



St. Cronan Catholic Church
October 25, 2026
30th 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

Ministry Fair: Want to get more involved with the community? We are having a ministry fair this weekend of October 24-25. This is your chance to see what groups are available at St. Cronan, find something you might enjoy, and make new friends in our community. The Fair will take place after all masses, for 5pm and 8am Masses will be held in the Vestibule of the Church, and for the 10am Mass Ministry Fair will be at Coffee and Donuts.



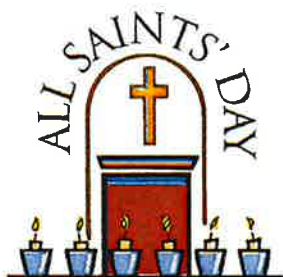
Advent Reflection Book: The calendar for Advent reflections is in the vestibule of church. Anyone who can pray, read, reflect and write is welcome to write a reflection based on the daily readings. For those who have contributed reflections for several years, please hold off a week or two to allow new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

Prayer LIST

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; 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; 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; Michel Wendell.



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.

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, or use the QR code.



Support for Immigrants

As we continue to support our immigrant neighbors, please know that they continue to express gratitude for what we are able to provide each month.

Needed for November:

*Egg Cartons

*Larger Diapers - Sizes 6 & 7

*Feminine Hygiene (Pads & Tampons)

Please drop off donations in the tub in back of church, or church office during the week - prior to 11/7.

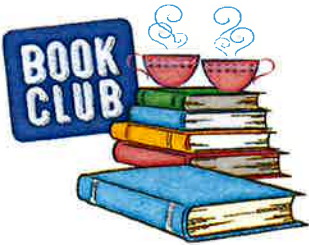
Assisi House Thanksgiving November 14

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 some items for the feast. 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 Social Justice Book Club meets on the 2nd Sunday of each month, the November 8 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. Looking forward to December, our book will be "The Hundred Years War o Palestine" by Rashid Khaladi.

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.



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.



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Questions? Contact Our Team!

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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



Upcoming Fundraisers:



Oct. 31-Nov. 29—

Poinsettia Sale

Nov. 7/8—Blind Date With a Book Sale

December: St. Vincent De Paul Giving Tree

Please participate where you are able.

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"You shall love the Lord, your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Jesus names these as the two greatest commandments. The whole law and the prophets, Jesus says, depend on these two commandments. These commandments tell us to live passionately, totally in love. The biblical scholar John J. Pilch explains that "to love God with all one's heart is to be totally attached to God." We belong to God. Our Orthodox Jewish brothers and sisters remind themselves of the primacy of being attached to God in love by wearing these words on their forehead and hanging them on their doorpost.

In Jesus' Mediterranean world, to love neighbor as self is to be totally attached to the people in one's neighborhood or tribe and to love them as one loves their family. But, in the Parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus expands the meaning of belonging to one's neighbor to include all. Love your neighbor without exception. Mother Theresa said, "If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other."

"Treat others as you would like to be treated." The Golden Rule breaks open loving our neighbor as yourself. What you want for yourselves, give that respect to others. The reading from Exodus gives us specific ways of living that respect. Welcome the alien, the refugee, the immigrant, the stranger. Our

country's cruel treatment of these contradicts God's intent for the world. We have been created as family. We belong to one another. Exodus specifies, "do not molest or oppress." ICE incarceration, deportation does both.

The Exodus reading tells us to care for the poor, for we are to be like God who is compassionate.

The Exodus reading also reminds us of God's love for widows and orphans. From a young age I saw this lived out in my family. When I was 7 years old two of my uncles died at 39 years of age leaving my aunts as widows, each with 4 young children. My Dad took literally God's call to care for the widows and orphans and supported his sisters and their children in whatever ways he could. My mom did as well. I learned that caring and internalized that these scripture passages were meant to be taken literally.

— Madonna Kuciejczyk-Kernan

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