

## Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time February 9, 2025

*Is 6:1-8, Ps 138: 1-8, 1Corinth 15:1-11, Luke 5:1-11*

As I was visiting in a facility today, I saw an armband on a woman that read, 'TRUST IN THE LORD ALWAYS.' I was so struck by that simple call to faith. Here she is sitting at a table for lunch alone, surrounded by lots of people and yet by herself. That sincere and bold act of faith proclaimed not only for herself but for anyone who might notice that there is something/someone bigger calling to us.

And that's what the readings say to me this week: we are called. Isaiah hear's his call in a vision of mystery and a strange reality being touched and healed by an ember. We are all a bit more aware of the the force of fire these days as we've watched the infernos in California ravish thousands of acres and probably billions of dollars of value in homes, schools and businesses. Rich and poor have seen their goods and lives destroyed. The basic needs of all the people have been for shelter, food and hope. Will they be healed by the embers that have seared them?

Paul acknowledges that it is only by Mystery's grace that he has been freed and renewed to spread the Good News that Jesus preached, healed, suffered, died and rose. Where do we find the grace to proclaim this same good news in our own lives? Last week Justin repeatedly asked the question, "Where do we hear the Spirit?" I find that asking that question repeatedly and with a truly open

heart will give me answers. I share this humbly but last week it gave me the opportunity to help with an unexpected food outreach to our immigrant brothers and sisters. It was so empowering to see the community come together and reach out. There are no words for the unexpected and generous hug that enwrapped me after a delivery.

The "almost" disciples listened to Jesus's advice when he suggested they put their nets out again even when they'd had a totally unsuccessful night fishing. In doing so they had the catch of a lifetime and were told not to be afraid, Can we hear that in our day to day lives? Don't be afraid I am with you. Keeping our eyes focused in hope, gives us that courage to say with heartfelt confidence, "Here I am, God, send me."

—Kathy Stock

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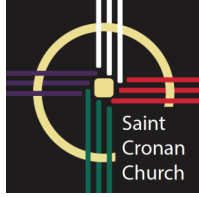
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**Sunday Sexton: Open Position**





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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.

**Bulletin Deadline: Noon Tuesday**



**The St. Cronan Social Justice Book Club** meets on the second Sunday of each month in the Parish Center library on the 1st floor after the 10AM mass from 11:30AM-12:30PM (hybrid meeting for those who are unable to join in person). Please bring your book suggestions and join us today, Sunday, February 9, 2025 to plan our reading list for the coming year. You are encouraged to read "Stamped from the Beginning" by Ibram X. Kendi for our meeting on March 9, 2025. This choice honors Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and February's Black history month. We invite you to join us or to simply read our monthly book choice. Please contact Charlene Connolly, Chairperson at 314-308-0056 for more information.

### Immigrant Accompaniment Program

The Immigrant & Refugee Ministry will be taking on a new immigrant accompaniment program, an initiative which provides a way to walk with our immigrant sisters and brothers and show support as they go through their immigration process.

To deepen your commitment to IRM efforts, contact IRM coordinator, Kevin Kuehl at (314) 772-1525 ext 204 or [www.stpiusv.org/migrant\\_ministry](http://www.stpiusv.org/migrant_ministry), or contact Trish Curtis, your rep on the IRM Board.

Please contact the church office if you would like some "Know Your Rights" cards.

**See pg. 5 for more info on how you can help.**





**Prayers Please:** Fr. Jack ; Nick and Shirley Ambrose and Family; Elisabeth Byrne’s mom, Denise Siebold; Mary Truetken; Joe Connolly; Yvonne Hart’s daughter, Cathy Hebert; Nancy Buck’s Daughter, Jeanne Oberle; Trish Curtis’ siblings, Skip, Teree, and Ray; Warren Wimmer.

*Mary Truetken has begun hospice care at home. Please keep her, Gary, and Kateri close in your prayers .*

**Caroline Leibman, Spiritual Enrichment through Movement:** Caroline offers instruction in Spiritual Movement on Tuesday afternoons, Feb. 11th and 25th and then March 11th and 25th

at 12pm, 1pm, 2pm and 3pm. To register for a session, please use this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084BAFAF23A0F49-52556820-spiritual> Instructions to sign up: Click “sign up” at the bottom of the list of slots, click “save and continue” (this might be under the “cookies” notice. You will need to close that to see it). On “Sign me up” page, enter your name and email if it is not displayed. Click “sign up now.” Click “back to sign up – your name should appear in your selected slot. Questions? Contact Caroline at [carolineleiberman@gmail.com](mailto:carolineleiberman@gmail.com) or Diane at [diane@stcronan.org](mailto:diane@stcronan.org)

**Jubilee Year of Hope:** As we begin the new year, let us open our doors to the hope of a better future. Let us resolve to work collectively to welcome our migrant neighbors and LBGQTQIA+ siblings. In the vestibule, you will notice the door marked with the Papal Seal, the Holy Family as migrants and refugees, and the “Welcome All” logo. Let us face 2025 with a firm commitment to follow Pope Francis’ declaration.



**Blessing Bags:** There are still a few Blessing Bags in a crate in the vestibule, given to us by Breakthru Bev, thanks to Mike Ward (Mary’s husband). Please feel free to take some, put them in your car, and distribute to the homeless you meet throughout your day.



**Marygrove Lunch Club:** We invite you to learn more about Marygrove and the work we do for youth in our community. Join us for Mass in our beautiful chapel, followed by lunch and fellowship in the cafeteria. Remaining Lunch club dates: May 2, November 7. Mass begins at 11:30, Lunch at 12:00 p... Free to attend, donations appreciated. To learn more or to RSVP, contact Jackie Boyd at (314) 584-6129 or [jboyd@mgstl.org](mailto:jboyd@mgstl.org)

## 2025 Administrator’s Wish List

	<p>Diaper Changing Station- We are in need of a diaper changing station in the men’s room in the Parish Center.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$200.00</p>
	<p>Shelving Unit for Church Closet- We will be cleaning out the storage closet under the stairs in church and will need some shelves for more organized storage.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$150.00</p>
	<p>Painting the vacant church office- This office will be used by the Church Life Coordinator and is in need of a fresh coat of paint.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$1250.00</p>
	<p>Oscillating heater for extreme cold days to help prevent frozen pipes.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">\$100.00</p>

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions. 314-289-9384 or [mary@stcronan.org](mailto:mary@stcronan.org)

If you wish to make a donation toward any of the items on my Wish List, please notate on your check or envelope that your gift is for the “Wish List”. If you would like your gift to go towards any item specifically, please notate that, as well.

Your generosity in the past has been amazing! Thank you in advance for your help and support with this year’s “Wish List”!



## St. Cronan Catholic Church Land Acknowledgement

We respectfully acknowledge that the land on which St. Cronan Church now stands is part of the ancestral territory of the Wahzhazhe (Osage), Myaamia (Miami), Illiniwek (Illini), Chikashsha (Chickasaw), Ugahxpa (Quapaw), Sac & Fox, Shawnee, Otoe-Missouria, Baxoje (Ioway), and Kiikaapoi (Kickapoo) tribes. We honor the enduring presence of Native Americans and Indigenous peoples in this region and express our respect for their contributions, both past and present.

On November 10<sup>th</sup>, 1808, large portions of Missouri and Arkansas, including the land which is now St. Louis City, were seized by the United States Government as part of the Land Cession 67. The Indian Removal Act of 1830, along with subsequent legislation, further contributed to the forced displacement of the Native American and Indigenous peoples who had lived on these lands for generations. Currently, there are no federally recognized Native American tribes with reservation lands in Missouri, though 2019 census data indicates that approximately 454,478 Missouri residents are of Native American/Indigenous descent.

We pay our respects to these Indigenous peoples, who have been stewards of this land for generations. We also acknowledge the historical and ongoing impacts of colonization and missionizing by the Catholic Church, which have profoundly affected the lives and cultures of Indigenous peoples.

We recognize the resilience, strength, and enduring contributions of Native American and Indigenous communities. We commit to understanding and addressing the historical injustices that have occurred through continued learning, dialogue, and action. As members of St. Cronan Church, we seek to foster a spirit of reconciliation, mutual respect, and partnership with all Indigenous peoples. We are dedicated to acknowledging the harm caused by our church's historical role, learning from Native and Indigenous wisdom, and working towards healing and justice.

As we gather on this land, we commit ourselves to ongoing education about its history and the Native Americans and Indigenous peoples who have called it home. We pledge to deepen our understanding, promote reconciliation, and pursue justice, while recognizing the profound connection between people, land, and culture.

Through this land acknowledgment, we aim to remind all who enter our space of the enduring legacies of colonialism, the forced removal of Indigenous peoples, and the missionizing imposed by the Catholic Church. We express our gratitude to the Native and Indigenous stewards of this land, past and present.

We recognize that land acknowledgments are just one step in an ongoing journey toward understanding and healing. We welcome feedback and invite those with lived experiences, particularly from Indigenous communities, to share their perspectives, helping us to deepen our commitment to justice and reconciliation.

**Contribution Statements:** 2024 Contribution Statements went out mid-January. Please look yours over carefully. If you find any errors or have any questions please reach out to Mary in the office. [mary@stcronan.org](mailto:mary@stcronan.org) or 314-289-9384

**St. Margaret of Scotland's Gun Sense for the Common Good:** St. Cronan's parishioners interested in working towards educating and acting to reduce gun violence in our city, please merge with us. We value your ideas and your experiences. In 2024 we recorded 255 gun-related deaths in the St. Louis city and county. 31 of them were children ages 4 to 18. Our 4 year old was shot by a sibling late at night while mom was away from the house. Our oldest senseless death was a 92 year old man shot to death while raking leaves in his yard. These deaths should not have happened, should not have happened! Join us as we work to build awareness and reduce gun related deaths. Hoping to see you January 30 at 7:00pm in St. Margaret of Scotland's church hall. Julie Hesed [momhesed@gmail.com](mailto:momhesed@gmail.com)

**Emergency food deliveries to Immigrants** afraid to leave home: We would like to organize food deliveries this weekend to our siblings who can't get out to shop. If you are interested in helping, please contact Trish Curtis: [trishquita1952@gmail.com](mailto:trishquita1952@gmail.com)

**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 21. Please join us!



**Turtles:** The Turtles is a Women's Book Club that has been meeting for almost 25 years. We meet the third Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Yvonne DeHart. We love to have more women join us, especially when we start a new book. Our next book will be "Small Great Things" by Jodi Picoult. We will meet on February 17. We will discuss the book up to where anyone finished reading. We usually only read a part of a book at a time, but with a novel, we are more flexible. Also, there will be wine and snacks! For information or questions, email Diane at [diane@stcronan.org](mailto:diane@stcronan.org)

**LGBTQIA History in St. Louis:** The Public Library is offering a free virtual program on Wednesday, February 5, 6 p.m. The program is free. To register: <https://slcl.events.mylibrary.digital/event?id=153271>

**1917 Race Massacre in East St. Louis:** The St. Louis County Library is presenting on Zoom: "1917 Race Massacre in East St. Louis" on February 14 at 10 a.m. Register at [www.slcl.org/events](http://www.slcl.org/events) or by calling 314-994-3300.

**Day of Reflection:** On Feb 15<sup>th</sup>, the social outreach coordinators of the vicariates are hosting a Day of Reflection: “Abound in Love and Live in Hope -Catholic Social Teaching is Evangelization” a day of reflection to re-energize your soul for the hard work you do. Most of the day will be about these topics in general, but there will be an opportunity to join a small group based on a specific social justice topic of your interest. You will be asked to choose your small group when you register. The event is free, but registration is required and will include a continental breakfast and lunch. Saturday, February 15, 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, 6400 Minnesota Ave. 63111. Registration: <https://forms.gle/G12ocUoTHAtywKAy5>

January 2025 Contributions Thank You!	
General Fund	\$15,019
Building Repair Fund	\$160
Food Pantry	\$641
Solemnity of Mary	\$50
St. Vincent de Paul	\$640
Uganda	\$55
St. Louis Review	\$140

**Catholic Worker Events:**

- Weekly vigil and sign holding at Boeing in St. Charles (Unless it's raining or snowing-- meet at Hardees on Tuesdays at 6:45am: 2701 MO-94 St. Charles MO 63301)



- Last Sunday of the month potluck. All are welcome to come and bring their own dish or beverage to share.

- Burrito Volunteers needed Tuesday evenings at 4:30pm & Saturday Mornings at 10am-12pm. We make burritos to distribute to unhoused encampments around the city.

- Feel free to text or call Lindsey with any questions: 702-769-3937. All Events at 8617 Mora Ln St. Louis MO 63147 (unless otherwise specified).

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We are currently seeking volunteers. Register as an IRM Volunteer at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeOHgG-RpsMOHVU2tQsAWOqpqfg-sMmWPfTf6knCstZsSGVgw/viewform?pli=1> and be sure to check the box for “accompaniment program.” No foreign language required and commitment is flexible. Once you register, we will follow up with you about further training. They are also seeking a part-time Accompaniment Coordinator to organize and train volunteers: <https://careers.archstl.org/job/St-Louis-Coordinator-MO-63118-1002/1238169100/>

The Ministry also wants to make sure that everyone in our communities knows what their rights are. I've attached some printable "Know Your Rights" cards and handouts that can be distributed at your parish or school as you see fit. There are several know your rights presentations by Catholic Legal Assistance Ministry and MICA Project this month. I can provide more information once those dates have been confirmed. (These cards and handouts will be available in the back of church and are attached). Here is a link for further resources:

<https://www.cliniclegal.org/resources/protecting-your-community/know-your-rights> If you would like a hard copy of the card, please contact the church office.

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**Contact your U.S. Congress people:** Please write or call your Senators and Representatives in Washington to stop the shut down of USAID, Federal Aid, and the enforcement of Tariffs, all of which should be regulated by Congress. As you compose your thoughts, also remember to come to the issue from love. The list of US Senators is attached. US Representatives can be found at this link: <https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative> Ways to contribute: If you are unable to actively help in our community, but would like to contribute financially, Kathy Hunn has put together a list of vetted charities who could use our help. Please contact the church office if you would like a copy.