

Pastoral Reflection
29th Sunday of Ordinary Time
October 19, 2025

“But when the Son of Humanity comes, will faith on earth be found?”

This question resonates with me in this time of distress when it seems our entire country is in the hands of people determined to do harm to the very fiber of our democracy. I wonder if my faith is strong enough to shine through all of the destruction I see around me, and I wonder how it might get worse.

In today’s readings, we hear about persistence. When Moses is persistent in praising God, Joshua wins the battle against Amalek. The writer of the Second Letter to Timothy exhorts us to be faithful to the Word of God and to use the Scriptures to teach, refute, correct and train in righteousness so that we can be equipped for every good work. In the Gospel, Jesus tells us to be persistent in our prayers to God and we will be answered. However, even Moses needs help from his friends as his arms grow tired.

When my granddaughters graduated from high school, I inherited two cats that they couldn’t take with them. I learned persistence from those cats, who have me trained to answer their calls for food, water and love. I think of how their persistence gets them what they need and how much more God will listen to our pleas. If cats can have that kind of faith in me, how much more faith must I have in God!

It seems that God is calling us to be persistent as we join together to fight for righteousness in our world today. This month, we made pilgrimage for migrants and refugees who are afraid to leave their homes and are arrested when they do. We have written and

contacted our congress people to end the fighting in Gaza and see to it that the children and people are fed and safe. We have prayed and protested and deluged the governor with pleas for Lance Shockley’s life, our Catholic Governor Kehoe, who is pro-life for those unborn, but not for those on death row. We prayed in solidarity for the land of indigenous peoples, and we fought for our rights that are being eroded by our own government in the “No Kings” Rally. Today, on Mission Sunday, we have the opportunity to be “Missionaries of Hope” through prayer and support. On November 10, we will learn more about the dignity of work and the rights of workers. Just as Moses had people to hold him up, we have our community and our allies to help us to continue our protests, to continue to contact our government officials to stop the chaos, and to continue to believe that God is with us as we work to strengthen the rights of all peoples. Keep up the good work, strengthened by the Word of God, our faith, and each other!

—Diane Gozdziński

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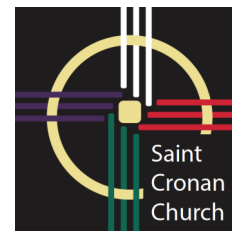
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Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 am. and 10 am.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5 pm.

Wednesdays – 8 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.

Bulletin Deadline: Noon Tuesday

World Mission Sunday, October 19, 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!

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





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

Thank you to all who gave so generously to the Gaza collection last week. As a church, we collected \$2,200.00. If you still wish to give, please drop a check in the collection and add "Gaza" to the memo line, or make your donation online under "Special Collection".

Save the Date!

Migration Mass

**October 26th
at 10:00 am**

St. Pius V Church

3310 S Grand Blvd.

Liturgy with

International Potluck to Follow



Immigrant & Refugee Ministry

Kevin Kuehl, IRM Coordinator

(314) 632-6521

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> If you are not able to attend, you can sponsor a MidTown staffer so that they are all able to attend.



Congratulations

to

*Sam Pilla and
Jane Goldkamp*

Who were married on
Oct. 11 here at
St. Cronan.



St. Cronan Social Justice Book Club meets on the 2nd Sunday of each month in the 1st floor conference room after the 10am mass from 11:30am-12:30pm. Our November 9 book is *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants* by Robin Wall Kimmerer.

BJC needs folks to deliver communion: BJC is in need of dedicated Catholic volunteers to bring Holy Communion and prayer to hospitalized Catholic patients. Hospitalization can be a time of fear, uncertainty, and isolation—but by volunteering just a few hours, you can make a profound difference in someone's recovery. Volunteers are needed every day of the week. Please contact Sarah Funaiole at sarah.funaiole@bjc.org or 314-362-4607 or apply online at www.barnesjewish.org/Patients-Visitors/Volunteer-at-Barnes-Jewish-



Our Newest Members:

Joe & Danielle Page

And family

"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

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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.