



St. Cronan Catholic Church
April 26
Fourth Sunday of Easter



Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 am. and 10 am.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5 pm.

Wednesdays – 8 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.

Bulletin Deadline: Noon Tuesday



Voting Rights and Racial Justice Film and Discus-

sion: TODAY at 1pm, come to St. Cronan's cafeteria 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. This film has special importance given the current threats to our voting rights, especially for women and anyone lacking a U.S. passport. Phil began his photography/social justice career in 1968 after seeing Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. preach his last Sunday sermon less than a week before his death on April 4, 1968.

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).



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



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, Neil O'Hallaron, Dorit's husband.



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.

Pilgrimage to Old St. Ferdinand Shrine: As part of the 200th Archdiocesan Jubilee, the St. Cronan Community will make a pilgrimage to Old St. Ferdinand Shrine, the home of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, on Saturday, May 16 at 10:00 a.m. We will carpool to the shrine in Florissant, have a prayer service and reflect on St. Philippine's contributions, tour the convent where she lived, and enjoy lunch. Please join us. To RSVP, visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084BAFAF23A0F49-63396379-pilgrimage>



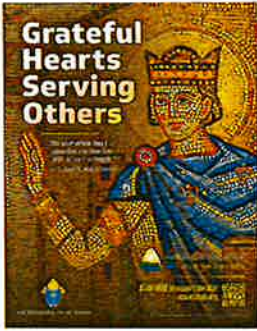
St. Cronan Social Justice Book Club will meet May 17 (*date change due to Mother's Day*) in the Church office conference room after the 10AM Mass from 11:30AM-12:30PM. Our book is "Coming up Short: A Memoir of My America" by Robert Reich. We invite you to join

us in person or simply read with us. Looking ahead to June 14, our book of the month will be "Building a Bridge: How the Catholic Church and the LGBT Community Can Enter into a Relationship of Respect, Compassion, and Sensitivity" by Fr. James Martin.



Our Newest Member:

Beatrice Connaghan & John Allen



The Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) has begun!

The pledge packets were mailed last week, in your mailing, you will find your pledge card, addressed return envelope, and ACA informational materials. Please return your pledge card to the St. Cronan Church Office via the included return envelope, either by mail or by dropping it in the mail slot at 1202 S Boyle Ave. You can also drop it on the offertory basket at Mass on Sunday. If you would like to participate but did not receive a pledge card, you can either find a blank pledge card in the back of church or you can contact Mary in the church office by emailing me at mary@stcronan.org or calling at (314) 289-9384. You also have the option to make an online pledge towards St. Cronan ACA goal. Please visit <https://aca.archstl.org/> and click the "Donate Now" button. When filling out your information, be sure to include "For St. Cronan Church" in the COMMENTS box under the "Additional Information" section.

If you are new to St. Cronan or have not given in the past, please consider making this year your first year to participate in the ACA. Every pledge matters no matter and St. Cronan gets credit for every pledge made no matter the amount.

Regardless of what method you use to pledge, once you do, please help us fill up our St. Cronan "cookie jar" by placing a cookie sticker on our ACA Cookie Jar poster located in the vestibule of church. When the ACA closes, we will celebrate with a Cookie Party! If you are not able to pledge this year, please check the "unable to participate" box on your pledge card and return to the parish office. You can also email or call to let us know. This will save us some steps in the ACA process. St. Cronan also gets credit for percentage of cards returned, pledging or non-pledging. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Immigrant Food Distribution: The next distribution will take place on Saturday, May 2. To sign up, please use this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084BAF23A0F49-57243020-immigrant>

Items always needed: Feminine Hygiene (Tampons & Pads), and Large (Size 7) Diapers & Wipes. For June distribution, we are asking for First Aid items: Band-Aids - variety of size, Antibiotic ointment, Non-stick gauze pads, Paper tape, Antiseptic wipes (small packets), rolled gauze and Ace wraps. Please place donated items in the bins in the back of church or bring to the church office during business hours.

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.

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"I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture." John 10:9

The Good Shepherd. The image evokes feelings of care, guidance, protection, food, sacrifice, and providing for the needs of the sheep and the people. Even though many of us have little contact with real sheep or shepherds, we respond to the image so central to Hebrew and Christian Scriptures. We pray Psalm 23 in difficult times when we need God's protection and care.

The people of Israel were shepherds before they became farmers who also had sheep and goats. This role was a menial one, but a very significant one. Usually the youngest child, son or daughter, had this task, though often it included other members of the household as well. Abraham, Rachel, Moses, and David were leaders of Israel who were shepherds.

In the Christian Scriptures the shepherd/sheep image is used often. The Synoptic Gospels, Mark, Matthew, and Luke provide examples such as these. The shepherds are called by angels to come to the stable where Jesus lay. The crowds are like sheep without shepherds. Believers are like sheep who must watch out for wolves. The righteous are sheep who are saved in the judgment.

The Gospel according to John alludes to Ezechiel 34. The prophet castigates the leaders of Israel who feed themselves instead of the sheep, who eat the fat, clothe themselves with the wool, and slaughter the sheep for their own banquets. But they do not feed the sheep. They do not care for Israel who has been entrusted to their care. God asserts that the people will be cared for, will be protected, and will receive justice. The passage

concludes with God proclaiming: Yes, you are my flock; you people are the flock of my pasture, and I am your God (Ezek. 34:31).

John develops the theme that those who do not come through the gate – Christ – are thieves and robbers. The sheep will not recognize their voice. I find my mind wandering and even naming some nefarious characters who have been asserting a pseudo-Christianity the past few weeks. I hope we the people will not recognize these voices and will be focused on the shepherd who is calling us. Our present world is a dangerous place, a disheartening place. We must listen to the shepherd, to Christ who is the gate, and urge others to respond to the shepherd's call, to the one who is the gate and who will lead us to green pasture. We heed Jesus' words: "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." May we share, in Christ, that abundant life to all people, to all creation.

—Lynne Schmidt, SSND

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