



St. Cronan Catholic Church

May 3

Fifth Sunday of Easter



Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 am. and 10 am.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5 pm.

Wednesdays – 8 am.

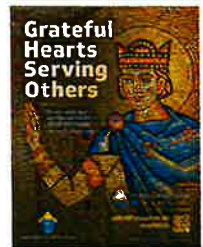
Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.

Bulletin Deadline: Noon Tuesday



Men's Retreat: We have scheduled the Men's Retreat for May 8-10 at the Griesedieck Farm. Please mark your calendar for a wonderful opportunity for faith sharing and community building. For more info, contact a member of our planning team: Dan Madden, Joe Moramarco, or Rocky Sieben (rockysieben@sbcglobal.net).

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!



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.

Mark Your Calendars! 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; John 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.

Joe Connolly passed away early last week. Please keep Charlene and the family in your prayers. Funeral details to follow.

St. Cronan Social Justice Book Club will meet May 17 (*date change due to Mother’s Day*) in the Church office conference room after the 10AM Mass from 11:30AM-12:30PM. Our book is “Coming up Short: A Memoir of My America” by Robert Reich. We invite you to join us in person or simply read with us. Looking ahead to June 14, our book of the month will be “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.



The Next Chapter is a program grounded in Ignatian Spirituality that has been offered in the St. Louis community by The Next Chapter Institute for the past nine years. It is a six-month guided journey in a group setting for people who are approaching retirement or who are recently retired. The ultimate goal of the program is to assist people to discern how they want to live their next chapter of life. For more information, go to www.nextchapterprogram.org.

The next session of the program begins in October of 2026. The first step for participating in the program is to attend an information session. They will be held on Wednesday, May 20, and Monday, June 1, starting at 7:00 pm at the Mercy Conference and Retreat Center, 2039 Geyer Road. To register for an information session, please email thenextchapterinstitute@gmail.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 next vigil will take place on Friday, May 15. Please join us!

Pilgrimage to Old St. Ferdinand Shrine: As part of the 200th Archdiocesan Jubilee, the St. Cronan Community will make a pilgrimage to Old St. Ferdinand Shrine, the home of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, on Saturday, May 16 at 10:00 a.m. We will car-pool to the shrine in Florissant, have a prayer service and reflect on St. Philippine’s contributions, tour the convent where she lived, and enjoy lunch. Please join us. To RSVP, visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084BAFAF23A0F49-63396379-pilgrimage>

Seeds of Justice Network Presents
Solidarity | Through the
Lens of Housing and Race
Orv Kimbrough - Keynote
Thursday, May 14, 2026 - 5:45PM
 Trolley Room | Dennis & Judith Jones Visitor and Education Center | Forest Park

■ No fee to attend; registration is required

Orv Kimbrough—author, entrepreneur, and CEO of Midwest BankCentre—previously led United Way of Greater St. Louis and Interfaith Partnership. He brings a powerful perspective on solidarity, interconnectedness, and the common good, shaped by both leadership and lived experience. Alongside his keynote, participants will connect with local leaders addressing race and housing in St. Louis, with opportunities for learning, collaboration, and action—especially as tornado recovery continues.




THIS EVENT WILL LOOK AT WHAT PEOPLE OF FAITH ARE CALLED TO, THE NEEDS IN ST. LOUIS, AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND WITH ACTION.

REGISTER HERE: [HTTPS://BIT.LY/SOLIDARITYEVENT](https://bit.ly/solidarityevent)

MORE DETAILS AT WWW.SEEDSOJUSTICENETWORK.ORG

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PLANTING SEEDS
 Growing the Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching

FAMILY, COMMUNITY & PARTICIPATION SEPT 16, 2024	HUMAN DIGNITY - IMMIGRATION APRIL 10, 2024	WORKERS' RIGHTS SEPT 16, 2024	SOLIDARITY RACE/HOUSING RESPONSIBILITIES MAY 14, 2026	RIGHTS & CONCERN FOR THE POOR FALL 2026	CARE FOR CREATION TBA 2027
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COMMUNITY SERIES

Catholic Charities provides a variety of housing and emergency shelter services, including: Cardinal Ritter Senior Services supporting the seniors; Marygrove providing residential care for children and adolescents; and Good Shepherd Children & Family Services, Queen of Peace Center and Saint Martha’s providing shelter and support services for women and their children. And as the 1 year anniversary of the May 16th tornado approaches, we'll shortly have an opportunity to offer some direct support to a particular family of 4 who has been matched for St. Cronan to offer support. Watch for more information coming about specific ways to engage! To learn more or to get involved with Catholic Charities, please contact your Parish/Church Ambassador, Kelly Collins at kelly.collins60@gmail.com or through CronanTalk.

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.

Fifth Sunday of Easter **May 3, 2026**

Today's gospel opens with Jesus exhorting the disciples to not let their hearts be troubled. He recalls to them their faith in God and asks for them to have the same faith in him.

There's a lot going on that would trouble the disciples. At this point they have returned to Judea, enemy territory for the fledgling discipleship community. Thomas earlier reminded them that Jesus's life had been threatened there, and that if they go back, they "go to die with him."

Jesus has also informed them that one among them will deny him and another will betray him. And—in case they missed it—his trial, torture and crucifixion are imminent.

I don't think it is a stretch to equate their troubled hearts with our own. We are rocked every day with deportations and disappearances, institutions that fail to check unjust power, assaults on the dignity of our queer and trans friends and family members, the erosion of basic civil and human rights. Our elected government wages or supports war in Iran, Palestine and Lebanon, and summarily executes unnamed people in the waters off our shores.

For those of us who are white and financially secure, who have resources and a certain amount of power, it is deeply troubling to feel a sense of impotence when we can't seem to stop the injustice, the oppression, the violence. Part of our privilege is the experience of being seen and heard—of being reckoned with. Our experience is that the efforts we exert make a difference.

Some who are on the other side—navigating life without privilege—have a different understanding of what to expect of those they are aligned against and how little systems of domination

offer by way of concession, no matter how passionate and right the cries for redress may be.

So what are we to do when it is clear that, despite our effort and the rightness of our cause, evil marches on?

At this moment in John's gospel—the last supper—none of the disciples' hopes have been realized. Instead they are about to lose the one they put all their trust in. All they have invested and given themselves to is about to come to nothing. Here, Jesus chooses to refocus them. What has mattered and will continue to matter is "the way" – the way he has shown them by his own life, the way they have been walking together for these past years.

The answer isn't suddenly doing something new because what we have been doing isn't getting the results we want. The answer is in what we have been doing all along. And what we keep doing, whether the powers of this world listen or not. We keep going. We keep to the way.

—Johnny Zokovitch

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