

## Second Sunday of Lent March 1, 2026

On the first Friday of Lent, Jerry Stookey (one of my Dominican brothers) and I went to the St. Pius fish fry, where we ate catfish, listened to music by the Clan Jameson, and enjoyed catching a communal glimpse of the reign of God in a church basement. A few days before, on Ash Wednesday, the Church had invited us to “turn away from sin and believe the good news”—to turn away from isolation and believe that God is with us in a loving and serving community.

This weekend’s gospel from Matthew 17, which we hear every year for the Second Sunday of Lent, recounts the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus. This gospel is also proclaimed every year for the Feast of the Transfiguration on August 6, a date sadly also known to us as the anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, Japan, on August 6, 1945. The glorious manifestation of Jesus as God’s beloved Son in Matthew 17 has a death-and-resurrection aspect to it, as foretold a few verses earlier in Matthew 16 in the first of three predictions of the passion. The evangelist says, “Jesus began to show his disciples that he\* must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised.”

More than once in Matthew, the evangelist presents Jesus going up a mountain in the manner of a New Moses. Recently, for example, we heard Jesus preach the fulfillment of the Old Testament law in the Beatitudes of Matthew 5: Blessed are the pure of heart,

blessed are the merciful, blessed are those who work for justice. This weekend, Jesus surpasses Moses when he once again goes up a mountain to be shown as God’s beloved Son prefigured in resurrection glory. And as much as the disciples would have liked, Jesus does not let us linger there; he takes us back down the mountain to continue our Lenten journey toward his passion in Jerusalem.

For the next three Sundays of Lent, we will set aside this liturgical year’s Gospel of Matthew to hear three stories chosen from the Gospel of John for their baptismal imagery of water, light, and new life—the woman at the well, the healing of a blind man, and the raising of Lazarus (John 4, 9, and 11). Baptism confers upon us the dignity of living and serving as salt and light in a Beatitude community. We go down together with Christ to take up the suffering of our world, even as we long for our world to rise with Jesus in glory.

—Gregory Heille, OP

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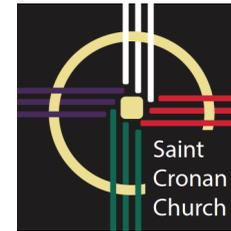
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St. Cronan Catholic Church  
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### Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 am. and 10 am.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5 pm.

Wednesdays – 8 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.

**Bulletin Deadline: Noon Tuesday**



**You Are Not Alone** Join others in the "You Are Not Alone: A Prayer Vigil in Solidarity with ICE Detainees," outside of the ICE Detention Center housed in the Ste. Genevieve County Jail. The vigil is from 11:00-11:45am followed by lunch and fellowship. There is no cost for the lunch but a free will offering will be taken up to support Abide in Love Ste Genevieve. Free coach transportation from the St Louis area is available. Please register at <https://bit.ly/March7Vigil>.

### St. Cronan Basket Raffle!

Our first fundraiser of the calendar year! We have several baskets for you to choose from:

- Liquor Basket valued at \$350
- St. Louis Basket valued at \$800
- Toy Basket valued at \$110
- Wine Basket valued at \$200
- Original Artwork = *Priceless*



Tickets will be on sale after each mass through March 15, when the drawing will take place. Sell tickets to your friends and neighbors! Call Mary in the church office if you would like to buy chances via Credit/Debit card. 314-289-9384



**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; 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 and their granddaughter, Madi and their dear friend, Robert Screace, who has been placed on hospice; J.T. Fowler; Grace Mueller; Joe Kuciejczyk, brother of Madonna and Janet, and brother-in-law of Tom, John Ross and Maria, daughter of Marci and Dominic Soda; Sr. Lynne Schmidt’s nephew, Brian Ahr; John Ross; Teresa Beard’s son, Edward Burch; Dodie Heilich, sister in law to Helen and Sandy McKinney; Judy Benson, Elliot Gaillardetz’s caregiver; Ed Calcaterra, brother of Diane Calcaterra; Colleen Wallace’s cousins; Ruth Hasser; Katy and Dennis Rosolowski; Ruth Hasser; Sandra Ward; Fr. Jerry Stookey's brother, Tom.

*Kathy Stock's brother-in-law, Rod Lause, died Tuesday morning. He was married to her sister, Cecilia for 43 years. Please keep Cecilia, Cathy and their families in your prayers. Eternal Rest grant unto him, O Lord.*

**St. Cronan Social Justice Book Club** takes place today and on the 2nd Sunday of each month in the Church office conference room after the 10AM Mass from 11:30AM-12:30PM. Looking ahead the March 8th book will be **“Insane for the Light: A Spirituality for Our Wisdom Years”** by Ronald Holheiser.



**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. Make checks payable to **St. Cronan** and write “coffee” on the memo line.

**Blessing Bags:** Our Confirmation class is collecting items to distribute to the homeless. See Monday notes for a list of needed items. Please place donated items in the box in the vestibule of Church. The Confirmandi will then compile the bags and have them in Church for you to pick up and distribute.



**John Michael Talbot**  
**The Journey East and Healing in the Spirit**

**2026 Retreat and Concert**  
 Retreat: March 20 doors open 6:30pm  
 March 21 doors open 8:30am

Come join us for the Spring Lenten Retreat with John Michael Talbot: The Journey East and Healing in the Spirit. John Michael, the spiritual father of the community of the Brothers and Sisters of Charity in Arkansas, will lead us using the early Fathers of the Church, Scripture and Song to bring us the Healing the Lord desires for us. Join us Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Cardinal Rigali Center in the Fleur de Lis Room and all-day March 21 beginning at 8:30 a.m. We will end the retreat with Mass at 4 p.m. But wait, there’s more - there will also be a concert on Saturday evening at 7 p.m. by John Michael. He is a gifted, internationally renowned musician, who we hope you can join us for, as he shares and leads us, inviting our hearts in deeper worship and communion with God.

To register for the retreat, for the concert, or both, go to our website - [archstl.org/renewal](http://archstl.org/renewal) or call the Catholic Renewal Center at **314-731-6100**.

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**Men’s Retreat:** We are pleased to announce that we have scheduled the Men's Retreat for 2026. The retreat is scheduled for May 8 -10 at the Griesedieck Farm. Additional details will be forthcoming over the next several weeks. Please mark your calendar's for a wonderful opportunity for faith sharing, community building, and lots of laughter. If for more info, contact a member of our planning team: Dan Madden, Joe Moramarco, and Rocky Sieben.

**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](http://stcronan.org).*

**Black Lives Matter Vigil** takes place the third Friday of the month at the corner of Manchester and King-shighway, 4:30-5:30 p.m. The next vigil will take place on Friday, February 20. Please join us!



**Lenten Booklet: Walk New Paths as Pilgrims of**

**Hope:** Our Liturgy Committee has compiled a Lenten Booklet. Hard copies are available in the back of