

## Easter Sunday April 20, 2025

Easter invites us into a decision: will we walk the skeptical path, hardened by disappointment, or the trusting path of those who dare to believe in the triumph of the tender mercy of God? Belief is not naïveté—it is patience, courage, and openness to joy even in a world of wounds. It encourages and gives hope that the St. Cronan community has accompanied five elect to join the Church, thus choosing this belief and joy within a world such as ours.

Historian René Girard speaks of the innocent victim—of how societies scapegoat the weak to preserve their own illusions of peace. But the Resurrection unravels that lie. In Jesus Christ, the scapegoat returns not with vengeance, but with peace. His wounds still visible, he speaks not blame but blessing: *“Peace be with you.”*

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This is no denial of suffering. As teacher Gerald Darring wrote, ours is an Easter religion *in full view of the cross*. We see wretched conflicts, poverty, division—and as Christians we are asked to confront and help in these circumstances—but we do not bow to them, nor put all our energies into grieving and fighting. We see through the cross, and beyond it. Christ’s rising means that suffering will be vindicated,

death overcome, and love will have the last word.

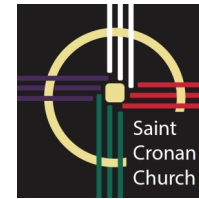
Therefore, we are right and just to take time for celebration. Time must be taken for joyful singing and dancing. And for affirming the ways each of us children of God reflect the living Christ in our world today.

In every act of compassion, every moment we trust mercy over calculation and doubt, we live the Easter promise, and most especially when we do so with our neighbors, our family, and our communities. We rehearse the voice of God we will one day hear in full: *“Come away, beloved. The winter is past; the flowers return to the earth.”*

~submitted by Justin Lorenz

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**St. Cronan Catholic Church**  
**April 20, 2025**  
**Easter Sunday**



### Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 am. and 10 am.

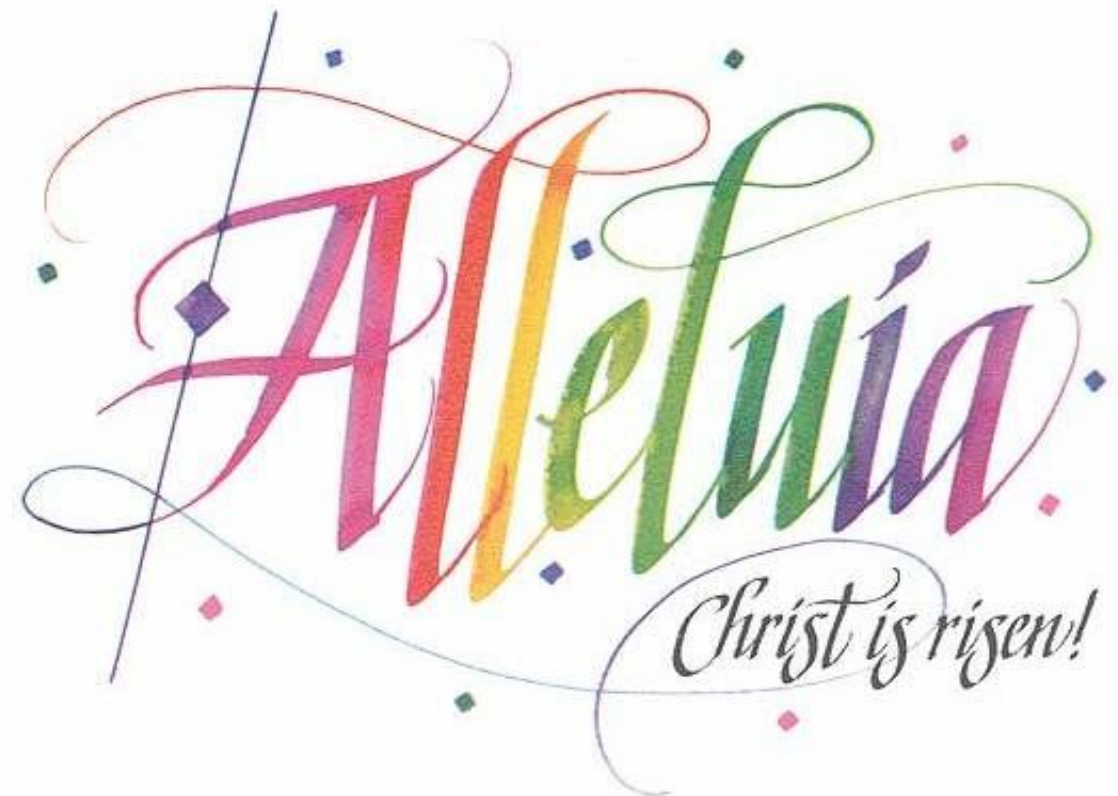
SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 pm.

Wednesdays – 8:00 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.

**Bulletin Deadline: Noon Tuesday**

**The Church Offices will be closed Easter Monday.**





**Prayers Please:** Fr. Jack; 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' 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, newborn Great-Granddaughter of Mary Ward; Bonnie.

**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. Please notate: "Retired Priests" in your check memo line. Online gifts are welcome year-round at [archstl.org/retiredpriests](http://archstl.org/retiredpriests).

**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!*

**Black History Tours:** STL Black History Tours are planned for these dates for spring of 2025. May 17, June 7. To 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 via email at [paul.loida@bayer.com](mailto:paul.loida@bayer.com).

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



**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](http://stcronan.org).*

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