

**Reflection**  
**October 6, 2024**  
**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Let's continue where Fr. Jack and Johnny left off last week. "If we love one another God remains in us". We first need to invite Jesus in, then we continue to widen the doorway through our love for one another. Once God's love is within us, we are able to bring that love to "perfection" through our love of each other in community.

Through the Incarnation, Jesus becomes human, "bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh". He experiences all that it means to have a human body – the growing pains, the emotions, the suffering – until ultimately he endures tremendous bodily suffering to redeem us from death. In this transformation, we become Christ's body. As the Letter to the Hebrews tells us, ... "the one who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin".

We are joined together in Christ's love for us and in our love for each other. Jesus tells us, "what God has joined together, no human being must separate". In our fractured world, can this apply to those who foster animosity to people they deem "other"? God has joined us together. If we invite Jesus in, and see Jesus in each other, it becomes inherent to be joined together as God intends.

In her reflection for this week, Sr. Mary M. McGlone tells us:

Adam and Eve might be the perfect patron saints for this moment when our church is moving into the second session of the [synod on synodality](#), or, we could say, the synod on becoming more together. The synod, building on and deepening the inspiration of Vatican II, reminds us that in the most profound sense, we are called to live as a church. This means that, rather than think of the church as an insti-

tion, we are beginning to realize that it is an experience of togetherness, of being called by God to be and do something together that nobody, not even small groups, can accomplish alone.

From this insight, we realize that every relationship (friendship, marriage, parenting, pastoring, teaching, companionship, serving and being served, etc.) offers us and our world mini experiences of what Jesus called the Reigning of God. Every experience of love incarnates God with us.

We know that we become who we are through loving relationships. We know that loving continually makes us more than we were before. As an African saying puts it, "I am because we are." (Sr. Mary M. McGlone, "Sunday Resources", NCRonline.org)

Let us be Christ's Body in its truest sense: bone of his bone and flesh of his flesh. Let us cling together and be one in Christ as celebrate, build, and serve our community.

*-Diane Gozdzialski*

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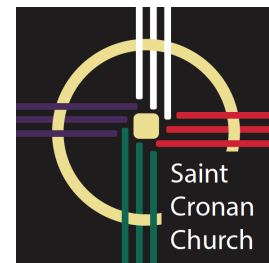
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**St. Cronan Catholic Church**  
**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**October 6, 2024**

**Mass Information**

SUNDAY – 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 pm.

Wednesdays – 8:00 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.

**Bulletin Deadline: Noon Wednesday**

**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, October 18. Please join us!

**IHELP English Lessons for Immigrants and Refugees:** One of the most valuable and intangible things most newly arrived immigrants need is the ability to use English. IHELP trains adults to work one on one with immigrants to help them with the basic English skills they need to work, go shopping, chat with neighbors, communicate with their children's teachers, and so on. The training will take place Today, October 6 at 12:45 pm. Lunch will be available beforehand on the lower level of 1202 South Boyle Avenue, near Manchester. The program will take place on the premises.



**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](mailto:kim.madden514@gmail.com). A voting information sheet is in the Church foyer.

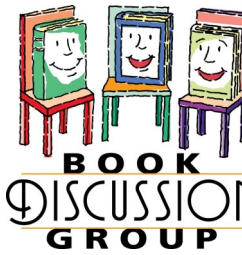
If you would like a voter's registration flyer to hang in your neighborhood, workplace or area business, they are available in the back of church or in the church office. **The last day to register is Oct. 9!**



**Parish Fall Festival is Today!** Let's get together to connect and celebrate at a parish pot luck today, Sunday, October 6 after the 10 am Mass.



**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; Diane Von Hof, friend of Joan and Trish Curtis; 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, former long-time member; Irene Meyer, Mary Solomon and Shelly Kutz's 4 year old nephew Louis Barricklow.



**St. Cronan Social Justice Book Discussion Group** meets the 2nd Sunday of each month in the Parish Center at 11:30 - 12:30 in a hybrid format: Zoom and in-person. Our upcoming book choices are: October: *Solito* by Javier Zambora; November: *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann; December: *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride; January: *The Whole Language* by Greg Boyle. Contact Christine Lakey at [christine.lakey@yahoo.com](mailto:christine.lakey@yahoo.com) for the Zoom link or more information. We love new members/readers!

## Sept. 2024 Contributions

### Thank You!

General Fund	\$20,790.00
Building Repair Fund	\$130.00
Fundraiser—Mums	\$340.00
Food Pantry	\$1010.00
Catholic University	\$201.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$315.00
Uganda	\$55.00
Air Conditioning	\$10,200.00
Immigrants & Refugees	\$7,642.00
LGBTQIA+ Ministries	\$1000.00



**Uncorked!**  
**Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet Motherhouse**  
 6400 Minnesota Ave., St. Louis, MO 63111  
 Thursday, October 10.

Specialty wines, hors d'oeuvres and desserts. Wine tasting tips and pairing advice from our wine experts. Live entertainment ~ Motherhouse tours, and more. For more info, contact Stephanie Betts at [sbetts@csj.org](mailto:sbetts@csj.org).

**Blessing and Crowning of Mary** On October 13, after the 10:00 Mass we will have a short prayer service to honor Mary and crown her new statue in the Garden. Please join us!

**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



# THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL

*in a Polarized Public Square*

## CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF EVANGELII GAUDIUM

The Peace and Justice Commission of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis, in partnership with the Catholic Studies Center at Saint Louis University, invite you to the third **lecture** in a series marking the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' programmatic Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, or *The Joy of the Gospel*. Following lectures focused on economics and health care, this one turns to the realm of **politics** and the **hope** that Pope Francis finds in the gospel for our **polarized societies**.



**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9TH**  
**6:30 PM - 7:30 PM**



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