

Reflection
November 10, 2024
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

I have the dubious honor of writing a reflection for this, the first Sunday after the election. I am writing this on Election Day, so I do not know who will emerge the ultimate victor, nor if there will *be* a victor by the time this is in your hands (or on your screens).

I do, however, know that today's first reading and Gospel talk about the power of widows. The widow was the lowest of the low in society—after all, as a woman unattached to a man, she had no resources or legal standing of her own.

In the first reading, we have a widow who, through her own acts of faith and generosity, is sustained by God. In the second reading, we once again see a widow who gives all she has despite her poverty, to Jesus' commendation.

Regardless of the outcome of the election, we are in trouble. The fate of the rights of many of our neighbors came down to the results from a few swing states, comprising a mere six percent of the electorate. Climate change, the greatest existential threat to our species, was ignored this cycle as the candidates competed over who was most pro-fracking. Neither candidate came out clearly against the genocide in which our gov-

ernment is complicit.

It is as clear today as it was in Jesus' time that those in positions of power will not save us. We must become serious about building power from the bottom up. We must come together and build a mass social movement if we hope to effect change. This is the strategy that got us the eight-hour day, the Civil Rights Act, and the Wagner Act—not electing individual politicians. As we build that movement, we must look to the “widows” of our society—the poorest of the poor, those whose very vantage point far on the margins allows them to see our circumstances most clearly—to show us where true power lies.

—Loren Gaillardetz

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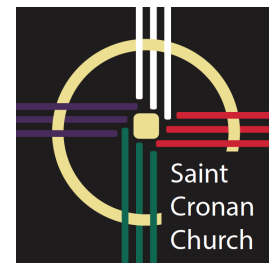
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Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 pm.

Wednesdays – 8:00 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.

Last Chance!!! 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



Blessing Bags: In a crate in the vestibule are blessing bags given to us by Breakthru Bev, thanks to Mike Ward (Mary's husband). There are just a few left, but Mike will be bringing more. Please feel free to take some, put them in your car, and distribute to the homeless you meet throughout your day.



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.



Prayers : John Gozdziwski; 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); Pam Schaefer; Joe and Janice Fairless; Eileen Heidenheimer's friends, Joe and Laura; Brian Klinkhardt and his mother, Susan Klinkhardt, friends of Judith Santamaria; Andrew Moll's brother, Michael; Saralou Hendrickson; Mary Solomon's friend, Jesse Koenig; former parishioner Sr. Louis Lears and her family; Shelly Kurtz's Great-Great Nephew, Louis Barricklow; Fr. Gerry's little buddy, Ben Zevely; Colleen Wallace's cousin, Katy Rosolowski; Sheryl Renken's brother, Dan Engelman; Mary Solomon; Dan Stout; Trish Curtis' brother, Skip Curtis; Kathleen Absts' grandson, Matthew Peters, Fr. Jack , Gavin Barrett-Hayes.

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!

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 you own home? These make perfect gifts.



THANK YOU to all who contributed to the Retirement Fund for Religious. All parishes in the Archdiocese took up special collections for our retired religious. 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. If you couldn't give last weekend, you can still deposit your envelope in the collection this week.

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.



Advent Reflection Booklet Calendar: Thanks to all who are writing a reflection for our Advent Reflection Book. All the post-its are taken. If you happen to lose your post-it, you can find the readings for your date at <https://bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar>. Please write your reflection and return it to Diane by November 10 diane@stcronan.org. These will be compiled into the Reflection Book that will be available during Advent.

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>

Catholic Worker Events:



Monday November 18th at 6pm: Round Table discussion on Pope Francis's teachings on the economy (see our website stlcatholicworker.org for readings)

- Weekly vigil and sign holding at Boeing in St. Charles (Unless it's raining or snowing-- meet at Hardees on Tuesdays at 6:45am: 2701 MO-94 St. Charles MO 63301)
- Last Sunday of the month potluck (this month 11/24 at 5pm). All are welcome to come and bring their own dish or beverage to share.
- Burrito Volunteers needed Tuesday evenings at 4:30pm & Saturday Mornings at 10am-12pm. We make burritos to distribute to unhoused encampments around the city.

Feel free to text or call Lindsey with any questions: 702-769-3937. All Events at 8617 Mora Ln St. Louis MO 63147 (unless otherwise specified).

Oct. 2024 Contributions Thank You!	
General Fund	\$19,002
Building Repair Fund	\$160
Mission Sunday	\$1,345
Food Pantry	\$725
Permanent Diaconate	\$50
St. Vincent de Paul	\$365
Uganda	\$155
Air Conditioning	\$100