

Pastoral Reflection
Second Sunday of Lent
February 25, 2024

In the Gospel reading on the second week of Lent, a transfigured Jesus talks with two of the greats of the Hebrew bible, Moses and Elijah. Peter, James, and John are there too, clearly floored to be a part of such a revered group. The disciples want to celebrate this powerful moment and build tents so that they can revel in the conversation with their spiritual leaders.

Often, society seems to focus on those who do not offer us a model of spiritual leadership. In the political world and on social media, so much attention seems to be given to those who offer little to nourish us on our spiritual journeys. In light of this, it is good for us to refocus our attention on people who have provided and continue to provide spiritual leadership to us.

For me, one example in Tradition is the life of St. John Henry Newman (the anniversary of his birth was this past week). Newman faced disapproval from the leadership of the Catholic Church during most of his life due to his spirit of tolerance, defense of the laity, and celebration of the role of conscience. He was someone who lived out his values, even amid opposition from the Church.

Another personal spiritual leader for me has been Sue Mosteller, CSJ, OC. Sue is a writer who helped lead the L'Arche International federation for many years. De-

spite knowing a million people, she has a way of making me (and others) feel special. Sue will remind me that she is praying for me, for instance writing me at one time to say, "Know that you're on my prayer list, so every day, I say your name in petition that you are safe, growing, caring and receiving." What a kind gesture!

Whether through words of encouragement or standing up for our values, I have been inspired by the spiritual leadership of many people. Like the disciples, I would love to be a part of a conversation with Jesus, the late Cardinal Newman, and Sue Mosteller!

Who has been a model of spiritual leadership in your life? Who has helped bring you closer to God?

—Justin Lorenz

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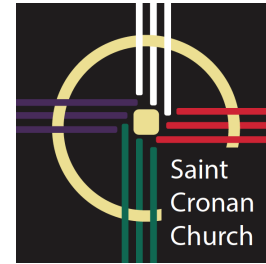
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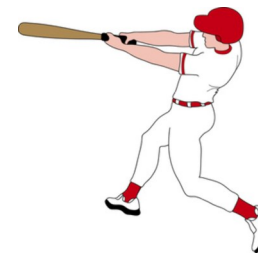
Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 pm.

Wednesdays – 8:00 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.



Grand Slam Baseball Raffle St. Cronan is once again participating in the Grand Slam Baseball Raffle with St. John's Church. The raffle tickets are \$25 for a chance to win weekly prizes for 17 weeks. St. Cronan had several big winners for the Football Raffle. You can purchase your tickets after mass on Sundays or through the Parish Office by calling 314-289-9384. **Checks should be made out to ST. JOHN CHURCH.**

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, March 15. Please join us!



Rice Bowls are now available in church. Please take one, put in your Lenten Alms and return them during Holy Week. If you prefer to make a donation with a check, please notate "Rice Bowl" in memo line.

Attention Committee/Ministry Chairs: Please contact Mary in the office with your regularly scheduled meeting dates/times/locations so we can get them on our website calendar.

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!**



Prayers : Nancy Buck; John Gozdziński, Tom and Madonna Kuciejczyk-Kernan, Joseph Kuciejczyk (brother of Madonna and Sr. Janet), Nick Ambrose, Kathy Hunn's niece Lisa and her brother Jon, Dan Orlet's mother Eileen, Mary Truetken, Kathy Bayless, Pam (cousin of Donna Zuroweste), Laura Krueger's mother, Evelyn Puleo, Joe Sinibaldi (friend of Barb Sopp), Gary W. Johnson (brother-in-law of Madonna, Tom, and Sr. Janet Kuciejczyk) and Marie and Roland Martir's grandson, Camden; Sr. Cathy Doherty's friend, Steve, Maria Gray.

Former parishioner, Sr. Mary Lou Gavan passed away Dec. 19. A memorial service will be held for her here at St. Cronan on March 17 at 1pm. Potluck to follow.

Immigration and Migrant Ministry. St. Cronan is part of the coalition of parishes working on this initiative. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact IRM Coordinator Kevin Kuehl, 772-1525, ext 204, MigrantMinistrySTL@gmail.com, or visit our office at St. Pius V Rectory. Envelopes are in the back of church should you care to make a donation. **Make checks payable to St. Pius V.**



Attention Bakers! We are in need of bakers for next year! This ministry is easy and requires little time commitment - one day a year. You can even include your children or grandchildren. The bread recipe is pretty simple, and had just a few ingredients. If you are interested in helping out with this ministry, please contact Laura Krueger. Lauramarie993@gmail.com

Weekly Envelope Users: In your monthly packet of weekly contribution envelopes in January, you should have received an envelope marked "First Offering". This envelope is used for making a contribution to off-set the costs involved in offering a weekly contribution envelope to our parishioners. The suggested offering is only \$3.00, but if all users contributed, it would cover all of our costs, which is around **\$1000 annually**. Please consider making a donation if you are an envelope user. If you would like to discontinue the use of your envelopes, please contact the church office and we can make those arrangements for you. Thank you.

First Reconciliation and Community Reconciliation Service will take place on March 3 after the 10:00 Mass. Please plan to join us for a communal reconciliation service. Private reconciliation will be available. Let's show our young ones a great example.

Men's Retreat: We have scheduled the St. Cronan's men's retreat for April 5 - 7, 2024 at the Griesedieck farm, which is about 75 miles north of St. Louis. All men of the parish are invited to attend all or part of the retreat. We ask that each participant makes a contribution of \$50 towards the upkeep of the farm, which has hosted the retreats for many years and to help out with one of the meals on the weekend (more details to follow on this as the retreat approaches for those who are attending). Please let us know if you are interested or perhaps if you have never attended the retreat and have questions. Feel free to reach out to any member of the planning team which includes Joe Moramarco, Dan Madden, Bill Miller, and Rocky Sieben for more information.

St. Cronan's Women's Retreat will take place April 12-14, 2024 at the Griesedieck Farm (Friday evening to Sunday 12 noon). Watch the bulletin, Cronan Talk and Monday notes for more details.

Contact your legislators! The Social Justice Committee is asking our community to again respond to the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict. We need to ask our legislators to promote a ceasefire in Gaza to allow humanitarian aid and massive relief to the starving and unhoused people; to stop the bombing and bloodshed in Gaza, the West Bank and Israel; to free Israeli hostages and Palestinian prisoners; and to convince the IDF to stop the attacks from Jewish settlements on people and property in the West Bank. Please see the table in back of church for more information.

Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet

Invitation to Love: A Lenten Prayer
Saturday, March 9 at 10 a.m.

Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet Motherhouse
6400 Minnesota Ave., St. Louis, MO 63111

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet invite you to join us for a morning of quiet prayer and song as we deepen our Baptismal call during Lent. Enjoy a continental breakfast and conversation with the sisters afterward.

The event is free, and registration is required by March 3. Learn more and register at csjssl.org/events.

Black History Bus Tour: The first BHT of the new year will be on March 2nd. It will leave St. Cronan's at 10am, please arrive at 9:45, and will return at 1pm. If you bring a brown bag lunch, we will eat together after the tour and discuss the event and have Q & A. The cost of the tour is \$10. payable at the bus in the morning. Please reserve a seat by emailing Paul Loida. His email address is: Paul.loida@Bayer.com