

Pastoral Reflection Third Sunday of Easter April 14, 2024

Shalom. Peace. The blessing and promise of Easter. How those words ring out for us this season! For me all the exuberance and hope explodes in joy when at the Easter Vigil we sing “All shall be well! For on our Easter skies see Christ the sun of righteousness arise...Jesus alive! Rejoice and sing again, ‘all shall be well forevermore, Amen!’”

Luke in today’s Gospel describes the women and men gathered together still reeling from the crucifixion and death of Jesus. They are distraught, even as they listen to the disciples from Emmaus relate how they met a stranger on the way and recognized Jesus in “the breaking of the bread.” The disciples had invited the Stranger to stay with them. Hospitality is central to Luke’s Gospel. As those gathered in the room hear this story, Jesus appears to all of them. “Peace be with you.” They are startled and terrified – as one might expect. He reassures them. It is truly Jesus. Then he invites their hospitality by asking them to give him something to eat. He recounts the Scriptures as he did for the disciples on the way to Emmaus. He sends them forth to preach the Gospel to all nations beginning from Jerusalem, the city of peace.

Luke clearly intends this message not only for those specific disciples, but also for the early Christian communities and through the ages to us as well. We at St. Cronan church recognize this command as our own. We continue to find ways in our personal lives and as a community to respond to Luke’s challenge

to set out on the journey, to see with eyes of faith, and to provide hospitality especially to the stranger and the marginalized. Like the disciples we often feel frightened and overwhelmed by the disorders in our world. To name a few: Israel/Gaza, Ukraine, the death penalty (i.e., Brian Dorsey), the proliferation of guns and other forms of violence, the nuclear weapons threat, racism, the lawmakers’ plans to control women, the political and divisive atmosphere in our country and in other parts of the world, and the refusal to acknowledge and address climate change. You can add many more. This is the place and time where we are called to preach the Gospel of love, forgiveness, and peace.

When I feel overwhelmed by the world in which we live, I seek community where I/we can find hope and hospitality and faith. I also go to You Tube because I need to remember Easter all year long. I play versions of “All Shall Be Well” to enter again a time of shalom and joy. The versions I hear are ok, but no comparison to our choir at the Easter Vigil and the Sundays of Easter time!

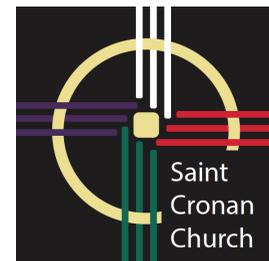
*Together we affirm in faith again and again,
“All Shall Be Well.”*

—Lynne Schmidt, SSND

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Bulletin Deadline: WED 12 noon



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Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 a.m. and 10 am.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 pm.

Wednesdays – 8:00 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.

St. Vincent de Paul Annual Pancake Breakfast will take place Sunday, April 21 with live Music from Susan Marting and Company, aka “The Cat’s Away.” Come anytime between 8:30 and 12:30 for Breakfast, Entertainment and Fellowship in the Hospitality Room.



Mark Your Calendars!
Fr. Jack’s 50th Anniversary Celebration
May 19, 10am Mass, reception to follow.

CPR Certification/Renewal: Please contact Mary Ward in the parish office 314-289-9384 or mary@stcronan.org and let us know if you are interested in getting or renewing your CPR certification. We have a date set May 16 at 9am. Cost \$50/person. Mark Chrun, retired firefighter, who came two years ago and will come again, is an excellent instructor. He will also certify those needing BLS for the Healthcare Provider. If we have **enough people we will go ahead with the class. Deadline to sign up: April 25.**



Last call for Rice Bowl donations. Please send in any Rice Bowl money by Monday, April 15. If you are writing a check please write “Rice Bowl” on the memo line. Thank you!



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, Mary Truetken, Kathy Bayless, Pam (cousin of Donna Zuroweste), Laura Krueger's mother, Evelyn Puleo, Gary W. Johnson (brother-in-law of Madonna, Tom, and Sr. Janet Kuciejczyk) and Marie and Roland Martir's grandson, Camden and daughter, Carrie; Sr. Cathy Doherty's friend, Steve, Sr. Pauline's niece; Laura Rettke, John Nauhm, Bob Barnicle, Amy Diemer, Sandra Ward, Daimeyn Ward (Sandra's son) and Dianne Anderson (Sandra Ward's sister) Sr. Mary Ellen (friend of Nick Ambrose) , Jim Chapin (friend of Marty Spies).

Our beloved Judy Gallagher passed away Wednesday morning. May the Angels lead her to Paradise. Judy donated her body to SLU Hospital, service arrangements are pending.

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 19. Please join us!

TASTE OF CARONDELET

Thursday, May 2, 2024
5:30PM - 8:00PM
Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet Motherhouse.
<https://csjso.org/events/taste-of-carondelet-2024>



STL Black History Tours are planned for April 20 and May 11. The procedure to sign-up is to send tour date, the name, email, and phone number to Paul Loida: paul.loida@bayer.com The group will meet at St Cronan Catholic Church at 9:45 AM and bus will return to St Cronan at 1 PM. There will be an optional brown bag lunch and discussion following, for those interested. To register, please contact Paul.

Annual Easter Collection Supports our Retired Priests If you missed the retirement collection, please place your donation in the regular church collection. Please mark "retired priests" on the memo line of the check. This is a beautiful opportunity for to honor the vibrant legacy of priests who have dedicated their lives to serve us.



St. Cronan Young Adult Retreat will take place May 3-5 at the Griesedieck Farm. More details to follow.

Fr. Jack's 50th Anniversary Mark Your Calendars! Fr. Jack's 50th Anniversary Celebration May 19, 10am Mass, reception to follow. We would like to compile a binder of memories and well-wishes to Fr. Jack from the St. Cronan Community. In the back of Church you will find 3-hole punch paper sheets. Please take whatever you need and write a note, draw a picture, attach a photo - anything you would like to share with Fr. Jack about his time here. Return the pages to the basket provided and we will compile the book for his celebration. *If you have any photos of Fr. Jack, recent or not so recent, please email them to mary@stcronan.org.*

Seeds of Justice and JustFaith Ministries presentation: "In the footsteps of Jesus: A Vibrant Church of Missionary Disciples" You are invited to join Jack Jezreel for a lively presentation on the critical link between faith and social mission on May 2 at St. Pius V Church Hall, 3310 S. Grand, 63118. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. and the program will start at 7:00 p.m. To register and for more info: <https://bit.ly/JackJezreel2024>

Coming Soon!!! St. Cronan is partnering with Krispy Kreme for our next fundraiser which begins May 1. Simply purchase a voucher for a dozen donuts and St. Cronan receives 50% of each sale. Then visit your nearest location (Fenton, So. County, Ferguson, Fairview Heights, Cottleville) to redeem. This is a month-long online campaign which will make it super easy to gift a dozen donuts...or keep for yourself! More details and links to come.



LGBTQ+ Persons & the Church: Our Journey Together ~ A Panel Discussion

Panelists:
Ms. Julia Erdlen, *MDiv, Campus Minister,, St. Louis University*
Dr. Michael Meehan, PhD, *Clinical Psychologist,, Chief Care Officer, Catholic Charities*
Fr. Charles Bouchard, *OP, STD, Aquinas Institute of Theology*
Ms. Barbara Buzzacco, *Parishioner, All Saints Parish*

April 16, 2024, at 6:30 pm
St. Cletus Parish Hall

Grow in understanding of:

- Catholic Theology
- Spirituality
- Sexuality
- Lived Experiences of LGBTQ+ Persons
- Need for Acceptance & Outreach

Hosted by St. Cletus Peace & Justice Ministry

To register: Use the QR code or <https://forms.gle/r7rbE3dUhRQPPqHU7>

