

Pastoral Reflection
All Saints Day and All Souls
November 2, 2025

The two adjoining feasts of All Saints and All Souls ask us to remember the reality of death. However, the way in which these days challenge us to do so is through remembering first and foremost not death itself, but those people who have died, be they loved ones or canonized saints. The emphasis is continued relationality in, through, and beyond death.

Eastern Orthodox Bishop Kallistos Ware writes, “in determining death’s place and in regard to it” we must keep in mind that “death is a separation that is no separation.” He quotes Russian writer Iulia de Beausobre who expounds upon this thought, saying, “The Church ... is a meeting-place of persons dead, alive and yet to be born, who, loving one another, come together round the rock of the Altar to proclaim their love of God.”

This is part and parcel of the mystery of the Resurrection—that death does not have the final word. Though the separation we feel from our beloved dead is in one sense very real, in another sense it is no separation at all. Our relationship with the dead continues but has changed.

In the midst of this mystery, Ware assures us that the dead pray for the living just as the living pray for the dead, and that we can continue growing together in mutual love. He writes:

“In bitter remorse we are tempted to say to ourselves: ‘Too late, too late, the chance has gone forever; there is nothing more to

be done.’ But we are altogether mistaken, for it is not too late. On the contrary, we can go home this very day, and in our evening prayers we can speak directly to the dead friend from whom we were estranged. Using the same words that we would employ if they were still alive and we were meeting them face to face, we can ask their forgiveness and reaffirm our love. And from that very moment our mutual relationship will be changed. Although we do not see their face or hear their response, although we have not the slightest idea how our words reach them, yet we know in our hearts that we and they have together made a fresh start. It is not too late to begin again.”

—Loren Gaillardetz

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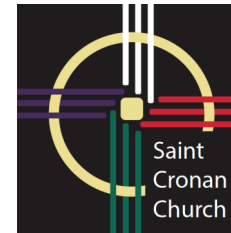
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St. Cronan Catholic Church
November 2, 2025

All Saints and All Souls



Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 am. and 10 am.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5 pm.

Wednesdays – 8 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.

Bulletin Deadline: Noon Tuesday

Advent Scripture Study begins Nov. 17th: Join Community Life Coordinator Johnny Zokovitch for an Advent scripture study in which we'll look closer at the gospel readings for the four Sundays of Advent. We'll meet in person at St. Cronan's on five Monday nights from 7-8:15pm beginning November 17 and ending December 15. The first

session will be a little bit of an overview as to our process in breaking open the word, with each following Monday being a look at the upcoming Sunday's gospel. To register, go to this link: <https://forms.gle/we2wSxUgjSUwAZzA6> or let Johnny know by email. johnny@stcronan.org



Advent Reflection Sign-up Calendar: Each year, the St. Cronan Community has an Advent Reflection Book with reflections written by our community members. The sign-up calendar is in the church vestibule. Please take a post-it that contains the readings, write your

name and contact info in the calendar box, then write a reflection for the readings you selected, and return the reflection to Diane (diane@stcronan.org) by November 16. If you can read, think, and pray, you can do a reflection!

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, Nov. 21. Please join us!



Prayers Please: Nick and Shirley Ambrose and Family; Elisabeth Byrne's mom, Denise Siebold; Joe Connolly; Yvonne DeHart's daughter, Cathy Hebert; Nancy Buck's daughter, Jeanne Oberle; Trish Curtis' sibling, Skip; Joe Fairless; Rob Barnicle, who has been placed on hospice; 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; Laura Krueger's mom, Evelyn Puleo; Marie and Roland Martir's daughter, Carrie and their granddaughter, Madi and their dear friend, Robert Screace, who has been placed on hospice; Judy Varias' husband Gene Krebs; J.T. Fowler; Grace Mueller; and Joe Kuciejczyk, brother of Madonna and Janet, and brother-in-law of Tom. With the help of your prayers, Trish Curtis's brother-in-law Ray is doing well with his lung transplant and is now able to take care of her disabled sister Teree.

Mary Hoffman, our beloved flautist and long time Cronanite, passed away Oct. 27. A Memorial Mass is being planned for Saturday, November 29 at Laclede Grove. More details to follow.

Poinsettia Fund Raiser: Every Christmas season, St. Cronan Church sells red, white, and pink poinsettias. This year we are selling them at three price points, by size: (4" - \$10) (6" - \$20) (8" - \$30). The reason we associate poinsettias with Christmas comes from an old Mexican legend. A young girl named Pepita was sad that she didn't have a gift to leave for baby Jesus at Christmas Eve services. Her cousin tried to comfort her and said that Jesus would love any present from her, even the smallest one. With no money to buy a real gift, Pepita picked a bouquet of weeds that she walked past on the way to church. When she got there, she left the weeds at the bottom of the nativity scene. All of a sudden, the weeds transformed into beautiful red flowers. And, from that day on, they became known as "Flores de Noche Buena," or "Flowers of the Holy Night." Poinsettias get their American name from Joel Roberts Poinsett, the first U.S. ambassador to Mexico, who brought them to the states from Mexico in the early 1800s. Christmas poinsettia order forms can be found in the back of Church and online. The last day to order your poinsettias for the Christmas season is November 30. And poinsettias purchased can be picked up after each Mass on December 6 and 7. Ordering these poinsettias from St. Cronan also helps our Church, as it is a fundraiser. So please consider helping our Church through your order this Christmas season. *Order forms can be found in the vestibule of church. At the time of this printing the online store has not yet been set up. If you wish to purchase with a credit card, please call the office 314-289-9384.*



"Workers are fundamentally community members. They are our neighbors, and we work alongside each other for the good of our communities."

BROTHER KEN HOMAN, SJ

November 10th, 2025

7:00pm

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SEEDS OF JUSTICE NETWORK

Jessica Mayo to keynote MCU Gala 2025: Metropolitan Communities United (MCU), of which St. Cronan's is a member, will be holding their 2025 Gala, Ryze from the Rubble, on November 13th at 6pm. Our own Jessica Mayo of the MICA Project will be the evening's keynote speaker! The gala will take place at The Historic Stone House of St. Charles and your ticket or

sponsorship supports tornado relief efforts and faith-based community organizing in the St. Louis region. Learn more and purchase tickets at the MCU site, mcustlouis.org.

St. Cronan Social Justice Book Club meets on the 2nd Sunday of each month in the 1st floor conference room after the 10am mass from 11:30am-12:30pm. Our November 9 book is "Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants" by Robin Wall Kimmerer. Our December 14 book is "Cherished Belonging: The Healing Power of Love in Divided Times" by Gregory Boyle. We invite you to join us in person or to simply read with us. For more information please contact Charlene Zeni Connolly at 314-308-0056.

Special Collection this weekend: They gave their lives in service—now they need your help. For decades, women and men religious have cared for others, teaching, praying, and serving those in need. Your support ensures they receive the care and dignity they deserve. Let us now offer them the dignity they have so selflessly granted to others. Your generosity today is not just a donation—it's a way of thanking them for their lifelong service. Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious. If you would like to participate in this special collection, please write "Retired Religious" in the memo line of your check. Online donations will also be accepted by following the link below. Please use the drop down menus to Special/Memorial and add "Retired Religious" in the NOTES box. <https://www.wesharegiving.org/app/giving/WeShare-20000089>

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 and Indigenous communities.

For the full land acknowledgment, visit stcronan.org.