

Trinity Sunday June 15, 2025

Growing up, I remember various moments around the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity when my brothers and I would return home from Sunday school to excitedly present our “shamrock Trinity” drawing, or to share a new and fresh image of the Trinity we learned—like that of an apple, with skin and flesh and core. Dad would acknowledge our creation, mumble a few words of admiration, before he would inevitably succumb to explosive exasperation: “The Trinity is not a math problem, guys!”

All the images we try to utilize to illuminate the doctrine of the Trinity are ultimately concerned with a “numbers problem,” and they therefore use static images for God. The same prevailing misunderstanding of the Trinity underlines each of these images: at their most basic they still scarcely rise above—as one theologian described it—that of “two men and a bird” residing in heaven.

My father was able to study briefly with Catherine LaCugna, whose seminal book “God For Us” transformed his—and by extension, my own—understanding of the Trinity. As the title implies, LaCugna writes that the Trinity names how God is *God for us*. While for us relationships are something we enter into and pull away from, God does not enter into relationship:

God *is* perfect relationship; God is not relational, but God *is* right relationship.

The teaching of the Trinity emphasizes the Triune God’s eternal movement toward us, through God’s redeeming love. God’s very Being is *for us*. And yet, LaCugna also insisted that the Trinity names our own graced movement toward God. We too are *for God*. This divine and dynamic dance is the work of our lives, and we are simply called to raise our hands to the sky and dance along, whomever we are with, wherever we may be.

~ David Gaillardetz (with an assist from Richard Gaillardetz)

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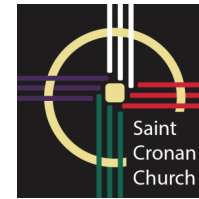
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Sunday Sexton/Housekeeping: Open Position



St. Cronan Catholic Church June 15, 2025 The Most Holy Trinity



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

SUMMER FOOD SHARING

We’ve developed a plan for the summer months to share out blessings with our immigrant neighbors. On July 5, and August 2, we will do a big distribution to 25+ families. We will need volunteers to pack the bags (at 10am) and 7 or 8 pairs of volunteers to deliver the food (11:15am).

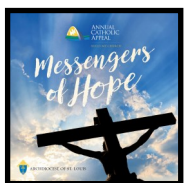
You may not be able to help on Saturdays, but you might be able to toss something extra into your grocery cart and bring to church on Sunday. There will be bins in the vestibule of church for your donations.



HERE ARE MONTHLY ITEMS WE NEED:

48 oz Cooking oil
4 rolls toilet paper
Dishwashing liquid
Laundry soap—not pods
Reusable grocery bags
DIAPERS, SIZES 3 THRU 6.

ACA: Thank you to all who have returned their ACA Pledge Cards. If you have not yet turned in your card, please do so. Even if you are not able to give, we need your card back in order to report correctly to the ACA. Please contact Mary in the church office with any questions. mary@stcronan.org.



Pentecost Open House at Johnny and Heather's home! A big THANK YOU to Johnny and Heather for their wonderful hospitality last Sunday. The weather cooperated and we had a great mix of veteran and new Community members and “young” and “old” people! Thanks to all who attended and to Heather and Johnny for hosting!



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; Madonna Kuciejczyk-Kernan; Leslie Conway; 3 1/2 year old Juliette Braren and her family; 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; Tim Proot; all the victims of the St. Louis tornado and Sr. Barb Schlatter.

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

St. Cronan Social Justice Book Club meets on the 2nd Sunday of each month on the main floor church office conference room after the 10am mass from 11:30am-12:30pm. Our July 13 book is “A Full Life: Reflections at 90” by Jimmy Carter. Our

May 2025 Contributions Thank You!	
General Fund	\$14,966
Building Repair Fund	\$110
Food Pantry	\$1,090
Catholic Home Missions	\$50
St. Vincent de Paul	\$515
Uganda	\$105
Rice Bowl	\$3,741
Catholic Charities/Tornado	\$3,258
Catholic Communications	\$25
Reparations	\$20
Retired Priests	\$100

August 10 book is “Care Work: Dreaming Disability Justice by Leah Piepzna-Samarasinha. 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.

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 20. Please join us!

Children’s Faith Formation for 2026-27: 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 and sacramental preparation in our community, please contact Diane at diane@stcronan.org.



Immigration Task Force of the
Archdiocese of St. Louis

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JULY 26TH, 2025

4pm-6pm

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ST. LOUIS, MO, 63119

“The dream continues to inspire us all... and
America continues to be for many the land of
dreams.”

Pope Francis



For questions, contact Steve Givens: executive.director@bridgesfoundation.org or 314-401-2072. You can also contact Mary Hastings for more info. Mvhastings@yahoo

Bridges: The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola The Bridges Retreat is an 8-month experience of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola, helping participants draw closer to God and Jesus, create a more disciplined prayer life, find spiritual guidance for making big decisions, and form a clearer picture of their purpose. Information sessions are being held this summer at various locations. The retreat begins in September. For more details and information session schedule, scan the QR code below or visit: www.bridgesfoundation.org.



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.