

Reflection
October 27, 2024
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this weekend's Gospel Jesus asked the blind Bartimaeus: "What do you want me to do for you?" He was not asking him, "What do you want for Christmas?" Rather Jesus' question is an heartfelt one. He is asking Bartimaeus what do you need to be whole. It is not a question of eyesight but instead one of "insight" i.e. what does your heart need to have true peace. The "miracle" passages in the Gospels have inner and outer meanings. Yes, his eyesight was restored but more importantly he received "inner sight". For at the end of the Gospel it says "he followed him on the way". It doesn't matter if one has eyesight and doesn't follow the "way of Christ". What matters is "the way" - follow him!

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Today Jesus is asking you: "What do you want me to do for you?" He is asking an heartfelt question: "What will give your soul true peace?" It is not a matter of physical health nor material wealth etc. What do you need to "follow the way"? What is missing in your life that would make the difference? Bartimaeus "sprang

up and came to Jesus". May this Eucharist help us to "spring up and come to Jesus" so that he can ask us, what do you really need to follow me. It is time to "spring up"

—Fr. Jack (he/his)

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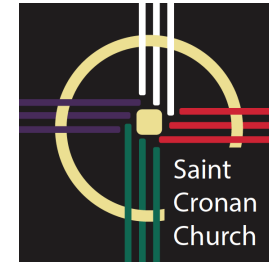
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Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 pm.

Wednesdays – 8:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.

Bulletin Deadline: Noon Wednesday

Community Meal at City Greens!

Sunday, October 27, 11a-1p

City Greens Market
4260 Manchester Avenue

Join us for a seasonal breakfast and hot coffee at your neighborhood nonprofit grocery store!

2024 Sock Angel Campaign

The Knights Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary .

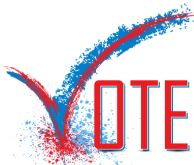
Warm, clean socks are one of the most requested items for our homeless neighbors. The "Sock Angel" collection box for new socks will be in the back of church until Nov. 15. New this year: Amazon Purchases may be sent directly to: Sock Angels, 1040 Nobleman Drive, St. Louis MO 63146





Prayers : John Gozdziński, 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, Matthew Peters (Grandson of Kathleen Abts).

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, November 15. 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

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.



EMAIL HELP!!!! The St. Cronan Church Office is looking for some help to migrate our emails to a GOOGLE email or other simpler-to-use format. If you have expertise in this area and can give of your time and talent to get us set up, it would be much appreciated. Please contact Mary in the office. mary@stcronan.org.

Musician needed: Are you interested in leading in song a small but dedicated group of Mass participants? Our Musician for 5:00 Mass, Red Dorsey, is looking to move on to spend more time with his grandkids, so we would like to find someone with musical experience who might want to bring music to the dedicated 5:00 Mass participants. This is a volunteer position, so you may want to consider it as an opportunity to gain experience.



Memorial and Table of Saints: We will celebrate our loved ones during the Month of November. Our candle memorial will take place on November 3. If you have close family members who have passed away in the last year and would like to have a candle lit and their name read at our memorial service, please email Diane: diane@stcronan.org by October 31. Other relatives and close friends will be honored on our Table of Saints starting November 3. Bring a picture of your deceased loved ones to place on the table or add their names to our memorial wall.



Advent Reflection Booklet Calendar: The calendar is in the vestibule for our Advent Reflection Book. Please take the post-it for the date, write your name and contact information on the calendar, write a reflection on the readings, and return to Diane by November 10. These will be compiled into Reflection Book that will be available during Advent. If you will not be in Church to get a post-it note but want to write a reflection, please email Diane and she will send you available dates and the corresponding readings. diane@stcronan.org

Immigrant and Refugee Ministry. St. Cronan is part of the coalition of parishes working on this initiative. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact IRM Coordinator Kevin Kuehl, 772-1525, ext 204, MigrantMinistrySTL@gmail.com, or visit our office at St. Pius V Rectory. Envelopes are in the back of church if you care to make a donation. Make checks payable to St. Pius V. The IRM has a newsletter that can be accessed here: <https://mailchi.mp/284456337e7a/celebrating-6-months-of-irm>



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 your own home? These make perfect gifts.

Retirement Fund for Religious: Next Weekend, Nov. 2/3, all parishes in the Archdiocese will be taking up special collections for our retired religious. Please be generous. Numerous Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests past the age of 70 benefit from the Retirement Fund for Religious collection. Donations to the special collection provide funding that helps religious communities care for their aging members.