

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 25, 2025

“Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.”

In the Gospel of John, we hear Jesus offering courage-provoking words to His disciples in anticipation of His coming departure from the earth in the form He currently inhabits.

“I am going away and I will come back to you.”

He wants them to take heart and remember that He will remain with them as a companion in the form of the Paraclete, the Advocate, the Holy Spirit.

Very recently and unexpectedly, a longtime friend of mine in the L’Arche community died, leaving what feels like a pit of despair and sadness in my core. My heart is troubled. I am sad for the life my friend did not get to live. I feel compassion for others also experiencing suffering in response to this death. And I am afraid of what is lost.

Jesus’s words offer consolation to me. I am helped to give myself permission to release the guilt and pressure I feel to react to this death in a particular way—whether that be to spend time doing certain things, or to say certain things to people. I need not be afraid.

I worry about the loss of this person’s gifts and role in the community. But the God that dwelled in this friend will return in the way the Holy Spirit manifests Jesus after Jesus’ death. I already see examples: When I spoke

out among other mourners, “this friend will not be around to cook with me as we had planned,” someone spoke up to say they would be happy to cook with me. When it was pointed out, “she was in the middle of crafting a blanket for a friend that is an expecting mother,” another volunteered quickly and boldly, “I will finish it.”

This friend lives on, as Jesus lives on, in the presence of the Holy Spirit. And the Holy Spirit can be found in the very people around us. My friend and Jesus went away, yet they are also coming back, finding embodiment in new and real ways.

—Justin Lorenz

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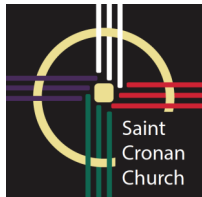
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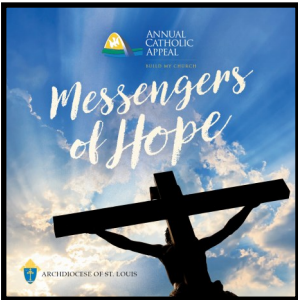
Sunday Sexton/Housekeeping: Open Position



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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



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>

Pentecost Open House at Johnny and Heather's home! All are invited to join Heather and Johnny on Pentecost Sunday, June 8th, for an open house at their home anytime between 12-5pm for food and drink, socializing, and celebrating community! The address is 5953 Pershing Ave, and they'll have beer, wine, and non-alcoholic drinks as well as plenty of snacks and more available. Feel free to bring a dish or drinks to add to the festivities or just show up! (And bring your own beach or camping chair if you want a guaranteed seat.)





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 and Nancy Buck's granddaughter, Danielle Oliveros; Mary Proot's sister, Terry Jacks; all the victims of last week's tornado.

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

Five years ago, many in our community were outraged and heartbroken over the murder of George Floyd. His death at the hands of police officers in Minneapolis--and the trauma and deaths of so many other people of color at the hands of law enforcement--reveals the racism that has continued to penetrate every aspect of life in the United States, seeding terror in communities of color and disfiguring all of us. On this anniversary, we invite members of the Cronan's community to stand in solidarity against racial injustice, to protest white supremacy, to pray for the realization of the "beloved community" that MLK preached, and to recommit ourselves to working to dismantle systemic racism in all its forms. We'll take time at our Masses on June 1 to remember this anniversary and lift up our prayers. And as we have been doing, we'll witness at the corner of Manchester and Kingshighway on Friday, June 20th, from 4:30-5:30pm, proclaiming that "Black Lives Matter."

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.



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!



Special Collection for Tornado Victims: This weekend we will take up a second collection to Catholic Charities for assistance to those suffering injury and loss due to the tornadoes that drove through St. Louis, much of which is within the Northern Vicariate boundaries. If you wish to make a donation, please make your check out to St. Cronan, with "Storm Relief" in the memo line. If you wish to make an online donation directly to Catholic Charities, you can use this link: <https://give.ccsstl.org/>. If you or someone you know needs assistance due to the storms, please follow this link for help: <https://spreadhopeatl.com/storm-relief-stl/>
Please check CronanTalk for various other ways to help out our neighbors affected by the storms.



St. Cronan Social Justice Book Club meets on the 2nd Sunday of each month in the main floor church office meeting room after the 10am mass from 11:30am-12:30pm. Our June 8 book is "On Freedom" by Timothy Snyder (We read "On Tyranny" by Snyder for the March meeting). The July 13 book is "A Full Life: Reflections at 90" by Jimmy Carter. We invite you to join us in person or to simply read with us. For more information please contact Charlene Zeni Connolly at 314-308-0056.

**In observance of
Memorial Day
The Church Offices
Will be closed
Monday, May 26.**



Our Newest Member:
Andrew Krueger

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.