

**Pastoral Reflection**  
Pentecost  
May 19, 2024

This weekend we reach the climax of the Easter Season as we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. It is also the most important Pentecost of my life as I celebrate 50 years of priestly ministry. It is exciting to celebrate with the "Pentecost people" of St. Cronan. I don't know if you are familiar with "fire starters". They are little pieces that look like wood and they help to start fires. St. Cronan has been my "fire starter". Pentecost is all about the fire of the Holy Spirit and St. Cronan has that "fire", that "Spirit". I feel so blessed to be a part of this community. It doesn't matter to me whether we are a Parish or a Church. What matters is that the Spirit is alive in our midst. Our liturgies, our organizations are "on fire" with the Holy Spirit. Thank you. Please continue to "start holy fires".

For me this anniversary is not so much about what I have done but "what has been done to me!" I never could have dreamed of the life and ministry that God has showered on me. And to be here at St. Cronan at the end of my ministerial assignments is over the top. God is much better at planning my life than I am. Twice in my life I told God there were a couple of positions that I thought would be exciting. I was denied both and I

thank God for that. In hindsight I could see how I probably would have failed people and possibly burned myself out in those ministries. I have learned not to tell God what I think should be down for me or to me. I have been places and been in positions that I never asked for but "wow" was the Spirit working overtime to bless me. So many graces have come my way. I can never thank God enough because the Spirit keeps pouring it on!

Thank you, thank you for being "fire starters". I am so grateful for the faith and energy of the people of St. Cronan. Know that you are in my prayers and that I will continue to serve you.

*God bless - Fr. Jack (he/him)*

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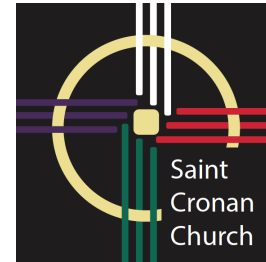
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**Bulletin Deadline: WED 12 noon**



**St. Cronan Catholic Church**  
**Pentecost Sunday**  
May 19, 2024

**Mass Information**

SUNDAY – 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 pm.

Wednesdays – 8:00 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.



**Fr. Jack's 50th Anniversary** Join us today after the 10:00 mass for a continuation of the celebration of Fr. Jack's 50th Anniversary of his ordination. Even if you weren't able to RSVP you are still welcome to join the festivities and enjoy the food and drink. Hope to see you there!

**Catholic Home Missions** Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions)



**SVdP:** The members of our St. Vincent de Paul Society want to thank the many people who helped to make our pancake breakfast a success. We owe our gratitude to those who came to enjoy the meal and music, to the wonderful musicians and singers we had, to those who donated money, items for the raffle, and food and drink and supplies, and to all the people who pitched in to make it happen, especially the younger volunteers whose youth and energy were a joy and a big help for us. The pancake breakfast was a wonderful community event and thank you all for making it happen!



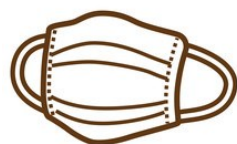
**Prayers :** John Gozdziński, Tom and Madonna Kuciejczyk-Kernan, Joseph Kuciejczyk (brother of Madonna and Sr. Janet), Nick Ambrose, Kathy Hunn's niece Lisa and her brother Jon, Mary Truetken, Pam (cousin of Donna Zuroweste), Laura Krueger's mother, Evelyn Puleo, Gary W. Johnson (brother-in-law of Madonna, Tom, and Sr. Janet Kuciejczyk) and Marie and Roland Martir's grandson, Camden and daughter, Carrie; Sr. Pauline's niece; Laura Rettke, John Nauhm, Bob Barnicle, 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 Krebs, Donna Zuroweste, Tim Lakey, Bob Wiley, Pam Schaefer.

**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, June 21 Please join us!



**ACA Pledge Cards:** Please turn in your ACA Pledge cards. Anyone turning in their card by May 31st will have their name entered in a drawing for a **\$50 Target gift card**. Please drop your card in the collection basket or return to the church office. Even if you can't pledge, we still need your card sent in. If pledging online, please click "St. Cronan" in the drop down menu so we get credit for your pledge. We have a goal of \$24,500 to meet and we can't get there without your pledge. Contact Mary in the church office with any questions [mary@stcronan.org](mailto:mary@stcronan.org)

**We are Live!** St. Cronan is partnering with Krispy Kreme for our next fundraiser which began 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! Click here to participate: <https://www.grouppraise.com/offer-campaigns/41214>



**No Masks required!** If you come around the altar at Consecration, you are no longer required to wear a mask. If you have symptoms or are compromised, please continue to wear a mask. Eucharistic Ministers will continue to wear masks during the distribution of the Eucharist.

**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.

**CATHOLIC IMMIGRATION TEACH-IN: THE REALITIES OF MIGRATION IN THE US**



Hear from experts to learn what the Catholic Church teaches on the issue of immigration and the movement of peoples.

There will be opportunities to hear from immigrants and learn about their personal testimonies. Also, there will be time for group discussions.

- Teach-In Sponsors:**
- Mercy Conference and Retreat Center
  - The Sisters of Mercy
  - Office of Peace and Justice
  - Immigration Task Force, Archdiocese of St. Louis
  - Office of Hispanic Ministry
  - St. Francis Community Services

**WHEN:** THURSDAY, MAY 30, 6:30-8:30 PM  
**WHERE:** MERCY CONFERENCE AND RETREAT CENTER  
 2039 NORTH GEYER ROAD ST. LOUIS, MO 63131-3332  
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**Children's Faith Formation** is winding down for this year. We will resume classes at the end of August. If you have a child aged K-8 and would like to participate in our CFF community to help your child grow in faith, please fill out the attached form. We are revamping the program this summer, and will provide more details soon. If you have any questions, please contact Diane [diane@stcronan.org](mailto:diane@stcronan.org)

**Mary Statue** Our long awaited statue of Mary has finally arrived and she is beautiful. Please visit her in the rectory garden. Watch the bulletin and Cronan Talk for dates/times of her official blessing. Thank you to our wonderful and generous donors who made this possible.

**Question:** How do I stop the ACA from calling me? Texting me? Sending me mailings?  
**Answer:** Return your ACA Pledge Card to the church office (even if you are not pledging at this time).

**Perk:** If returned by May 31, your name will be added to the drawing for a \$50 Target Gift card