

Fifth Sunday of Lent April 6, 2025

“I will put my spirit in you that you may live...thus you will know that I am your God”

Ezekiel 37:14

Today’s readings speak to us of God’s Spirit dwelling within us, bringing us to new life. In Ezekiel, God speaks directly to the people. Paul tells us that only if the Spirit of God is dwelling in us can we belong to Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks directly to God so that the people realize that it is God’s Spirit that has the power to raise Lazarus, bringing him and us to new life.

Our community is dwelling in new life these days. With the advent of lay leadership in Johnny and Jack’s retirement as Pastor, we have new life within us as well, and we will still have the gift of Jack’s insightful homilies as we continue to celebrate the Eucharist and Sacraments with him. The other way we have experienced new life is through our Elect, who will be fully joining the Church at the Easter Vigil. Today, we celebrate the third and final scrutiny. With the Elect, we have examined our own lives to find ways to embrace God’s Spirit within us, to open our hearts, to make a difference in our world, to live in Christ. God is indeed dwelling with us! So now we take up the challenge. Where will this new life lead us? What challenges are we facing? What dreams can we fulfill for our community? How can we better live up to our desire to be inclusive?

Last week, we attempted to answer some of these questions at our assembly. As we shared our insights, we could feel the power

of the Spirit within us. We can face this next chapter optimistically and courageously, embracing a new energy to accompany immigrants and refugees, our LGBTQIA siblings and other marginalized groups in their desire to be welcomed and treated with respect in our city, state and country. There are many challenges in this new political climate and we will face them. Let’s examine our Lenten commitment. How have we opened our hearts? What can we do to open them wider, to make a difference?

—Diane Gozdzialski

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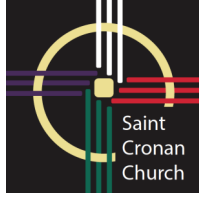
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Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 am. and 10 am.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 pm.

Wednesdays – 8:00 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.

Bulletin Deadline: Noon Tuesday

Our Lenten Journey: This year’s theme is to challenge ourselves to love with our hearts wide open. One of the ways we open our hearts is by bearing witness to those who suffer. Each week we will provide witness statements focusing on the following marginalized groups.



1. Indigenous People, African Americans, 2. Women, 3. LGBTQ, 4. Trans Families and 5. Immigrants and Refugees. Are we open to our hearts being broken to let others in? What individual things are you doing on a daily basis to break open your heart?



Triduum Schedule:

- Holy Thursday: 7:00 p.m.
- Good Friday: 7:00 p.m.
- Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday): 7:30 p.m.

We need lots of participants to serve in various ways during these holy celebrations. If you are planning to attend any or all of them, please sign up to help. No experience necessary! There are plenty of people to train you! There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule on the glass, sign up early and often! **A special Invitation:** All are invited to a Tenebrae Service at St. Justin Martyr Church in Sunset Hills on Wed. April 16 at 7pm Tenebrae is designed to serve as a powerful, reflective experience for the faithful ahead of the Easter Triduum. A service of light and shadows, the service is mostly lay-led with hymns, psalms and scripture readings. Mary Ward will be the cantor for the service.

Issues and Inspirations: On April 6, after the 10:00 Mass, Winnie Sullivan will join us to talk about the topic **“The Need for Reparations.”** In light of what just happened at SLU, this is a timely subject. Please join us during Coffee and Donuts.



Prayers Please: Fr. Jack; Nick and Shirley Ambrose and Family; Elisabeth Byrne’s mom, Denise Siebold; Joe Connolly; Yvonne Hart’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 and Leslie Conway. .

The St. Cronan Social Justice Book Club meets on the 2nd Sunday of each month in the Parish Center library on the 1st floor after the 10am mass from 11:30am-12:30pm (hybrid meeting for those unable to join in person). We will discuss “Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America“ by Ibram X Kendi at our Sunday, April 13 meeting. Our May 11 book is “How We Learned to Be Brave: Decisive Moments in Life and Faith” by Mariann Budde. We invite you to join us or to simply read our book choices with us. For more information please contact Charlene Zeni Connolly at 314-308-0056.

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, March 21. Please join us!



Lenten Rice Bowls: Please return your Rice Bowls to church or the Church Office by April 28. If you took a rice bowl home with you and have been saving during Lent, keep an eye out for a special opportunity to gather and ritualize the offering of our rice bowls as Lent comes to a close later this month. More information to come!


All of our Rice Bowls have been distributed, but you can also participate without using the cardboard rice bowl by simply giving cash or writing a check (made out to St. Cronan) notated with “Rice Bowl” and drop it in the collection basket.

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.

Seeds of Justice Network Presents
Dignity of the Human Person
 focus on Immigration



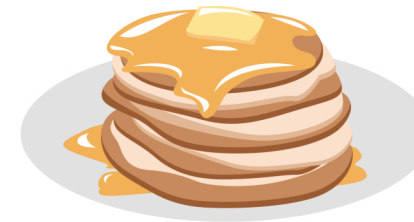
Sister Norma Pimentel, MJ
 Thursday, April 10, 2025 at 7:00 pm
 St. Louis University High School
 No fee to attend; registration is required



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Mark your calendars! The annual St. Vincent de Paul Pancake Breakfast will be held on May 4 from 8:30am-12:30pm. No Cost! Free will donations accepted. The Cat’s Away will be on hand to provide us with entertainment. All are welcome!

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, paul.loida@bayer.com

Women’s Retreat: Will take place April 11, 12, 13 at Maple Creek Farm, AKA Griesedieck Farm. Please sign up in the Church Vestibule. Call the church office for ,more information.



Our Newest Members:

- Kelly O’Brien**
- Mukul Rawat**
- Katie O’Brien**