

Pastoral Reflection
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 23, 2024

1st Reading: Job 38: 8-11
Response: Psalm 107: 23-31
2nd Reading: Corinthians 5:14-17
Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

There is a theme of creative energy in today's readings and it mostly has to do with water. Where can thinking of water take us in today's world? I think of how grateful I am every time I turn on a tap that water is readily available. I think of the people of Haiti who walk miles to a communal wells only to often get water that is contaminated. I think of the people of Gaza who may not know when they are getting their next drink. Truly water is part of the gift of life.

God talks to Job and this is just a small section of his many questions telling us that humankind is really helpless in face of the creative force of God's power and revelation. Do we remember that on a daily basis as we get caught up in our own urgent daily needs? It's so easy to forget that we're truly not in charge and that trust has to be renewed often. The disciple got pretty excited when the storm rose on the lake. The sea of Galilee is in a flat space and the storms can rise quickly and without warning. Their fear was not without merit but Jesus still challenged them. "Do you not have faith?" (Mk 4:40)

And here is the core of what we need to be reminded; where is our faith? Job was

challenged in his great losses even as the disciples were in the boat in the storm. How do we nurture the faith that has been given to us? Jesus promised if our faith is small as a mustard seed that is enough. I recently had the privilege of being with my eight year old granddaughter as she prepared for First Holy Communion. After her first day in retreat I asked her what she had learned. She responded, "Oh Grandma it's too complicated. I can't talk about it." I was stunned to silence, too. The mystery we know as Eucharist is so big I have to say with Thomas, "I do believe; help my unbelief." May we come to the Table and to one another humbly. Mystery, increase my faith.

—Kathleen Stock

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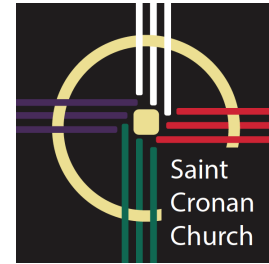
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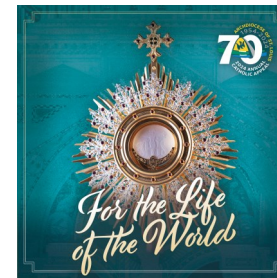
Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 pm.

Wednesdays – 8:00 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.



ACA UPDATE: Thanks to all who have returned their pledge cards. As you have heard, **we have met our goals!!!** We still need your pledge card back, even if you are not pledging this year. You can also call or email Mary to let her know that you are not pledging, then she can take care of letting the ACA know so they refrain from calling you and sending you emails. If you did not receive a pledge card by mail or you are not a registered member, you do not need to fill out a blank pledge card envelope to let us know you are not pledging this year. If you have any questions about this, please let us know. Thanks again for your generosity!

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!

Peter's Pence: Next week, June 22/23, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression and disasters. Please be generous. For more information visit www.obolodisanpेत्रo.va/en.html



Please help welcome our newest Church members:

Kelly Collins

Elizabeth Byrne

Noah Baxter



Prayers : John Gozdziński, 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 Herzog, 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.



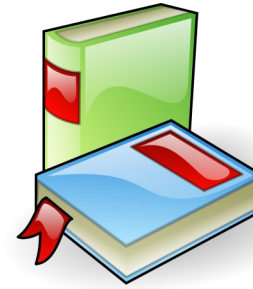
Children's Faith Formation is winding down for this year. We will resume classes at the end of August. If you have a child aged K-8 and would like to participate in our CFF community to help your child grow in faith, please fill out the attached form. We are revamping the program this summer, and will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

Livestreaming: Many of you who attend 10:00 Mass have witnessed how crazy it is for Diane as Mass begins and at the end. If anyone would be interested in running the livestream, that would be most helpful. With the right number of people in a crew, it would only be a once per month commitment, and if you can't be at Mass, Diane can sub. The job is easy and you will use Diane's phone – you press a few buttons and let it go! If Diane can do it anyone can do it, so please be an anyone! Contact Diane at (314) 941-4933 or diane@stcronan.org Instruction will be provided at no cost to you, except your time!



Keep an eye on the bulletin and Cronan Talk for more info on Christmas in July.

This summer, you are invited to participate in a School Adoption Program from June 29/30 – July 27/28. We will invite you to take an ornament from the Christmas tree which will be in the church foyer. The items listed on each ornament are supplies needed for students and teachers at St. Louis Catholic Academy and St. Cecilia School & Academy.



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>.

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!!

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

