

Pastoral Reflection
Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024

A Hill to Climb

We are again entering into the Archdiocesan Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) season. This year we have "a hill to climb"! When I first received the communication from the ACA office they pegged our goal at \$32,900. I fell off my chair since last year's goal was \$16,568! That was almost a 50% increase. I appealed that recommendation and they lowered our goal to \$24,500. But even that is a stretch. Last year we contributed \$20,492 to the ACA. Since I have been here we have never missed our goal. If we are to continue that streak then there will need to be a little increase in each of our gifts. I asked that each of you consider upping your donation. Inflation has gripped all of us but not like it has hit those on the margins of our society. I believe many of us can afford to forego just a little in order that the needy are not slighted.

The theme this year is: For the Life of the World. St. Cronan is the liveliest Parish/"Church" I have ever been honored to serve. I never take the gifts of joy, unity, service outreach etc. for granted. I hope you do not either. We are blessed with so many talented, insightful, giving, professional, self-actualized, energetic,

generous folks. And we have so many exciting young adults! So many in our community need a "lifeline" and the ACA can facilitate that giving of life. I was associated with Catholic Charities for over 14 years and I had the opportunity to see "life transfusions" because of the dedicated staffs and programs that Catholic Charities offers. Let's do our share to offer our sisters and brothers a "lifeline". Please consider a generous gift to the people the ACA serves.

—Fr. Jack (he/him)

Administrator's Note: ACA cards will be located in the back of church this weekend only, then they will be mailed out. Please pick yours up today to save the church on postage. If you have never given to the ACA, please consider a gift, no matter how big or small, St. Cronan also has a new donor goal to meet. Thank you.

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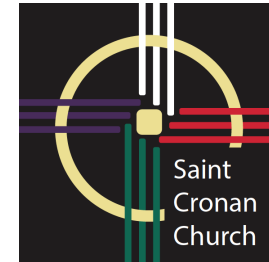
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Bulletin Deadline: WED 12 noon



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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 **TODAY** 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.
See flyers in the back of church.

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.**



Volunteer Needed: The church office is looking for someone to take unwanted or damaged liturgical items to the Reclamation Center of the Archdiocese at Rigali Center in Shrewsbury. The center only operates on Wednesday mornings from 9am-1pm. We have 8 boxes that need to go. Some of which are a bit heavy. Contact Mary in the office if you can help.



Prayers : 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), Judy Varias's husband Gene, Donna Zuroweste, Tim Lakey.

Our beloved Judy Gallagher passed away last week. May the Angels lead her to Paradise. Judy donated her body to SLU Hospital, a memorial service will take place here at St. Cronan, May 11 at 11am.



TASTE OF CARONDELET

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

STL Black History Tours are planned for May 11. The procedure to sign-up is to send your 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.

St. Cronan Young Adult Retreat will take place May 3-5 at the Griesedieck Farm. The theme is "Finding Our Way - Exploring Our Relationships with and within the Catholic Church." Please use the QR Code for more info or to register.



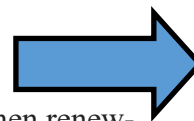
Coming Soon!!! St. Cronan is partnering with Krispy Kreme for our next fundraiser which begins May 1. Simply purchase a voucher for a dozen donuts and St. Cronan receives 50% of each sale. Then visit your nearest location (Fenton, So. County, Ferguson, Fairview Heights, Cottleville) to redeem. This is 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.



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>

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, May 17. Please join us!

DACA Gala June 9. Proceeds support DACA recipients when renewing their DACA application which costs \$500 every two years. This fundraiser is to give scholarships to DACA recipients.



ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS

Immigration Task Force DACA GALA

Entry \$25 Free under 16

JOIN US FOR THE UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENT AT CARDINAL RIGALI CENTER

FOOD AND DRINKS PROVIDED

PLEASE REGISTER HERE: [RB.GY/NSDD2C](https://rb.gy/nsdd2c)

JUNE 9 | 20 ARCHBISHOP MAY DR. ST. LOUIS, MO, 63119 | 3-5 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT MARIE KENYON: MARIEKENYON@ARCHSTL.ORG OR 314-792-7062

Fr. Jack's 50th Anniversary Mark Your Calendars! Fr. Jack's 50th Anniversary Celebration May 19, 10am Mass, reception to follow. Please RSVP to Mary@stcronan.org. *Flyers are in the back of church.* 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.*