

Pastoral Reflection
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 12, 2023

Too late, too late, you cannot enter now!

I have always loved the story of the five wise and the five foolish virgins. From the time I was a young sister we sang the story, five of us wearing black habits and five of us in white ones. It was a story of those who were prepared and those who were unprepared with extra oil as they waited for the bridegroom and the wedding party (note there is no mention of the bride), and fell asleep. They begged the wise virgins to share theirs, but the wise feared that they wouldn't have enough; the wise ones sent the foolish off to those who sold oil to buy some. When they came back the wise virgins had gone in with the wedding party and the foolish were locked out. "Too late! Too late! You cannot enter now." they sang to us. Now, in my later years, I wonder what these ten virgins were doing out so late waiting for a wedding party in the first place! And I wonder had the wise virgins



shared, would EVERYONE have had enough?

The point, I suppose, is to be prepared. When one has such an important responsibility, one should be prepared for every eventuality. The wise are called "wise" because that's what they did, and the foolish are called "foolish" because they did not. Anyway, I wonder if it's because I always had to wear a black habit and play the foolish virgin that to this day I still obsess about being prepared for every conceivable outcome of an event or responsibility and can still hear the wise virgins singing, "Too late! Too late! You cannot enter now."

—Sister Chabanel Mathison,
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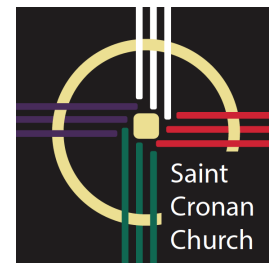
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Bulletin Deadline: Wed 12 noon



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Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 a.m. and 10 am.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 pm.

Wednesdays – 8:00 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.

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. **PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE** The next vigil will take place on Friday, November 17. Please join us!



The November Ministry of the Month is the Food Pantry: The Food Pantry has approximately 30 volunteers who do several tasks. They shop the food, shelf the food, bag the food for our families, carry the food to the clients cars, and all with the biggest, warmest smiles on their faces. We treat the clients with the respect they deserve and need. The food pantry is making a difference one client at a time. The Food Pantry Director is: Mary Solomon. Please contact Mary with any questions, or if you are interested in helping or donating. solo40baby@yahoo.com

Thanks to all who ordered St. Cronan Shirts!!!! Our goal was 24 orders...and we surpassed that receiving orders for 86 shirts!! Shirts should be arriving at your door in several weeks. Show your Cronan-Pride by wearing your shirts to mMass and other St. Cronan functions.



Go Tell It! Free Christmas Concerts by the Community Gospel Choir, plus full jazz ensemble and other special guests. Sunday, December 3, 4 p.m. Northside SDA Church, 9001 Lucas & Hunt Rd; Saturday, December 9, 4 p.m., Kirkwood United Methodist Church, 201 W. Adams Ave.



Please help welcome our newest parishioner:

Esmeralda (Esme) Mercado Garcia



Prayers Please: Kathy Bayless; Trish Curtis' brother; Nick and Shirley Ambrose's daughter, Brigid Costello; Varrietta Anthony; Fr. Jack's brother, Mike; Diane Calcaterra; Barb Sopp's friend, Joe Sinibaldi; Bob Barnicle; Paul Schmitt; Tim and Else Hirzel's great nephew, Cameron Russell; Kathy Hunn's brother Jon, Sr. Cathy's friend Don Costello, Judy Gallagher; Mary Truetkin; Marie and Roland Martir's daughter, Carrie, and granddaughter, Madi; John Gozdziwski; Michael Mason, former SVDP hauler; Michael Peterson; Linda and Jeff Caul's daughter, Kelly; Joe Connolly; Sam Vitale, friend of Father Jack and Mary Ward; John Derr, son-in-law of Alice Adcock; Roger Bailey, friend of Dom and Marcy Soda; Philip Anala; Bonnie Wimmer; the Krueger family; Nick Ambrose; Betty Newberry; Marty Spies; Judith Santamaria; Nick Ambrose's friend, John; Tom Farace, Brother-in-law of Mary and Dave Solomon; Gary Johnson, brother-in-law to Madonna and Tom Kuciejczyk-Kernan and Sr. Janet Kuciejczyk; Janice Fairless; Leslie Conway; Mary Middendorf, Barry Buchek's friend, Alan Zagurski; Dede Coughlin; Fr. George; Madonna Kuciejczyk-Kernan; Kathy Stock, and Shelly Kurtz' twin brother, Michael Kurtz.
If your loved one should be removed from the prayer list, please let the church office know.

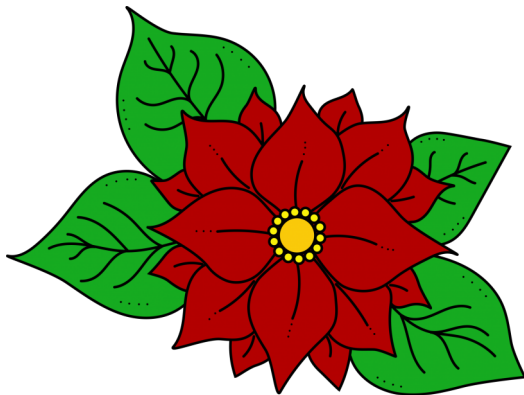
Please pray for the family of David Gaillardetz who's father, Richard has passed away. May the angels lead him to Paradise.

POINSETTIA SALE! It's that time of year again for the annual Poinsettia Sale Fundraiser. Poinsettia Sales have begun and will run through Monday, Nov. 27. No orders can be taken after that date. Pick up is in the coffee and donuts room on Saturday, Dec. 2 after the 5pm Mass and Sunday, Dec. 3 after the Masses until noon. Beautify your home for the Christmas season and support St. Cronan! Available sizes, prices and colors:

Red, Pink or White: 6" (\$22), Red, Pink or White 8" (\$30) and Red 10" (\$40)

Purchase on line by following this link:
https://bit.ly/St_Cronan

If you have any trouble, please call the office and Mary can help you place your orders. If you are not computer savvy, an order form will be available in the back of church, or we can mail or email one to you.



October 2023 contributions

General Fund	\$18,161.00
Building Repair Fund	\$150.00
Capital Maintenance	\$105.00
Mission Sunday	\$692.00
Food Pantry	\$1,070.00
Fundraiser-Football	\$565.00
Permanent Diaconate	\$50.00
Maui Wildfires	\$525.00
Retired Religious	\$50.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$380.00
Uganda	\$5.00

Please call the church office if you no longer wish to receive giving envelopes. If you wish to start making online contributions, we can email you a tutorial.



Special Collections:

Unless otherwise instructed, please make all checks for special collections out to ST CRONAN, please note the special collection on the memo line of your check. Thank you.

Parish Ministries: If you would like to add your talents to any of our ministries, and meet a great bunch of people, please call the church office or visit our website www.stcronan.org for information. *You are always welcome!*



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023

6 PM | THE CHRISTY

5856 Christy Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63116

COCKTAILS 6 pm

DINNER & PROGRAM 7 pm

MUSIC 8 -10 pm | FReSH RAiN

TICKETS \$100/person | \$800/table of 8

ATTIRE Semi-Formal

PARKING Complimentary Parking in The Christy Parking Lot

To order tickets online or view sponsorship information, please visit midtownstl.org/holiday-gala