St. Cronan Catholic Church
November 8, 2026
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mass Information
SUNDAY – 8 am. and 10 am.
SATURDAY VIGIL – 5 pm.
Wednesdays – 8 am.
Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.
Bulletin Deadline: Noon Tuesday



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. Christmas poinsettia order forms can be found in the vestibule of Church. The last day to order your poinsettias for the Christmas season is November 29. Poinsettias purchased can be picked up after each Mass on December 5/6. Proceeds from tthe sales of the poinsettias benefit the programs of St. Cronan. So please consider helping our Church through your order this Christmas season. Online orders can be made by using the QR code.



Blind date With a Book Fundraiser TODAY. We will be selling books for $10.00 after all the masses for you to purchase as gifts or for yourself. The books are decorated with clues on 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".



Prayers Please: Nick and Shirley Ambrose and Family; Elisabeth Byrne's mom, Denise Siebold; Yvonne DeHart's daughter, Cathy Hebert; Nancy Buck's daughter, Jeanne Oberle; Trish Curtis' sibling, Skip; Joe Fairless; 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; Marie and Roland Martir's daughter, Carrie; J.T. Fowler; Grace Mueller; Joe Kuciejczyk, brother of Madonna and Janet, and brother-in-law of Tom; Maria, daughter of Marcy and Dominic Soda; Teresa Beard's son, Edward Burch; Ed Calcaterra, brother of Diane Calcaterra; Colleen Wallace's cousins, Katy and Dennis Rosolowski; Sandra Ward; Fr. Jerry Stookey's brother, Tom; Cecilia Kelly; Debbie Kowalski's father, David Cobb; Neil O'Hallaron, Doritt's husband; Irma Forbes; Lisa Masek, niece of Kathy Hunn, Mary Margaret Kleba: sister of Fr. Gerry; Michel Wendell; Dominic Soda.

St. Cronan Social Justice Book Club meets on the 2nd Sunday of each month, that is TODAY. November's book is "The Veiled Prophet". We meet in the main floor conference room after the 10am mass from 11:30am-12:30pm and invite you to join us in person or to simply read with us. Looking forward to December, our book will be "The Hundred Years War on Palestine" by Rashid Khaladi.



Check out the Lost & Found bin in the vestibule of church. We have water bottles, books, jackets, eye glasses and many other items. Any items left after Nov. 22 will be donated to a worthy cause.

A Fair-Trade Market of Palestinian products, and local honey!

St. Louis Friends of Bethlehem

creating a climate for community

Sat., Nov. 14, 4:30 - 6:30 pm
Sun., Nov. 15, 7:45-11:15 am
St. Cronan's Catholic Church Vestibule
st.louisfriendsofbethlehem@gmail.com
https://st-louis-friends-of-bethlehem.square.site/

Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection

Next week, St. Cronan will take up the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. CCHD is the domestic anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, working to break the cycle of poverty by funding community-led projects across the United States. Your generous support helps empower people on the margins to build better lives for themselves and their communities. Please contribute are you are able.



October 2026 Contributions Thank You!	
General Fund	$19,233
Building Repair Fund	$150
Food Pantry	$1,085
Reparations	$5
St. Vincent de Paul	$470
Uganda	$55
Immigrant & Refugee Min.	$1,140
World Mission Sunday	$936
Permanent Diaconate	$25



Training for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers: Training will take place after all Masses the week of November 21-22. Please plan to attend, even if you have been serving for years. We will keep it short!

It's the biggest bash of the year! Please join Midtown Community Services for our annual Holiday Gala! This year, we're celebrating 10 years as an independent nonprofit! Proceeds from the night's event will go toward our efforts in breaking down barriers of isolation, poverty, and prejudice in the St. Louis region. The Gala will be held on Friday, December 4, 2026 at The Christy, 5856 Christy Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63113. Enjoy a delicious dinner, open bar, and dancing to the sounds of DJ O. The evening also includes a silent auction, live auction, and award ceremony.



COCKTAILS - 6:30 pm
DINNER & PROGRAM - 7:30 pm
MUSIC AND DANCING - 8:30-10:30 pm
Tickets are $800 for a table of 8 or $100 per person.
Can't attend? Consider purchasing a ticket for a MidTown staff member so they can enjoy the gala. https://www.midtownstl.org/holiday-gala

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 Indigenous communities.

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Ever since I can remember, I've had dreams of needing to prepare for some sort of looming disaster. The details are always different, but the fear-fueled and fervent preparation remains the same.



These days, against the current political backdrop, conversations at times hedge on an anxious need for preparedness even with friends who don't share this particular psychological proclivity of mine. With other friends—particularly other mothers of young children—we openly discuss what kinds of food stores to keep stashed away in our basements, go-bag supplies, and how to reach our children in the event of an emergency.

These days, with climate change accelerating, war in the news, and precious few real adults in the room on the global scale, preparedness is a salient theme as many of us try to find things we can control in a world that is spinning further and further out of control.

It is through this lens that I am tempted to interpret today's readings. I, too, am preoccupied with having enough fuel on hand to keep the lights on. But this is not the kind of preparedness that these readings call for.

The bridal attendants are duty-bound to keep their lamps burning, yes, but not against looming disaster—instead, to usher in a joyous celebration. The lamps are to light the way to a wedding banquet with the Beloved. The image of these lamps shining in the darkness reminds me of John 1:5: "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

Seen in this light (pun intended), these readings beckon us to something much deeper than individual preparedness. They call us to the joyful work of keeping God's light burning in these dark times and to remembering always the One whom our soul loves.

—Loren Gaillardetz

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