

**Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 15, 2026**

God tells Samuel: "Not as humans see does God see, because human persons see the appearance, but God looks into the heart." In this scene in the first reading, God is instructing Samuel to anoint one of Jesse's sons, David, to be the next King of Israel. God knows that David has the proper heart for the job.

Paul tells the Ephesians to "...Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth." He is telling them that God will see what is in their hearts.

As Jesus heals the blind man in today's Gospel, he again tells us that He is the Light of the World and admonishes us to see what is in our hearts, and do the works of God.

Our Lenten inspiration this week is Msgr. Elmer Behrmann. As a young priest, Fr. Behrmann visited a woman who had a special needs child, whom she kept at home. She asked him why the Catholic Church did not educate these children because they, too, are children of God. Fr. Behrmann could not get this woman and her child out of his mind, so he went to Archbishop Ritter and asked if these children could be educated in Catholic school facilities, as a call to Social Justice. Archbishop Ritter made him the Assistant Superintendent of Schools and Director of the Special Education Department.

With a small office and no budget, Fr. Behrmann placed funding and developing the program into God's providence. God saw what was in his heart and, through a series of fortunate encounters, sent him people to fi-

nance the program. Fr. Behrmann contacted the School Sisters of Notre Dame, known for their work in education, to help him develop the programs. Together they were able to start St. Mary's School, the first Catholic School to educate special needs children, and later St. Joseph's Vocational School.

Msgr. Behrman loved these children, and his programs gained national recognition. God saw his heart and gave him the means to open the eyes of blind administrations to educate special needs children in St. Louis and all over the country.

We need to follow Msgr. Behrman's example and take this week to examine our own hearts. What can we be doing to open the eyes of those blind to God's works? How can we open our own eyes to truly see those on the margins?

—Diane Gozdziwski

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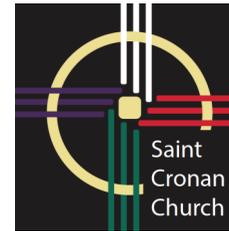
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Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 am. and 10 am.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5 pm.

Wednesdays – 8 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.

Bulletin Deadline: Noon Tuesday

St. Cronan Basket Raffle!

Sunday March 15 after the 10am mass is your last opportunity to purchase Basket Raffle Tickets. Be sure to purchase yours to be included in the drawing. Tickets are 1/\$5, 4/\$10 or 10/\$20 Baskets will be displayed in the back of church each with a list of contents. Thank you to all who donated items for our baskets.

The Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Collection TODAY: CRS funds agencies working to reveal Christ's love to those in need overseas and here in the United States: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Migration and Refugee Services department for resettlement; the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC), which helps immigrants with work permits, residency, family reunifications, and citizenship; the USCCB Secretariat of Justice and Peace for advocacy of human rights and education on Catholic social teaching; and the USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church, whose ministries address the unique pastoral needs of Catholics from a range of cultures as well as itinerant peoples. Finally, this collection supports the Holy Father's Relief Fund, through which the Holy Father aids people in distress worldwide.



If you have a Rice Bowl or any Rice Bowl donations, please turn them in by Easter. Thank you.



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; J.T. Fowler; Grace Mueller; Joe Kuciejczyk, brother of Madonna and Janet, and brother-in-law of Tom, 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; Sandra Ward; Fr. Jerry Stookey’s brother, Tom; Cecilia Kelly; Sr. Leah Holzum.



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.

Men’s Retreat: 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. For more info, contact a member of our planning team: Dan Madden, Joe Moramarco, and Rocky Sieben.



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 20. Please join us!

Voting Rights and Racial Justice Film and Discussion: On Sunday, April 26th at 1pm, come to St. Cronan’s cafeteria (or linger after coffee and donuts) to watch Phil Portlock present his 10-minute tribute to Rep. John “Good Trouble” Lewis and his 30-minute film documentary, “Voting Rights: The Struggle to Be Counted 1619-2014,” followed by a discussion with Phil. For more information, contact Paul Pecha at lisa.paul.pecha@gmail.com.



Catholic Renewal Spring Conference Join us for March 20-21, 2026, Lenten Retreat at the Cardinal Rigali Center with John Michael Talbot. For information contact Catholic Renewal Center “The Journey East and Healing in the Spirit”. For more information call: (314) 731-6100 or email: catholicrenewal@archstl.org <https://www.archstl.org/catholic-renewal-spring-retreat-registration/>

Church Council

2026 Church Council Bio Booklets are available in the vestibule of church. Bios are also available on the church website: <https://stcronan.org/resources>

Your 2026 Church Council:

- Margaret Govero—Chair
- Daniel Diemer—Vice Chair
- Faye Branum
- Todd Dean
- Mary Hastings
- Roland Martir
- Pete Musso
- Sarah Reilly
- Sarah Stout
- Donna Zuroweste

Non-Voting Members

- Johnny Zokovitch—Staff
- Diane Gozdziwski—Staff
- Mary Ward—Staff
- Bob Mahon—Finance Committee Liaison



Palm Sunday and the Triduum: Many readers and servers are needed for Palm Sunday, March 29, and Holy Thursday, April 2, Good Friday,

April 3, and the Vigil, April 4. Sign-up sheets are in the back of church on the window. If you have questions, email or call: diane@stcronan.org or (314) 941-4933.

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Service: Wednesday, April 1: 8pm

Triduum Times:

Holy Thursday and Good Friday: 7 pm
Easter Vigil: 7:30 pm



Blessing Bags: Thank you so much for your generosity! The Blessing Bags are in the back of church. Please take what you want and give them people who need them.

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.