archbishop May Drive,
St. Louis, MO 63119

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In today's Gospel, the Pharisees and Herodians ask Jesus about whether it is lawful (under God) to pay taxes to Caesar. This question is posed not because they care about his answer, but because they want to trap Jesus into either admitting rebellion against the empire or putting him at odds with what was believed by the Jews in Palestine in those times.

Jesus, as we recall, responds by saying to "repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

Jesus' response is not only diplomatic here, but it elevates the conversation to higher ground. Pope Francis, in one of his angelus's on this Gospel reading, points out:

"Jesus responds calmly and takes advantage of the malicious question in order to teach an important lesson, rising above the polemics and the alliance of his adversaries... On the one hand, suggesting they return to the emperor what belongs to him, Jesus declares that paying tax is not an act of idolatry, but a legal obligation to the earthly authority; on the other — and it is here that Jesus presents the "thrust" of his response: recalling the primacy of God, he asks them to render to Him that which is His due as the Lord of the life and history of mankind.

"...Symbolically it makes them think about the other image that is imprinted on every man and woman: the image of God. He is the Lord of all, and we, who were

created "in his image" belong to Him first and foremost. From the question posed to him by the Pharisees, Jesus draws a more radical and vital question for each of us, a question we can ask ourselves: to whom do I belong?"

It is God who has given us all we are and all we have. Jesus tells us to pay our gratitude to God, who has made us in His image, and to whom we all belong, above all else.

How does this identity go before all other ways we identify ourselves?

—Justin Lorenz

**The next Black Lives Matter Vigil
will be Friday, November 20, at
the corner of Manchester and
Kingshighway, from 4:30-5:30pm.
Please join us!**

Church Center Offices

Mon-Fri 9am-3pm

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Seniors Count: St. Louis County Proposition S Ballot Initiative

On November 3, St. Louis County voters will consider Proposition S, a non-partisan ballot initiative to strengthen services for adults age 60 and older. With one in four County residents over age 60, the need for these services continues to grow. If approved, the measure is expected to generate approximately \$15 million annually through a small prop-

erty tax levy of 5 cents per \$100 of assessed value—about \$26 per year for a \$275,000 home. Funds will support local organizations providing services such as transportation, home repairs, nutrition, and other assistance that helps older adults remain independent. Supporting our elders is an expression of gratitude, solidarity, and respect for human dignity.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Education-only website: <https://stlcountyprops.com>

Vote Yes website: <https://yesonprops.com>

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month—a time for raising awareness, offering hope, and standing with survivors. Catholic Charities' St. Martha's provides safe shelter, support, and resources for women and children experiencing domestic violence. Together, we can help create communities where survivors are heard, supported, and empowered to move toward safety, healing, and a hopeful future. More info in the church vestibule.



Join St. Francis Community Services for a fun and family-friendly Trunk or Treat on October 30! There are many ways to get involved and help create a safe, joyful Halloween experience for multicultural children and families. Choose how you can help: • Be a Trunker: Decorate your vehicle and bring candy! • Donate: Provide candy or gently used costumes. • Volunteer: Help with games, activities, setup, decorations, or cleanup. • Spread the Word: Invite families, organizations, and community members to participate. Every contribution helps create a memorable celebration for children in our community. Come serve, have fun, and make a difference this Halloween! For more information: Visit: <https://sfcstl.org/get-involved/volunteer/>

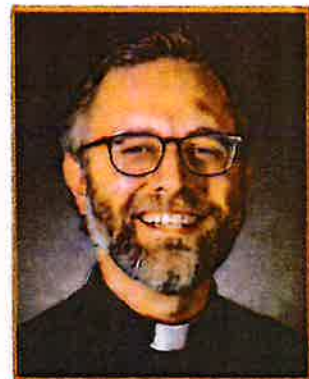


LORD, GIVE US WISDOM

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.

