

Pastoral Reflection
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 16, 2024

Thank you for being You!

First of all I am so grateful for the outpouring of prayer, love and support that I received on the occasion of my Jubilee. There were an handful of visitors from a previous parish that attended the celebration. They were so very taken by the welcome and acceptance they received from the very moment they stepped into the vestibule. They were also amazed at the joy and spirit they experienced at our Liturgy. That welcome continued as they joined us in the hospitality room. I thank you for being You!

Secondly, our Missionary Preacher was also excited about the many people that greeted him and were interested in in his mission. Fr. Paul Kala told me he had never experienced such spirited prayer and joyful participation at a Liturgy. He asked me that if he happens to be around St. Louis could he please celebrate the Holy Eucharist here again. He said that he wants to be around the joy that is expressed in our Masses. Thank you for being You!

Our Gospel this weekend has the Parable of the Mustard Seed. The mustard seed is the smallest of seeds, yet when grown

provides shelter for all kinds of birds. St. Cronan may be the smallest of congregations yet it provides acceptance and hope for all different kinds of folks. May we continue to seek to be inclusive by offering welcome and comfort especially for those who feel left out. Thank you for being You.

God bless,

Fr. Jack (he/him)

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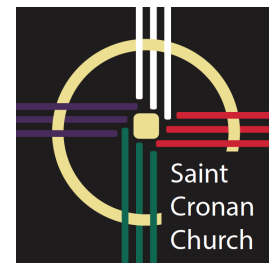
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Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 a.m. and 10 am.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 pm.

Wednesdays – 8:00 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.

Seeds of Justice information:

Seeds of Justice Network is thrilled to share that Sister Simone Campbell, SSS, former Executive Director of Network Lobby for Catholic Social Justice and winner of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, will be the inaugural keynote speaker for the Planting Seeds: Growing Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching series! Sister Simone will present her talk on the theme “Call to Family, Community, and Participation” on September 26. More details to follow — please save the date!



We're pleased to announce that Seeds of Justice Network is growing—we're seeking a Communications and Engagement Coordinator!

For this new position, we're seeking an individual who wants to promote social justice by using their creativity and talent with solid writing and engagement skills to help grow our mission.

For more information about the position and how to apply, email Pat Dougherty, Board Chair at info@seedsofjusticenetwork.org

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!



Thanks for your generosity! Fr. Paul Kala, who spoke about his youth center in Ghana this weekend, is very appreciative of our generosity and hospitality.



Prayers : John Gozdziwski, 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), Bob Wiley, Tim Herzel, Pam Schaefer, Shirley Ambrose, Joe and Janice Fairless, Eileen Heidenheimer's friends, Joe and Laura; Diane Von Hof, friend of Joan and Trish Curtis; Brian Klinkhardt, friend of Judith Santamaria; and Andrew Moll's brother, Michael.



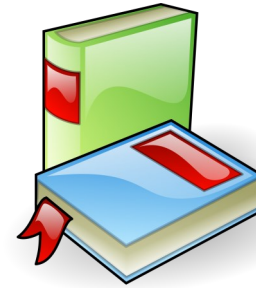
Children's Faith Formation is winding down for this year. We will resume classes at the end of August. If you have a child aged K-8 and would like to participate in our CFF community to help your child grow in faith, please fill out the attached form. We are revamping the program this summer, and will provide more details soon. If you have any questions, please contact Diane diane@stcronan.org

June is gun violence awareness month.

Gun violence devastates individuals, families, and communities in the United States and the St. Louis Archdiocese.

Wear Orange is a movement to honor victims and survivors of gun violence and to raise awareness of the impact of gun violence, which began in 2013 by friends of Hadiya Pendleton. Hadiya marched in President Obama's second inaugural parade. One week later, she was shot and killed on a playground in Chicago. Soon after this tragedy, Hadiya's friends commemorated her life by wearing orange, the color hunters wear in the woods to protect themselves and others.

As we hear in today's Gospel, "...if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand." So, instead, let us stand together in solidarity this weekend with many Americans who wear orange in tribute to more than 43,000 Americans killed with guns and 76,000 more shot and wounded each year.



St. Cronan Book Discussion Group... is open to all Cronanites and has been meeting over 3 years since the Small Group Zoom project during the Pandemic. The theme is social justice-related fiction and nonfiction books. The format is changing to HYBRID - In-person and Zoom combined beginning Sunday, July 14, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Parish Center Library on the main floor. We will discuss 'Nomadland: Surviving America in the 21st Century' by Jessica Bruder. Questions, contact Christine Lakey at christine.lakey@yahoo.com.

No Masks! If you come around the altar at Consecration, you no longer need to wear a mask, unless you have symptoms. Eucharistic Ministers will continue to wear masks during the distribution of the Eucharist.

Catholic Charities invites Young Adults, ages 21+, to a Midsummer Mingle fundraising event in support of the Spirit of Saint Nicholas Ball benefiting Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis on Saturday July 20th from 6PM - 11PM at Grant's Farm. There will be appetizers, open bar, music & dancing, raffles & prizes. Semi-Formal Attire. Ticket Prices: \$65. To purchase tickets or for more information, visit <https://ccypstnick24.givesmart.com>.

Postcards for ceasefire: In case you missed them last Sunday, they will again be available this weekend in the back of church.

Church Envelopes: If you are receiving a monthly packet of church envelopes, and wish to discontinue them, please let Mary in the church office know. mary@stcronan.org Thanks!!

Happy Father's Day!!

