

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 18, 2025

“Do you have an image, a picture, and idea of God that especially speaks to you at this time? This was the question for reflection that we were given at a recent prayer gathering. Many responses were posted: friend, sister, energy, sustainer, steppingstone, river, challenger, one who cries with us, etc. But the one that intrigued our table was “the one who bows.” We asked the woman who offered this image if she could tell us more about it.

She responded that often we image God in the distance on a throne with all of us paying homage. She has been thinking about how God bowed down, became human in Jesus, to show us the breadth and depth of God’s love. All of us, all creation, was amazingly changed when God chose to become human, to take on matter, even to the extent of suffering and a horrible death.

We are called to bow to one another. In John’s Gospel account, Jesus tells the disciples that we are to love as God loves. No limit, no holding back a portion for ourselves, no ranking of family, friends, then “others.” This is the God in whose image and likeness we are made: “love one another.”

Johnny’s pastoral reflection from the 4th Sunday of Easter reminds us of the Gospel’s demands, of persecution for our faith.

There is no room for complacency or acceptance of systems or actions that are opposed to the love God shows us. The reading this Sunday from the Acts of the Apostles exhorts the disciples (we are those disciples today) to persevere in faith, to endure many hardships for the reign of God. Bowing in love, responding to whatever injustices we are called to address in order to express that love, is the way we image God. So that we don’t forget this important truth, the reading from Revelations affirms that God dwells with the human race. We, all of us, are God’s people.

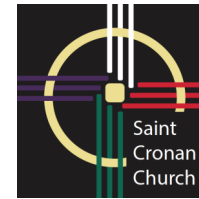
This is a week we could reflect on God as the one who bows. We can seek ways to live in this image and likeness of our God. Whose world are we called to enter? To listen, to understand, to love as God loves?

In this fifth week of the Easter season, we continue to rejoice in the Risen Christ. We might deepen our hope by singing in our hearts with great exuberance this Easter song:

*All shall be well! For on our Easter skies
See Christ the Sun of Righteousness arise.*

*Jesus alive! Rejoice and sing again.
All shall be well forever more. Amen.*

—Lynne Schmidt, SSND

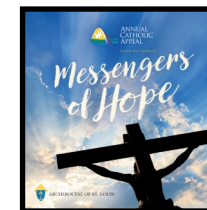


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Mass Information
SUNDAY – 8 am. and 10 am.
SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 pm.
Wednesdays – 8:00 am.
Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.
Bulletin Deadline: Noon Tuesday

Children’s Faith Formation for 2025-2026: In the past, the St. Cronan Community has offered Children’s Faith Formation for children aged K-8. If you have school-aged children and are interested in a Religious Education program in our community, please consider attending an informational meeting on Sunday, May 18 after the 10:00 Mass in the Parish Center Conference Room. If you cannot attend at that time, we are offering a Zoom version on Tuesday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to gauge interest in the program, determine what might be included, and discuss when and where classes will take place. If you have a child in Second Grade or Middle School and are considering First Communion or Confirmation within our community, please attend one of these meetings as well so we can plan for Sacramental Preparation. Let Diane know which meeting you are attending: diane@stcronan.org



ACA: Thank you to all who have returned their ACA Pledge Cards. Please keep them coming in. We need as many cards returned as possible...all cards returned count toward our goals set for us by the ACA Office. If you have never given to the ACA before, please consider it this year. Every gift counts towards our goals, no matter how big or small. If you are unable to give, please return your card anyway. All returned cards count toward our goals!!! You can mail your card to the office, drop it in the collection basket, or donate online. See the table in the vestibule in church for details. The Cookie Jar is all set up. Be sure to place your cookie in the jar when you return your card. Please reach out to Mary in the church office if you have any questions. You can view the ACA video on the St. Cronan website: <https://stcronan.org/news-events/announcements>



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' siblings, Skip, Teree, and Ray; Joe Fairless; Sr. Cathy Doherty's friends, Lina Tackas and Tim; Robert Barnicle; Judith Santamaria; Trish Curtis and Madonna Kuciejczyk-Kernan; Leslie Conway; 3 1/2 year old Juliette Braren and her family; Marcia Koester; Maria Gray; the School Sisters of Notre Dame in Old Fangak, South Sudan, who survived a bomb attack and the citizens of that village; Jane Sykes; Ken Ladd cousin to Cecilia Kelly and Nancy Buck's granddaughter, Danielle Oliveros.

If you would like your loved one or yourself to be placed on the list or removed, please call the office: (314) 289-9384, or email Mary@stcronan.org

Black History Tours: STL Black History Tours are planned for this last date for spring of 2025: 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 10 AM 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.

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 vigil will take place on Friday, May 16. Please join us!



Would you like to sing songs of joy and hope with us this summer? As summer approaches, consider substituting for choir members seeking occasional rest! We are especially in need of singers at our 5pm Saturday and 8am Sunday Masses. Contact our Choir Director, David Dickey, to learn more. 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.

Volunteer Opportunity: Care Coordinator Catholic Charities is seeking a volunteer to serve as Care Coordinator to assist local parishioners, individuals, and families who have requested care in connecting with the services available with a warm helping hand. You will work closely with and receive training from the Vicariate Navigator team of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, bringing the healing, help and hope of Jesus to those who are in need throughout the 11 counties of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. If you are interested or have questions, contact Vickie Hahn at victoriahahn@ccstl.org.



Bridge Bread Bakery is a non-profit social enterprise that provides restorative employment and housing assistance to people without safe and stable housing. Through meaningful work they become valued, contributing members of our community. And the bread and baked goods are delicious!

How can you help?

- Buy products online <https://bridgebread.square.site/>, or at Soulard Farmers Market.
- Volunteer with our organization.
- Tell others about the work of Bridge Bread.. Follow us on social media – www.facebook.com/bridgebread, @bridgebread on Instagram
- Visit them at 2639 Cherokee, St. Louis MO 63118



Our Newest Member:

**Daryl Houghton
Deborah Houghton
Thomas Houghton
&
Angela Houghton**

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Sunday Sexton/Housekeeping: Open Position