

Palm Sunday April 13, 2025

The Passion of Jesus is a moment of great crisis for the early discipleship community. The twelve have been following Jesus—becoming his closest friends, witnessing his deeds, listening to his words and participating in his mission. But despite their time with him, their faith remains shaky at best and their understanding shallow. Jesus has told them outright about the suffering and death that await him in Jerusalem, trying to prepare them for the event that is coming and its aftermath. But how they react to the crisis remains to be seen.

The disciples proceed to argue about who is greatest, fall asleep while Jesus prays in agony, Judas betrays him, and Peter—who has just said he is “prepared to go to prison and to die” with Jesus—denies even knowing who he is. At this point in Luke’s passion narrative, all of the disciples have then exited the scene, not to be mentioned again. The twelve are absent at the moments of final confrontation, from the interrogations of the chief priests and scribes, Pilate and Herod, through the wrath of the crowd and finally, crucifixion. Through all this, no disciples. But not everyone has abandoned Jesus. The “daughters of Jerusalem” weep for him along the way of the cross, and the “women who had followed him from Galilee” silently bear witness. Despite what it may cost them, they stay close to Jesus, not averting their eyes from his pain and humiliation, in contrast to Peter and the twelve. Their powerful silent witness in the face of despair is a challenge to us all.

In churches all across the U.S. on Good Friday, Christians will pray the stations of the cross. But the crucifixion of the one we follow goes on in the bodies of those being deported, those demeaned by elected officials because of their gender identity, those trapped under falling bombs in Gaza, those suffering because of poverty caused by a system built on greed. The crucifixion of Jesus continues in the bodies of all those who suffer because they raise up their voices when others’ dignity and humanity is denied.

This Holy Week may we make a commitment to stand like the women of Galilee and the daughters of Jerusalem—with the Jesus who is crucified in all those suffering today.

~submitted by Johnny Zokovitch

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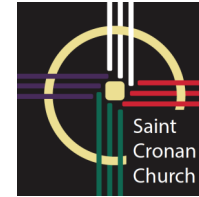
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St. Cronan Catholic Church
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Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 am. and 10 am.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 pm.

Wednesdays – 8:00 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.

Bulletin Deadline: Noon Tuesday



Triduum Schedule:

- Holy Thursday and 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!

A special Invitation: All are invited to a Tenebrae Service on Wednesday, April 16 at 8:15pm in the church. Tenebrae is from the Latin word for "shadows," and the service will be a meditative evening of psalms of lamentation, readings and prayers in preparation for Easter Triduum. During the service, the church will be lit only by candles, with each candle gradually extinguished until only one, representing Christ, remains.



Lenten Rice Bowls: Please return your Rice Bowls to church or the Church Office by April 28. If you took a rice bowl home with you and have been saving during Lent, keep an eye out for a special opportunity to gather and ritualize the offering of our rice bowls as Lent comes to a close later this month. More information to come! All of our Rice Bowls have been distributed, but you can also participate without using the cardboard rice bowl by simply giving cash or writing a check (made out to St. Cronan) notated with “Rice Bowl” and drop it in the collection basket.

Nametag Board: Please contact the church office if your nametag is missing or if you notice a nametag that should be removed. **Thank you!**



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, Leslie Conway, 3 1/2 year old Juliette Braren and her family.

Holy Week Collections:

Pope Francis has asked our church to support the **Pontifical Good Friday** Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the Church to minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, offer religious education, and undertake social and charitable works. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. It is vital that we support Christians living in the Holy Land, in order to maintain a Christian presence in the very land made holy by the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS! For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit <https://myfranciscan.org/good-friday/>

Annual Easter Collection Supports our Retired Priests The annual Archbishop's Collection for Retired Priests is traditionally held on Easter Sunday. This is a beautiful opportunity for you to honor the vibrant legacy of priests who have dedicated their lives to serve us. Your support helps assure our priests receive the essential care they need, including physician services, hospitalization, nursing home care, vision care and disability, now and for years to come.

You can make your gift through the designated envelope, or any envelope marked Retired Priests, on or after Easter weekend. Online gifts are welcome year-round at archstl.org/retiredpriests.

March 2025 Contributions Thank You!	
General Fund	\$49,837
Building Repair Fund	\$125
Food Pantry	\$1540
Black & Native Americans	\$30
St. Vincent de Paul	\$240
Administrator's Wish List	\$2,075
Uganda	\$55
St. Louis Review	\$35
Catholic Charities/Tornado	\$1,100
Catholic Relief Services	\$160
Central & East Eur. Church	\$140

Mark your calendars! The annual St. Vincent de Paul Pancake Breakfast will be held on May 4 from 8:30am-12:30pm. No Cost! Free will donations accepted. The Cat's Away will be on hand to provide us with entertainment. All are welcome! →

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 18. *Please join us!*



Our Newest Members:
Abbey Schumacher & Michael Meyer & family

Social Justice Book Club meets on the 2nd Sunday of each month in the Church Office conference room on the 1st floor after the 10am mass at 11:30 (hybrid meeting for those unable to join in person). We will discuss "Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America" at our meeting today. For more information please contact Charlene Zeni Connolly at 314-308-0056. **As an alternative** to anyone who wishes to attend the Social Justice Book Club discussion, we are hosting a zoom discussion at 7pm 4/13/25. Contact Mary Hastings for ZOOM link. mvhastings@yahoo.com or 314-853-8556 by text.

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.

St. Vincent de Paul

PANCAKE Breakfast

All Are Welcome!



No Cost!
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Blue Grass Music Provided by:

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