

Pastoral Reflection

Fourth Sunday of Easter 2023

In the Gospel this weekend Jesus calls himself "the Gate". John goes on to say: "Whoever enters through me will be saved and...find pasture". Jesus wants all to enter "the Gate" i.e. his love. Unfortunately there are some who try and clog the gate. They just put obstacles in front of the others to interfere with the joy that Jesus came to bring. As John says: "I came so that they may have life and have it abundantly." Some of those "thieves and robbers" are in our Missouri government and legislature. The Attorney General and many Republicans (if not all) are playing politics with some of Jesus' sheep i.e. transgender persons. They are using trans people as political pawns and robbing them of needed medical attention that brings them "life".

My cousin is a trans person and so, besides being Biblical, this is personal for me. The suicide rate and the number persons with serious depression disorders are off the charts in the community who are seeking transition. Gender is not just black or white (boy or girl)! There is a gender spectrum. Our government officials and our hierarchy need to catch up to the latest in science and psychology. I am not a biologist nor a psychologist but I

am a disciple of Jesus, and the Gate should be open to all so that folks can "have life and have it more abundantly".

One of the principles of Catholic Social Teaching is "Solidarity". It is important that the Body of Christ be one and trans persons seem to be being pushed farther to the margins of society and out of the institutional church. Let us be people of acceptance then there will be hope for the trans community. Let us stand with our sisters and brothers who need life saving medical care.

—Fr. Jack (he/him)

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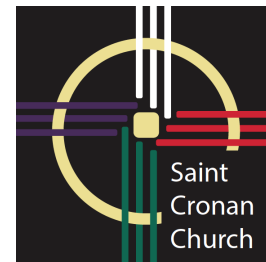
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St. Cronan Catholic Church

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2023

Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 a.m. and 10 am.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 pm.

Wednesdays – 8:00 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment

The Masses for April will be live-streamed at 10am on Sundays and posted on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/StCronan/>



Annual Catholic Appeal: Please return your pledge cards to the Parish Office by mail or via the Sunday collection. Please return your card even if you can't participate this year. You can view the ACA video on the St. Cronan Homepage. Once you make your pledge, please put a colored dot on the church progress board in the back of church. Let's fill up the church and watch us progress to meet our goal. Pledges can also be made online at <https://www.archstl.org/aca> please be sure to credit St. Cronan.

Black Lives Matter Vigil, takes place the third Friday of the Month at the corner of Manchester and Kingshighway, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. The next vigil will take place on Friday, May 19. Please join us!

St. Vincent de Paul Pancake Breakfast:

After a 3-year hiatus, the SVdP Pancake Breakfast will take place on Sunday, April 30, 8:30am-12:30pm This is our way of thanking you for your generosity and welcoming our neighbors to share in a delightful meal. Come enjoy live music, pancakes and sausage as we celebrate You and St. Vincent de Paul! Good will offerings are welcome, but not expected.





Prayers Please: Kathy Bayless; Trish Curtis' brother; David Gaillardetz' father, Richard; Nick and Shirley Ambrose's daughter, Brigid Costello; Varrietta Anthony; Fr. Jack's brother, Mike; Natalie Johnson and the Johnson family; Diane Calcaterra; Sr. Lynne's friend, Jan Berberich, SSND; Barb Sopp's friend, Joe Sinibaldi; Bob Barnicle; Paul Schmitt; Tim and Else Hirzel's great nephew, Cameron Russell; Kathy Hunn's niece, Lisa; Sr. Cathy's friends, Inga Casillo, Don Costello, Mike Bowen, Michelle O'Rourke, Kate Genovese, Jenni, Jackie Bishop, and newborn baby, Giovanni Christopher Centerino; Judy Gallagher; Mary Truetkin; Marie and Roland Martir's daughter, Carrie, and granddaughter, Maddie; Janice Shayne's cousin, Jane Torretta; Jacob Whitworth; John Gozdziwski; Wilma Hunt and family, friends of Sandra Ward; Michael Mason, former SVDP hauler; Michael Peterson; Linda and Jeff Caul's daughter, Kelly; Joe Connolly; Sam Vitale, friend of Father Jack and Mary Ward, John Derr; son-in-law of Alice Adcock; Mr. Charles Wallace; Bill Blow's daughter, Meg Shugarts; Roger Bailey; friend of Dom and Marcy Soda, Philip Anala and Bonnie Wimmer, and Jon Ebner nephew of Rocky Sieben & Ruth Hasser. *Please let the office staff know if your loved one should be removed from the prayer list.*

Taste of Carondelet Thursday, May 4 at 5:30 p.m. Join the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet at the historic St. Louis Province Motherhouse for Taste of Carondelet on Thursday, May 4 at 5:30 p.m. Celebrate our global heritage with delicious cuisine made by local chefs from France, Hawaii, Japan, Peru and St. Louis. Plus cocktails and music! All of this is topped off with an important ministry update. Registration closes April 21. Tickets cost \$50. Get yours today before they run out at csjstl.org/events.

Bulletin: Please submit all items for the weekly bulletin to mary@stcronan.org. you want your blurb in Monday Notes, too, please copy diane@stcronan.org. Bulletin deadline is Wednesday by noon.

Join in investing in The Grove neighborhood by attending the Park Central Development (PCD) Community Meeting Thursday May 18, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in the St. Cronan Parish Center basement. Come hear ways PCD has committed to housing preservation and other service programs and how you can invest in our surroundings too. Contact Christine Lakey for questions at 314-239-2204.

Data Base Updates: Be sure to let Mary in the office know if you have had any changes to your address, email, mailing address of phone number. You can email any changes to mary@stcronan.org.



Welcome Neighbor STL Syrian Dinner will be May 12, 6pm at St. Margaret of Scotland church hall. Many of you know the great work Welcome Neighbor STL does for immigrants and refugees in our community and their dinner

club is one way they help. The women/families cook and serve food and share about their experiences. They will be from Syria. In addition, several women will be selling their crafts. The funds from such events help the families not only here but back home as well. Follow the link below to register and pay. Seating is limited. <https://welcomeneighborstl.org/events/dinner-at-st-margaret-of-scotland/>

Haulers Needed: The hauling ministry of St. Vincent de Paul is in need of people who can help move furniture from donors to people in need during the week and on Saturdays. If you can donate some time to this worthy endeavor, please contact Dorothy Lucey, (314) 803-1858.



Sacraments: Please pray for our First Communion students who received their First Communion at the 5:00 Mass on Saturday, April 29: Jonah Boulanger, Jack Callahan, Paddy Callahan, Noelia Cortes, Sean Fairless, Augustine Hajek and Allison Lehman.

The St. Cronan Women's Retreat was a great success. Many wonderful women were able to gather and share deeply with nature and with each other. Hopefully, the tradition will continue and many more women will be able to join in the future. Thanks to Christine and Cathy for their organization and to all the women who contributed.

Wills: Please remember Saint Cronan's in your will. Title is St. Cronan Catholic Church-1202 South Boyle Ave.- St. Louis, MO 63110. Our Federal I.D.# 43-0653457



Last Call for Rice Bowls: The Rice Bowl total will be sent to the this week. If you have collected anything for Rice Bowl or would like to make a contribution, please have them to the office no later than May 3. If making out a check, please write "Rice Bowl" on the memo line. Thank you.

Parish Ministries: If you would like to add your talents to any of our ministries, and meet a great bunch of people, please call the church office or visit our website www.stcronan.org for information.

You are always welcome!