

Fourth Sunday of Lent March 30, 2025

“How were your eyes opened?” The man who was born blind had a clear answer for that. Jesus spat on the ground, made clay and smeared it on his eyes. The man washed in the Pool of Siloam and he was able to see. The disbelief, recriminations, and accusations did not change the reality that the man could now see.

This is one of John’s most dramatic stories. Parts of it seem a bit humorous. One can visualize each scene and the tensions that accompany the words. We can picture the side arguments of some of the Pharisees and the weirdness of going to the adult man’s parents for an explanation. We applaud the healed man’s steadfastness and clarity of his account of what happened. We applaud his faith in the face of threats and his clear statement of faith in Jesus.

This Gospel account brings us back to the original question: “How were your eyes opened?” Who or what enabled you to see injustices that needed to be addressed. Who or what enabled you to see someone who needed comfort and strengthening? How were you able to change because you received the gift of sight? Each of us has grown if we let ourselves receive the messenger or message God sent our way.

This Lent is a piece of our life journey. We are unfinished. So how do our eyes still need to be opened? Who is calling us to see them, to respond wholeheartedly to them? Quite possible this call will come from an unexpected source. God has a way of surprising us by using the least likely person, place, or event to challenge us to compassion and the thirst for justice. God chose David, the youngest son of Jesse, Esther, who learned how to manage the king her husband from Vashti and thus save her people, and Jeremiah who responded to God’s call to be a prophet by saying he did not know how to

speak and that he was too young. These examples and many others from the Hebrew and the Christian Scriptures show us God’s surprising choices. They too come to see as God sees and respond to God’s call.

How do our/your eyes still need to be opened?

We pray today with the catechumen and the candidates who are preparing to celebrate the faith to which God is calling them. We pray that their eyes will also be opened to the new life that is before them. We pray as a community that our eyes will continue to be open to those who are marginalized and in need and that we will let them teach us the ways of God.

—Lynne Schmidt, SSND

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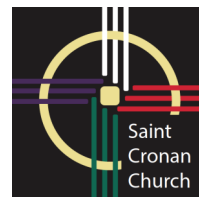
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Sunday Sexton: Open Position



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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?

Lent

CHURCH ASSEMBLY TODAY: All St. Cronan community members are invited to a Church Assembly & Community Potluck today after the 10:00am mass to welcome our new Community Life Coordinator (CLC) Johnny Zokovitch and to formally congratulate Fr. Jack on his retirement.. 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! *All are Welcome!*



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, Teree, and Ray; Warren Wimmer; Joe Fairless; Sr. Cathy Doherty’s friends, Lina Tackas and Tim; Robert Barnicle; Sr. Lynne Schmidt’s cousin, Mary Johnson; Judith Santamaria; Trish Curtis and Madonna Kuciejczyk-Kernan .



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 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.



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.

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!

Lenten Rice Bowls: Rice Bowls, which benefit CRS will be available during Lent in the vestibule of church. Please consider using the Rice Bowls for your alms-giving. Please return your Rice Bowls to church or the Church Office by April 27.

Seeds of Justice Network Presents
Dignity of the Human Person
focus on Immigration

Sister Norma Pimentel, MJ
 Thursday, April 10, 2025 at 7:00 pm
 St. Louis University High School
 No fee to attend; registration is required

SEEDS OF JUSTICE NETWORK

SCAN TO REGISTER

MORE DETAILS AT WWW.SEEDSOJUSTICENETWORK.ORG

REGISTER HERE : [HTTPS://BIT.LY/DIGNITYOFTHEHUMANPERSON-IMMIGRATION](https://bit.ly/dignityofthehumanperson-immigration)



Mark your calendar!
The annual St. Vincent de Paul Pancake Breakfast will be held on May 4!



Black History Tours: STL Black History Tours are planned for these dates for spring of 2025. Please advertise this in your network. 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



Triduum Schedule:

- Holy Thursday: 7:00 p.m.
- Good Friday: 7:00 p.m.
- Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday): 7:30 p.m.

We need lots of participants to serve in various ways during these holy celebrations. If you are planning to attend any or all of them, please sign up to help. No experience necessary! There are plenty of people to train you! There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule on the glass, sign up early and often!

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



Thank You to all who traveled on the bus to Jefferson City for the Hispanic Capitol Day 2025 on March 25. Our group made the journey to Jeff City to help raise awareness and to educate elected officials about issues that impact the Hispanic and Latinx community in Missouri.

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.