



# St. Cronan Catholic Church

## May 24



## Feast of Pentecost

### Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 am. and 10 am.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5 pm.

Wednesdays – 8 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.

**Bulletin Deadline: Noon Tuesday**

**St. Cronan Social Justice Book Club** Our June 14 book is *“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. We will meet in the church office building meeting room after the 10am mass.

**Catholic Charities House2Home Program:** Let's support Britini and her 3 children! Britini has worked with a case manager to gain safe housing and stability following the May 16th tornado. They lost pretty much everything. We have "adopted" Britini and her family (children ages 11, 6 and 1) to help them on this journey. Please consider purchasing a gift cards or an item from Britini's Amazon Wish list by May 31st. You can choose to have it shipped to Catholic Charities when you purchase or bring it to church. Reach out for more information. [kelly.collins60@gmail.com](mailto:kelly.collins60@gmail.com) or 630-631-8790 Thanks so much! Visit our website for more info. <https://stcronan.org/news-events/announcements>



**Photographer Coming!** On May 31, at the 10am Mass we will have a photographer present to take photos to update our St. Cronan Website. Get your ministry members together so we can get as many groups photographed as possible. Plan to attend mass so our pews are full! This is a great opportunity to bring a friend to Mass.



**Prayers Please:** Nick and Shirley Ambrose and Family; Elisabeth Byrne's mom, Denise Siebold; 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; Diane Gozdziński's daughter, Cassie 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, Nicholas Yost, great nephew of Charlene Zeni Connolly and John Gozdziński.

*Diane's Son-in-law, John Ross, passed away last week. Please keep Diane, his wife Cassie and all the family in your prayers.*

**St. Cronan's Church Council** is considering signing our church onto a statement from faith communities in Missouri in support of our trans, intersex, and nonbinary friends and family members. This is a crucial time in our state and country to show solidarity. We're asking folks to read the statement which is available in the back of the church, and, if you have any concerns with us adding St. Cronan's as one of the faith communities signing on, council members and staff will be in the back of church after Mass to listen to your concerns or questions. You can also contact Johnny or Diane by email if you want to offer your input. Thanks!

**POPE SAINT JOHN XXIII AWARD Association of United States Catholic Priests:** Fr. Gerry Kleba has been chosen as a recipient of the 2026 Pope Saint John XXIII Award as the priest who exemplifies the Spirit of the Second Vatican Council. The award will be presented at the banquet of the AUSCP June 24, at the Renaissance Hotel. Cost of a ticket for this event is \$60.00 which includes: 4pm Mass, 5pm Social Hour, 6pm Banquet. Purchase tickets on the DONATE LINK of the AUSCP website. Donate \$60.00, in the comment space *Fr. Gerry Kleba. Registration deadline: June 1*

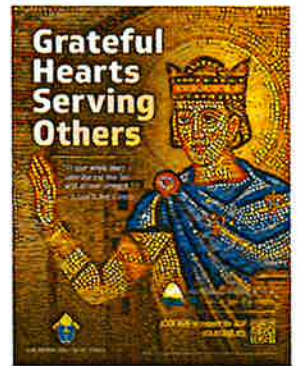
**Administrator's Wish List:** Thanks so very much to those who have donated to the Wish List this year. There are still several items on the list if you would like to donate. See the table in the vestibule of church for more details and how to participate. Please contact Mary in the church office if you have any questions.



**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 19. Please join us!

**Women's Witness Ministry** On Saturday, June 6 at 8:30am, join Joyce Jones, the program director of racial harmony for the Archdiocese of St. Louis, as she presents for Women's Witness Ministry's "Do You Know the Man?" It'll take place at St Charles Lwanga Center, 6420 Washington St. Bring donations of nonperishable foods for the St. Charles Lwanga food pantry. Cost is \$20 and you can register online at [archstl.org/renewal](http://archstl.org/renewal) or call the Catholic Renewal Center at 314-731-6100.

**ACA:** Thank you to all who have returned their pledge cards. If you haven't yet, please return your ACA Pledge Card, even if you are unable to contribute. We need all cards returned. Cards can be placed in the collection basket, mailed or dropped off to the church office. If you did not receive a card, please contact Mary in the church office, or use a blank card on the table in the church vestibule. Once you have returned your card, be sure to put a cookie sticker in our cookie jar!



**Fair Trade Coffee:** We are ordering Fair Trade coffee for Sunday mornings. If we order in bulk, we get a cut on shipping. If you care to order some coffee and add to the Cronan order, please contact Al Sprehe and give him your order. 314-607-7188. Order forms are located in the church vestibule. We will have the coffee at Church or in the office for pick up. Make checks payable to St. Cronan and write "coffee" on the memo line.

**A BLACK HISTORY TOUR OF ST. LOUIS**, a movie that has won national and international awards will be shown at First Christian Church in Webster Groves, 10 W. Lockwood Ave. Webster Groves, MO 63119 on Sunday, June 14th at 3 pm. There will be a Q and A with the director Tony West, Gerry Kleba, our former pastor, and some cast members.

#### **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.

**Reflection**  
**Pentecost Sunday**  
**May 24, 2026**

When the disciples heard the roaring wind on Pentecost, they would have experienced the wind as the breath of a powerful being. This was the understanding of wind-breath-spirit for the ancients. For the ancients, wind was also a liquid. This Spirit could be poured out on them as tongues of fire. When the disciples became filled with the Spirit the disciples transformed from fearful people in hiding to bold proclaimers of Jesus and the Gospel. The crowds gathered to celebrate Pentecost came from all around the known world, yet the disciples were understood by all, by people of multiple cultures speaking multiple languages. We see the confusion of Babel destroyed issuing in a new age of understanding. The Holy Spirit binds together.

With the embrace of the Spirit comes gifts, each important, each given to benefit. The gifts of the spirit create unity. The disciples would recall when Jesus first appeared to them after his resurrection and Jesus breathed on them like the Holy Mystery breathed on the first persons to bring them to life. The disciples would experience a rebirth in the Spirit. Jesus sent them as Jesus was sent by his Abba to embody peace, love, and forgiveness. These are the keys to living “the way.”

Jesus recognized also that an evil force exists. Sin during this time was named by the words, “the forces of evil.” Jesus gave the disciples

the power to battle these evil forces through the Spirit. The disciples were not meant to oppose evil alone. Rather the Spirit is empowered within community.

The same is true for us, twenty first century disciples. We see and experience evil surrounding us in the ways our brothers and sisters are mistreated. We see Pope Leo challenging this violent disrespect. So must we. Our Pentecost prayers and songs remind us that the Spirit fills all of creation. We invite the Spirit to come to us. We ask to embody her. We sing, “Veni Sancte Spiritus. Come Holy Spirit.” The Mexican poet Amado Nervo writes, “Alone we are only an anthill/but in the Spirit we are a mountain.” May that truth give us hope and courage.

*—Madonna Kuciejczyk-Kernan*

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