

Second Sunday of Easter
April 12, 2026

In the Acts of the Apostles just prior to the selection we read today, Peter responds to the crowd's experience of Pentecost by encouraging them to "repent and be baptized" (Acts 2:38). We just witnessed in a very concrete way at the Easter vigil—with Sophia's baptism—this commitment. But what comes next—not for us individually but for us as a community?

In Acts 2:42-27, we see how Peter's call to an ethic rooted in repentance is evidenced by in the early Christian community—in deep, meaningful and surprising ways. They "devote themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to **the communal life**," a teaching which is not esoteric or spiritualized but rather concrete and practiced in relationship. This embryonic Church embraces a communal life built on their "bonds of responsibility" for one another. The breaking of the bread together in v. 42 shares overtones with the Emmaus story, the Last Supper narrative, and the feeding of 5000 in the wilderness and emphasizes the sharing of resources. **The heart of this passage asserts "they held all things in common," and that possessions and property were put at the service of those who were in need (vs. 44-45).** Such an ethic puts the "common good" above individualism and makes it clear that another's need has a claim on us, a claim that sometimes requires sacrifice.

This is a stunning claim for those of us who accept capitalism as good, inevitable or even compatible with our faith. The early Church practiced what Karl Marx would later echo in proposing a system based on "from each according to their ability, to each according

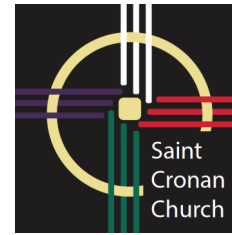
to their need." The early Church in Acts 2:44-45—inspired by the Holy Spirit—just got there first (by about 18 centuries).

The picture that Acts paints of the early Church could easily be dismissed as idealistic. But what cannot be argued is that the values and ethic and lifestyle that the early church embraced are to what the Church today should also be oriented, a world for which we strive. History is rife—within the Church and without—with movements that launched periods of rich transformation, profound community, and creative possibility. It is a vision of what is possible that can carry and sustain us, and for which we should be willing to work and witness. The early Church in Acts 2:42-47 is not a pipe dream nor an unattainable ideal. It is the prophetic practice of community, in contrast to the surrounding society and culture, to which the Church is called in every generation.

~ Johnny Zokovitch

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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

Thank you
VOLUNTEERS!

Thank You to all who helped in any way with our Holy Week and Easter Services. We could not do what we do without our singers, musicians, greeters, readers, Eucharistic Ministers, decorators and many more. We hope you all have a joyous Easter Season.

Women's Retreat: The women's retreat will take place May 1-3 at the Griesedieck farm. A sign up sheet is in the back of church with more information.



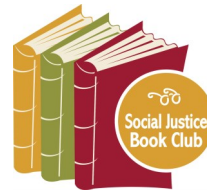
Men's Retreat: We have scheduled the Men's Retreat for May 8-10 at the Griesedieck Farm. Please mark your calendar for a wonderful opportunity for faith sharing and community building. For more info, contact a member of our planning team: Dan Madden, Joe Moramarco, or Rocky Sieben (rockysieben@sbcglobal.net).

Remember to turn in your Rice Bowls



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; 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: Pauline Boisselle, friend of Madonna Kuciejczyk-Kernan: Debbie Kowalski’s father, David Cobb; Debbie and Paul’s friend, Dale Antley, both of whom have been put on hospice; Neil O’Hallaron, Dorit’s husband.

St. Cronan Social Justice Book Club meets 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, our May Book choice is *Coming up Short: A Memoir of My America* by Robert Reich.



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.



Mark Your Calendars: Seeds of Justice is hosting on May 14, "Solidarity through the Lens of Race and Housing," at the Forest Park Visitors' Center. Register for this free event with the QR code.

WILLS: Please remember Saint Cronan Church in your will. Our official title is St. Cronan Catholic Church-1202 South Boyle Ave.- St. Louis, MO 63110. Our Federal I.D.# 43-0653457



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, April 17. Please join us!



BEER & BITES:
Thursday, May 28, 2026
6:00PM - 8:00PM CT
Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet Motherhouse
6400 Minnesota Ave.

<https://www.csjsl.org/events/beer-bites-2026> Join the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet for a social event featuring local craft beers, tasty pub foods and a tour of the historic motherhouse.



Thank you for your support of the Wellston Center! Our 2nd Annual Trivia Night Fundraiser is scheduled to be on May 2 at Immacolata Gym. Grab a table, invite some friends, and help us raise funds to support families in Wellston.

Register by visiting: <https://WCTrivia26.givesmart.com>

Or by texting “WCTrivia26” to 76278.

Please consider sharing the flyers below. Folks can also register directly through our regular website, just follow the banner at the top of the webpage (wellstoncenter.org).



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.

March 2026 Contributions Thank You!	
General Fund	\$47,420
Building Repair Fund	\$95
Food Pantry	\$4875
Catholic Relief Services	\$2081
St. Vincent de Paul	\$430
Uganda	\$75
Central/Eastern Europe	\$143
Raffle Basket Fundraiser	\$863
Holy Land	\$25
Catholic Home Missions	\$30

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.