

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time October 4, 2026

‘Therefore, I say to you, the Kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit.’”

Whenever I read this passage from Scripture, I am taken aback by Jesus’ brashness in addressing some of their contemporary society’s key authority figures. Jesus presents them—and us—with a parable of generosity, stewardship, and selfishness. The tenants of the vineyard were entrusted with overseeing the flourishing of the landowner’s produce and the handing over of the fruits of that labor. Though the landowner had provided them with everything they could ever need—a hedge, wine press, and tower—they believed themselves to be more deserving; they believed themselves to be solely responsible for what was produced. They rejected God’s authority and conveniently forgot who helped to get them where they were—believing themselves to be righteous and superior.

My mind goes to the billionaire class who continue to profit off the labor of others, who believe all that they have is due to their work alone, or that their wealth puts them above others. Yet it is the stone rejected that will become the

Cornerstone. There are leaders who have forgotten the source and direction of their vocation. They have been entrusted with the stewardship and care of that which God has gifted them, and—thinking themselves wise—have used their position to take what they can for themselves.

My sense is that we too have at times betrayed God’s trust in us; perhaps we too have forgotten the purpose for which we were entrusted our gifts: to serve God through service to others. We may reject or “other” those deemed “unworthy” or “underserving.” May we heed this warning and cultivate spaces and communities that bear fruit for the betterment of all.

—David Gaillardetz

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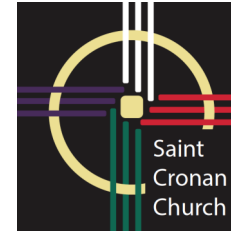
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Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 am. and 10 am.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5 pm.

Wednesdays – 8 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.

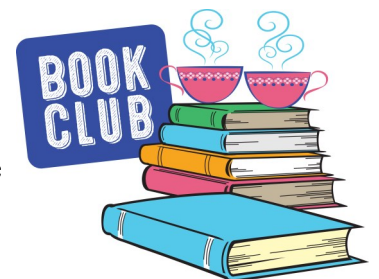
Bulletin Deadline: Noon Tuesday



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.

"On Pilgrimage" - a small group series where we will dive into stories of pilgrimage and imagine how we can incorporate this practice into our lives. We will gather on Thursdays (10/8, 10/15) from 7-8:15pm. There is no need to commit to every session - join us whenever you can! We will meet in the vestibule of the church. Email Olivia (owalter1010@gmail.com) for more info! Please register Here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1y2tWrzAyXEMuynrlrSOJf3d3ZS-_CjqmM_MQpe5RCcU/viewform?edit_requested=true or us the handy QR code.

St. Cronan Social Justice Book Club meets on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Our October 11 book is Universal Christ by Richard Rohr. The November 15 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.





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; Sr. Janet Kuciejczyk; Lisa Masek, niece of Kathy Hunn, Mary Margaret Kleba; sister of Fr. Gerry.

***Congratulations** to Sr. Barbara Schlatter who is celebrating a Jubilee Year!*

Join in Prayer

Two Loretto Novices: Saima Kiran and Shaista Alyas will pronounce First Vows at the Loretto Motherhouse in Kentucky on Sunday, October 18, 2026. We will have a special blessing for them at the Oct. 10th Saturday evening 5:00pm Mass. Please join us in person or in prayer for them.

The next Black Lives Matter Vigil will be Friday, October 16, at the corner of Manchester and Kingshighway, from 4:30-5:30pm. Please join us!

WILLS: Please remember Saint Cronan Church in your will. Our official title is St. Cronan Catholic Church-1202 South Boyle Ave.-St. Louis, MO 63110. Our Federal I.D.# is 43-0653457

Migration Mass

October 18, 2026
at 10 AM

St. Pius V Catholic Church
3310 S. Grand Blvd.
Liturgy with International
Potluck to Follow



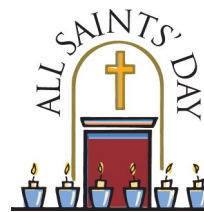
Immigrant & Refugee
Ministry

For More Information Contact: Kevin Kuehl, IRM Coordinator, MigrantMinistrySTL@gmail.com



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.



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.

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 – 6:30pm
St. Justin Martyr Church
11910 Eddie & Park Rd.

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.