

Pastoral Reflection
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 4, 2024

Job 7: 1-4, 6-7 1Cor 9:16-19, 22-23
Mk 1: 29-39

Most of us know Job's story and if truth be told think of it pretty much as a downer. In reflecting on this passage I am astounded at how accurately the writer describes the human condition. If one has ever gone through a difficult time or experienced any level of what we now know as depression, it's described here. In those times life feels like drudgery and a hard time of which one does not see the end. One might experience restless or sleepless nights and you might even dread going to bed if you've not experienced restfulness for awhile. Or what about the awful feeling of waking up tired? One might feel like giving up on ever knowing hope or happiness again.

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Then in the Gospel Jesus comes along and says and does some amazing things the first of which is to heal a sick family member of his inner circle. And what does the mother-in-law do? She gets up and serves the others. Take note that Je-

sus does not heal everyone. No matter our life's circumstances there will always be times when healing and/or understanding does not occur. But always there are opportunities to serve and preach the Gospel. Paul reminds us that the Gospel is not mine but only mine to give, to honor the good news.

My questions are, "Am I committed enough to the Good News of Jesus to share it wherever I am?"

May I know what my healed brokenness is so that I may serve? Chita Rivera, a 91 year old actress, dancer and singer's death was just announced. When asked several years ago if she was ready to retire she responded, "...no, I still have too much to dance and sing about yet."

Let's keep dancing and singing.

—Kathy Stock

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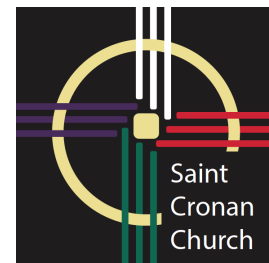
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Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 pm.
Wednesdays – 8:00 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.

Issues and Inspirations: Issues and Inspirations: "Just Songs", a Concert of Susan Marting's Original Music Inspired by Catholic Social Teaching. Susan Marting, a St. Cronan parishioner, has been writing songs for the past decade or so. Going by the stage name *Meramec Valley Girl*, she plays her Americana songs on guitar or banjo. Lately, she has been accompanied by fiddler Sarah Heuermann, who adds beautiful emotion to each piece. And Susan's husband, Andrew Marting picked up the bass in his retirement and now fills out each song with deep bass notes. Together, they're playing Sunday, February 11 from 1:00-3:00 in the sanctuary at St Cronan, highlighting social justice songs influenced by Susan's years as a Catholic Social Teaching instructor. A love offering will be accepted for St. Vincent de Paul, as both works of charity and justice are necessary for change. A reception will follow in the Hospitality Room. Please save the date!



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.



Prayers : Nancy Buck; John Gozdziwski, 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, Pam (cousin of Donna Zuroweste), Laura Krueger's mother, Evelyn Puleo

John Derr, son of Alice Adcock, passed away in January. John fought pancreatic cancer for over a year. Please keep the Adcock family in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

Please note that our prayer list has been purged for the new year. If you would like your loved one or yourself to be placed on the list, please call the office: (314) 289-9384, or email Mary@stcronan.org

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.**

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, February 16 . Please join us!



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.



Cronan Cooks! We have 22 St. Cronan Cook Books that were unearthed in the church office. These are cookbooks that were part of a fundraiser back in the day. We are willing to let these go for a mere \$5 a piece. Each cookbook is soft cover, spiral bound and chock-full of recipes from your Cronan friends from past and present. If you would like a cookbook, please contact Mary in the church office mary@stcronan.org to make arrangements, or see the table in the back of church.

Spring Shirt

Sale: Since our last shirt sale was such a success, we are announcing a Spring Sale which will begin in March. Once again Cronan Shirts will be available to order polos, t-shirts, and hoodies online. We will offer three (3) new colors and have already had requests for pink and light purple. If you have a color request, please send by email to Jennifer Hoffman, Fundraising Committee Chair, at jrhoffman1@icloud.com with a copy to Mary Ward at mary@stcronan.org. Please note that we are taking suggestions for colors as any color must be available by the company and also not obscure our color logo. Thanks as always for your support.



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!**