

**Pastoral Reflection**  
*Third Sunday of Lent*  
March 3, 2024

In summer 2006, I was 14 and newly returned from a visit to my father's hometown of Beirut, Lebanon. Mere weeks after my return, I watched as Lebanon was pummeled by a bombing campaign so intense that a new military strategy was named for it—the Dahiyeh Doctrine receives its name from a neighborhood in Beirut and is defined as a kind of asymmetric warfare characterized by the deliberate targeting of civilian infrastructure. My understanding of the world was decimated alongside Lebanon, and I was so angry. But what made me angriest was that life around me continued on as if this was normal.

My grandfather told me later that for many years, each time he visited the US from a Lebanon embroiled in a bloody civil war, he would be consumed by anger. He said that it would take him many years to understand that his anger was symptomatic of a deep grief.

Now, I watch the destruction of Gaza on my phone screen morning, noon, and night.

When I look up from my phone and see the world around me continuing on as normal, when I go about my day and am confronted with the silence of my friends and loved ones, and when I witness the rampant normalization of Arabophobia and Islamophobia in our discourse, I am consumed with a grief that burns until it is transformed into fury.

When I read today's Gospel, I resonate with this Jesus who is constructing whips and overturning tables. I recognize his anger as kindred and imagine the deep grief he must have felt at seeing his Father's house profaned. I imagine his even deeper grief when confronted with the fact that this desecration was accepted as normal, even banal, by the temple-goers.

I strive to be like Jesus even in my grief and anger. I strive to honor my anger as the actionable part of my grief.

—Loren Gaillardetz

**A great big Thank You to Mary and Dave Solomon for their wonderful work of keeping our buildings clean. Mary will continue as Food Pantry Coordinator. Roger and Eddy will now be doing our housekeeping. Please show them a big, warm Cronan-Welcome.**

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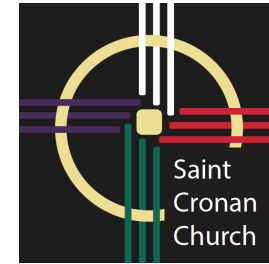
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**Bulletin Deadline: WED 12 noon**



**St. Cronan Catholic Church**  
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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.

**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 15. Please join us!

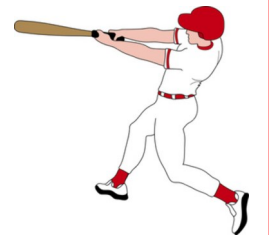
**Rice Bowls** are now available in church. Please take one, put in your Lenten Alms and return them during Holy Week. If you prefer to make a donation with a check, please notate "Rice Bowl" in memo line.



**First Reconciliation and Community Reconciliation Service** will take place on March 3 after the 10:00 Mass. Please plan to join us for a communal reconciliation service. Private reconciliation will be available. Let's show our young ones a great example.

**Attention Committee/Ministry Chairs:** Please contact Mary in the office with your regularly scheduled meeting dates/times/locations so we can get them on our website calendar.

**Grand Slam Baseball Raffle** St. Cronan is once again participating in the Grand Slam Baseball Raffle with St. John's Church. The raffle tickets are \$25 for a chance to win weekly prizes for 17 weeks. St. Cronan had several big winners for the Football Raffle. You can purchase your tickets after mass on Sundays or through the Parish Office by calling 314-289-9384 until March 25. Checks should be made out to ST. JOHN CHURCH.





**Prayers :** Nancy Buck; John Gozdziński, 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, Kathy Bayless, Pam (cousin of Donna Zuroweste), Laura Krueger's mother, Evelyn Puleo, Joe Sinibaldi (friend of Barb Sopp), Gary W. Johnson (brother-in-law of Madonna, Tom, and Sr. Janet Kuciejczyk) and Marie and Roland Martir's grandson, Camden; Sr. Cathy Doherty's friend, Steve, Maria Gray, Sr. Pauline's niece; Laura Rettke, Fr. Gerry Kleba, John Nauhm, Bob Barnicle.

*Former parishioner, Sr. Mary Lou Gavan passed away Dec. 19. A memorial service will be held for her here at St. Cronan on March 17 at 1pm. Potluck to follow.*

**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.

**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](mailto:Lauramarie993@gmail.com)



**Men's Retreat:** April 5 - 7, 2024 at the Griesedieck farm. 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). 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.

**Book Discussion Group** You may be particularly interested in the next book chosen for the St. Cronan Book Discussion Group that meets next on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Contact Christine Lakey at [christine.lakey@yahoo.com](mailto:christine.lakey@yahoo.com) to receive the Zoom link. *Invisible Child: Poverty, Survival & Hope in an American City*

**Contact your legislators!** The Social Justice Committee is asking our community to again respond to the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict. We need to ask our legislators to promote a ceasefire in Gaza to allow humanitarian aid and massive relief to the starving and unhoused people; to stop the bombing and bloodshed in Gaza, the West Bank and Israel; to free Israeli hostages and Palestinian prisoners; and to convince the IDF to stop the attacks from Jewish settlements on people and property in the West Bank. Please see the table in back of church for more information.

**Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet**

Invitation to Love: A Lenten Prayer Saturday, March 9 at 10 a.m.  
Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet Motherhouse, 6400 Minnesota Ave., St. Louis  
The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet invite you to join us for a morning of quiet prayer and song as we deepen our Baptismal call during Lent. Enjoy a continental breakfast and conversation with the sisters afterward.  
The event is free, and registration is required by March 3. Learn more and register at [csj.org/events](http://csj.org/events).

**Roger and Eddy Update:** Roger and Eddy have taken over the custodial duties here at St. Cronan. They began work here on Feb. 14. Both are continuing to look for full-time work, but are committed to continue part-time custodial work here at church. St. Cronan is still accepting donations to help offset their living expenses. If you care to make a donation, please make your check out to ST. CRONAN but please add to the memo line "Roger and Eddy".



**You asked for it! And we are delivering!** The St. Cronan Spring Shirt Sale is officially launched. Our store closes March 31, so order yours today! Use the link below to shop for various styles and Spring colors. <https://store.kickprint.com/StCronanChurch.../shop/home> You can also scan the QR code or visit <https://stcronan.org/news-events/announcements>.

