

Pastoral Reflection

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 19, 2023

This week we have the opportunity to support those on the margins of society in a very special way through the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. This is a unique collection because in order to qualify %50 of the non-profit board members must be low income.

Thus the people who are in need have a say in how a grant is to be used. Also, these are not "charity" grants. Rather these grants are given to non-profit organizations that are seeking to break the cycle of poverty. These are "justice" grants. They:

- focus on the rights of people
- analyze social structures
- seek long-term social change
- address underlying social causes of individual problems

Members of St. Cronan, including myself, are on the grant review committee. Thus you can be assured that the above criteria are followed. One fourth of the collected monies stays here in the Archdiocese for those organizations that apply for local monies. The National Office also supports non-profits with larger grants. Last year one of the national grants supported the organization in Missouri that seeks to

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end the death penalty, **Missourians To Abolish The abolish the Death Penalty.** www.madpmo.org They are very active. They were lobbying to keep Johnny Johnson from being executed. And they were there at Bonne Terre on the day of the execution. They

were also in the courtroom to support I and others as we testified on behalf of Shawn Kavanagh. He did not receive the death penalty - praise God.

I encourage your generosity. Last year we were one of the leading donors in spite of our small congregation because St. Cronan cares!

God bless - Fr. Jack (he/him)

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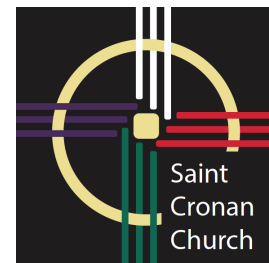
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Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 a.m. and 10 am.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 pm.

Wednesdays – 8:00 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.

The Church Office will close at noon on Wednesday, November 22 and will reopen on Monday November 27 so our staff can enjoy the Thanksgiving Holiday.



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

POINSETTIA SALE! It's that time of year again for the annual Poinsettia Sale Fund-raiser. 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



Don't need a poinsettia for your home? Call the church office to find out how you can donate a poinsettia to beautify the sanctuary this Christmas!

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.



Prayers Please: Kathy Bayless; Trish Curtis' brother; Nick and Shirley Ambrose's daughter, Brigid Costello; Varietta 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; 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 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 notate the special collection on the memo line of your check. Thank you.

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, December 15. Please join us!



Postcards to our senators and representatives: The Social Justice Committee provided postcards last Sunday to protest the violence in the Middle East. There is still time to participate. There will be a basket in the back of church for the next few weeks. Everything you need will be there....stamps, address labels, postcards...all you need to do is sign and send. Please help out with this important campaign.

Pastoral Council Openings: The St. Cronan Pastoral Council is accepting self-nominations for our open seats for 2024. The Pastoral Council advises and assists the priest-in-residence with the administration, operation, and animation of the parish. Our functions include establishing annual goals for the church, coordinating church activities, approving the annual church budget, and promoting meaningful decision making to fulfill our church mission. Serving as a Pastoral Council member is a three-year term, and the minimum time commitment is two hours per month. Interested Church members can contact Mariah Byrne Sullivan

mariah.e.byrne@gmail.com or let a staff member know by November 20th.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development: Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the US, more than 11% of the population lives in poverty. Through this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and support those working on the margins. For more info visit usccb.org/cchd.

St. Louis Friends of Bethlehem



Below is a sampling of food and personal care items that will pay for books to educate Palestinian kids in Bethlehem. These items will

be available for sale in the vestibule of church the weekend of Nov. 25/26 after all masses.

- Olive Oils: Rumi, Nabali, Jenin
- Infused Olive oils: Lemon, Garlic, Basil, Chili
- Tapenades: Olive/caper, Sweet Olive
- ☑Almond Pesto
- Carob Syrup
- Shutta (Chili pepper/garlic paste) NEW!
- Za'atar
- Maftoul
- Freekeh
- Olive Oil Soaps: Honey, Laurel
- Wool encased Olive oil soap
- Bath salts: Dead Sea Pearls, Green Apple, Rose

Thank you for considering to help kids learn not to hate in Palestine.