

Second Sunday of Lent March 16, 2025

Each year on the Second Sunday of Lent we listen to the Gospel of the Transfiguration. I believe that this Gospel is very poignant for the St. Cronan community of 2025. Our Church will now be animated by a lay leader Johnny Zokovitch. He will be a Community Life Coordinator. Congratulations Johnny. I will be leaving the Church Office but I will still be the Sacramental Minister for our community.

I believe this change will bring about a "Transfiguration" at St. Cronan. I know Johnny and I believe that as he serves the folks here we will experience Christ in an even more brilliant way. Johnny is a true believer, a person of the Word and a critical thinker interested in social justice. He is far more versed on justice issues than I am and he has lobbied on the national level for the rights of those on the margins of society. His experience as the National Director of Pax Christi ("the" Catholic peace organization) and his earlier years when he was involved in the Catholic Worker Community will challenge us to embrace more fully the person of Jesus Christ and Gospel values. I will be supporting Johnny all the way and I will try and stay out of his way! I urge all of you to get to know him. He has told me that he will be reaching out to people so that folks can provide him input as he shares his life

with you. He also has a lovely wife Heather. She, formerly was an Alderwoman in the City of St. Louis. She now is deeply involved in environmental justice. Unlike me Johnny has a partner in ministry! Please welcome Johnny and Heather and pray for them and St. Cronan.

God bless and I will still be hanging around!

—Fr. Jack (he/him)

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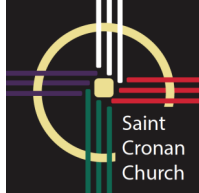
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Sunday Sexton: Open Position





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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

Our Lenten Journey: This year's theme is to challenge ourselves to love with our hearts wide open. One of the ways we open our hearts is by bearing witness to those who suffer. Each week we will provide witness statements focusing on the following marginalized groups.



1. Indigenous People, African Americans
2. Women
3. LBGTQ
4. Trans Families
5. Immigrants and Refugees

Are we open to our hearts being broken to let others in? What individual things are you doing on a daily basis to break open your heart?



Join us for an evening of contemplative crafting and community building

on Friday April 4th. Gather at St. Cronan's Parish Hall anytime after 7pm. We will have some materials available, and you are invited to

bring some of your own to use or share. We will have also have questions for reflection, but the space is yours to let the Spirit move you as you create. No experience necessary. All are welcome! Scan the QR Code for more information.



Our Newest Members:

Lucinda Perry Jones
Justin and Robin Knittel
and Family



Prayers Please: Fr. Jack ; Nick and Shirley Ambrose and Family; Elisabeth Byrne’s mom, Denise Siebold;; Joe Connolly; Yvonne Hart’s daughter, Cathy Hebert; Nancy Buck’s Daughter, Jeanne Oberle; Trish Curtis’ siblings, Skip, Tee, and Ray; Warren Wimmer; Joe Fairless; Pope Francis; Sr. Cathy Doherty’s friends, Lina Tackas and Tim.

Men’s Retreat: All men of St. Cronan Church are invited to join us for the annual St. Cronan Men's Retreat. The retreat will be held at the Griesedieck Farm once again this year on the weekend of March 21-23. Please come to all or part of the retreat. This year the Griesedieck family is inviting each of us who come out to the retreat to make a contribution of \$75 which helps support the upkeep of the farm. This year we will be reflecting on how we are doing and how the Gospel is inviting us to respond to these times we are living in. Please contact Rocky Sieben if you have any questions and let me know if you can attend and whether you are coming out for all or part of the weekend. rockysieben@sbcglobal.net

Women’s Retreat: Will take place April 11, 12, 13 at Maple Creek Farm, AKA Griesedieck Farm. Please sign up in the Church Vestibule.



March 25: Lobby Day in Jefferson City on behalf of Immigrant Rights. We will have a bus leaving from St. Cronan at 6am. For more details, contact the church office. Registration is required. Sign up using the QR Code or use the sign up sheet in back of church.

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.

CHURCH ASSEMBLY: All St. Cronan community members are invited to a Church Assembly & Community Potluck on Sunday, March 30th after the 10:00 am mass to welcome our new Community Life Coordinator (CLC) Johnny Zokovitch, who started on February 23rd. The Assembly is an opportunity for the St. Cronan community to learn more about Johnny's background and perspective on the role, share input on their expectations and hopes for the CLC position, and ask questions about the transition to lay leadership. The Assembly will be held in the Coffee & Donuts room. Thank you to Maggie Hart-Mahon for organizing the potluck! *To contribute to the potluck, please reach out to Maggie at ofccomp17@gmail.com or 314.749.1453.*

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 21. Please join us!

The St. Cronan Social Justice Book Club meets on the 2nd 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 unable to join in person). We will discuss “Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America “ by Ibram X Kendi at our Sunday, April 13 meeting. Our May 13 book is “How We Learned to Be Brave: Decisive Moments in Life and Faith” by Mariann Budde. We invite you to join us or to simply read our book choices with us. For more information please contact Charlene Zeni Connolly at 314-308-0056.

Administrator's Wish List:

The 2025 Wish List is as follows:
 Diaper Changing Station for Men's Restroom: **\$200 Pledged**
 Shelving Unit for Church Closet: **\$150 Pledged**
 Painting the vacant Church Office: **\$650 Pledged**
 Oscillating Heater to prevent frozen pipes: **\$100 Pledged**
 Office desk for Administrator: \$800



Please feel free to reach out to Mary with any questions to mary@stcronan.org or (314) 289-9384 If you wish to make a donation toward any item on the wish list, please notate "Wish List" on the memo line of your check. If you would like the money to go to a specific item, please notate that as well. Thank you in advance for your wonderful generosity!

Black History Tours: STL Black History Tours are planned for these dates for spring of 2025. Please advertise this in your network. March 29, April 5, May 17, June 7. The sign-up send tour date, your name, email address, and phone number to Paul Loida. The cost is \$10 per person payable in cash the morning of. The tour group will meet at St Cronan Church at 9:30 AM and the bus will leave around 10AM and return to St Cronan at 1 PM. There will be an optional brown bag lunch and discussion following, for those interested. Contact: Paul Loida, paul.loida@bayer.com

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.