

1st Sunday of Advent November 30, 2025

The alarm of Advent sounds. Jesus tells us the Lord is coming, but we will not know the time.

“Two men will be out in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left.” (Mt 24:40-41)

These words from Jesus are reminiscent of the ones from Matthew’s Gospel where the goats and sheep are separated, and the sheep (who treated the lowly with dignity) were given eternal life, and the goats (who ignored those in need) received eternal punishment.

The harshness here may demonstrate the extreme importance of the lesson—We must not sleepwalk comfortably through life and delay the good works that our God calls us to.

We are called to wake up and open our doors to God here and today. Promising openness to God next week, or referring back to the good works of our past, is not going to cut it with this Teacher. Be ready for His test at all times.

How are we opening the door to God? Are we providing for the hungry, enclothing the naked, visiting the unwell and imprisoned, and welcoming the stranger? How will we choose to spend our time this

holiday season? Are we offering reasons for rejuvenation to others, and to ourselves?

God of Light, help us see the light of your path, to share our light, and to allow others to share their light with us.

—Justin Lorenz



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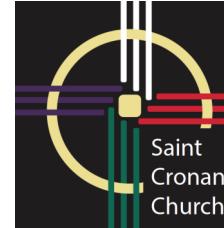
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St. Cronan Catholic Church November 30, 2025

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Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 am. and 10 am.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5 pm.

Wednesdays – 8 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.

Bulletin Deadline: Noon Tuesday



LAST CHANCE to order your poinsettias! Today is the last day to order poinsettias. See the back table in the church vestibule for ordering info!



A new exciting fund raiser – “Blind Date with a Book”

The weekend of Dec. 13-14, we will be selling books for \$10.00 after all the masses for you to purchase as Christmas presents. It is a book decorated with clues as to what the book is about. You can just keep the book decorated on your shelf, actually open it and find out what book you purchased or give it as a gift to someone who likes to read. Join in this fun and

have an enjoyable “Blind Date with a Book”.



Fair Trade Holiday Market: Friends of Bethlehem St. Louis will provide Palestinian products and honey for purchase. Saturday, December 6, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Sunday, December 7, 7:45-11:15 a.m. at St. Cronan.

TRINITY, 4"x4" WINDOW STATIC CLINGIE, \$18 each The annual St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Gift Fundraiser is underway, and will continue until the 4"x4" Celtic Trinity window static clingies, like the one on the church wall behind the choir, are sold out.





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 Screece, 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, Donna Zuroweste.

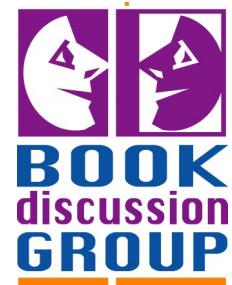
Fair Trade Coffee: We are ordering Fair Trade coffee for Sunday mornings. If we order in bulk, we get a cut on shipping. If you care to order some coffee and add to the Cronan order, please contact Al Sprehe and give him your order. 314-607-7188. Order forms are located in the church vestibule. We will have the coffee at Church or in the office for pick up.
Coffee makes a great holiday gift!



Caroline Leibman, Spiritual Enrichment through Embodiment: Caroline offers a practice grounded in Authentic Movement, weaving aspects of mindfulness practices to accompany the process. Individual sessions are 45 minutes and take place in the Church Vestibule. Caroline offers these sessions free of charge. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please register at <https://cutt.ly/authentic-movement>. See Monday Notes for more info.

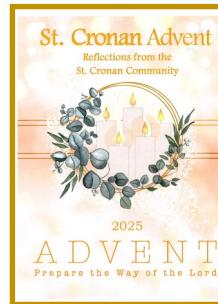


How Great our Joy! St. Louis Metro Singers Christmas Concerts: Our own Dawn Lester and Patrick Mooney will be singing in these concerts, which will take place on the following dates: Sunday, November 30, 7:00 p.m., Webster Groves Presbyterian Church; Saturday, December 6, 7:00 p.m., St. Paul's United Church of Christ; Sunday, December 7, 3:00 p.m., St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Parish. Concerts are free, but free will offerings are accepted.



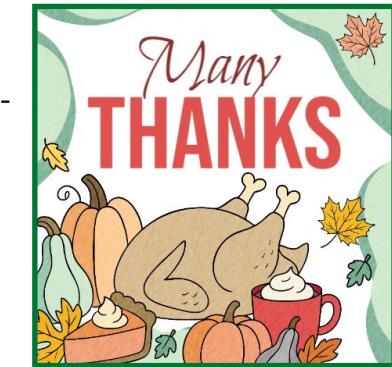
St. Cronan Social Justice Book Club meets on the 2nd Sunday of each month in the 1st floor conference room after the 10am mass from 11:30am-12:30pm. Our December 14 book is "Cherished Belonging: The Healing Power of Love in Divided Times" by Gregory Boyle. Our January 11 book is "Welcoming the Stranger: Justice, Compassion and Truth in the Immigration Debate" by Matthew Soerens & Jenny Yang. We invite you to join us in person or to simply read with us.

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, Dec. 19. Please join us!



Advent Booklets now available: The 2025 St. Cronan Advent Reflection booklet is now available. A limited number of hard copies are available in the vestibule in church. If you do not need a hard copy, you can read the Advent Booklet on the church website by using this link: <https://stcronan.org/news-events/announcements> If you wish to have the booklet emailed to you, please contact the church office. Thank you to everyone who submitted a reflection!

Many Thanks to those who gave to the special request for gift cards and monetary donations to help feed our neighbors this Thanksgiving. Because of your generosity the Food Pantry was able to supply over 30 families with a turkey, pie and other Thanksgiving staples for their tables. Thanks also to those who give each month to our Food Pantry. Your gifts each month are much needed and appreciated. Stay tuned for ways you can help for the Christmas season!



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.