

Pastoral Reflection

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Fear no one. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known."

How scary is that? Everything we have ever done or said or thought will be known! Yet, Jesus tells us not to fear. He goes on to tell the disciples that they are to "shout from the rooftops" everything he has told them. Quite a difference from asking his disciples not to tell when he performed miracles. What can this mean?

Jesus is telling us that we have nothing to fear. Even death of the body should not be feared. God's infinite love is such that God already knows what we foolishly try to keep secret, but loves us anyway and always. People can judge us and have suppositions about us and, as in Jeremiah, denounce us and watch for any misstep we make. Yet we know how much we are loved and have no need to fear.

The Turtles group is reading Brené Brown's **The Gifts of Imperfection**. Brené talks about grasping the power of embracing our imperfection and vulnerability by developing wholeheartedness, the courage, compassion and connection to know we are living our lives from a place of worthiness. She says that courage, compassion and connection are gifts. We know they are the gifts of God's infinite love for us. We don't always believe we have them, and it takes a lot of work on ourselves to live them, but deep inside we know the Spirit is cultivating them. We just have to get out of the way of our own feelings of unworthiness and believe.

Let's go forth in God's light, live as Jesus asks us, and bravely face all adversity, even death, knowing God is with us always. Let's journey with others, those who are facing more adversity than we will ever know, the people of color, immigrants, LBGTQIA+ folks in our midst, and share our courage, compassion and vulnerability with them until they are able to cultivate their own. It must be nearly impossible for them to believe in their worthiness, yet they deserve to live in God's light, without being treated as outcasts. Let's work with them to change the hearts of those who denounce them. We are a church. We have work to do.

—Diane Gozdziwski

Brown, B. (2020). *The Gifts of Imperfection*. Center City, Mn: Hazelden Publishing.

All women are welcome to join Turtles. For information about Turtles, please see Yvonne DeHart, Dorothy Lucey, Michelle Frank or me.

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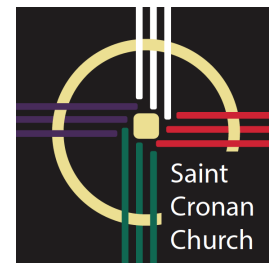
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St. Cronan Catholic Church

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June 24/25, 2023

Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 a.m. and 10 am.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 pm.

Wednesdays – 8:00 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.

Annual Catholic Appeal: Thank You to all who have returned your ACAX pledge cards. If you have not done so, please return your pledge cards to the Parish Office by mail or via the Sunday collection. **Please return your card even if you can't participate this year.**



Black Lives Matter Vigil, takes place the third Friday of the Month at the corner of Manchester and Kingshighway, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. The next vigil will take place on Friday, July 21. Please join us!



This week 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. The works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression and disasters. Please be generous. For more info please visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.hym1

June's Ministry of the Month: Coffee and Donuts after the 10am mass. Consider this hospitality Ministry for your good works. You would sign up for a week or to help another team set up, serve, and/or clean up before or after mass. Give 15 minutes or a few hours. Maggie Hart-Mahon leads this Ministry and will be glad to give you details. Email her at ofccomp17@gmail.com.



Parish Ministries: If you would like to add your talents to any of our ministries, and meet a great bunch of people, please call the church office or visit our website www.stcronan.org for information. **You are always welcome!**



Prayers Please: Kathy Bayless; Trish Curtis' brother; David Gaillardetz' father, Richard; Nick and Shirley Ambrose's daughter, Brigid Costello; Varrietta Anthony; Fr. Jack's brother, Mike; Natalie Johnson and the Johnson family; Diane Calcaterra; Sr. Lynne's friend, Jan Berberich, SSND; Barb Sopp's friend, Joe Sinibaldi; Bob Barnicle; Paul Schmitt; Tim and Else Hirzel's great nephew, Cameron Russell; Kathy Hunn's niece, Lisa; Sr. Cathy's friends, Inga Casillo, Don Costello, and newborn baby, Giovanni Christopher Centerino; Judy Gallagher; Mary Truetkin; Marie and Roland Martir's daughter, Carrie, and granddaughter, Madi; Jacob Whitworth; John Gozdziwski; Wilma Hunt and family, friends of Sandra Ward; Michael Mason, former SVDP hauler; Michael Peterson; Linda and Jeff Caul's daughter, Kelly; Joe Connolly; Sam Vitale, friend of Father Jack and Mary Ward; John Derr, son-in-law of Alice Adcock; Mr. Charles Wallace; Bill Blow's daughter, Meg Shugarts; Roger Bailey, friend of Dom and Marcy Soda; Philip Anala; Bonnie Wimmer; Jon Ebner, nephew of Rocky Sieben and Ruth Hasser; the Krueger family; Nick Ambrose; Betty Newberry; Marty Spies; Donate, Mary Proot's daughter-in-law's mother in Germany; Barb Sopp; Patrick Mooney's partner, Greg. Please let the office staff know if your loved one should be removed from the prayer list.

Alice Adcock's daughter, Mary, passed away on Monday. Please pray for Alice and her family, and may the Angels lead Mary into Paradise.

Dede Coughlin had knee replacement surgery last Wednesday. Please keep her in your prayers.

Children's Faith Formation The St. Cronan Community offers Children's Faith Formation for all children, K-8, through a hybrid Catechist-led/Family led approach. This year, we hope to offer classes twice per month, usually on the first and third Sundays after 10:00 Mass, and send home additional information for parents to share Faith with their children in a family-based program. I want to take this opportunity to invite all families with school-aged children to join us. For more details on the program please contact Diane at 314-289-9384 or diane@stcronan.org This faith-filled community welcomes each of you! Deadline for registration is July 15.



Calling Teachers/Catechists: We are in need of additional catechists for the 2022-23 school year. The only requirement is that you are willing to share your own faith with these children and can follow a very well-planned program. If there are community members, parents or young adults who might lead the monthly classes, please contact Diane, diane@stcronan.org There is much support and instruction for anyone willing to be a catechist to these wonderful children. You will find yourself growing in your own faith as you help children grow in theirs.

Metropolitan Congregations United: St. Cronan is a member of Metropolitan Congregations United (MCU). We are in need of some passionate people who would be our team to liaison with MCU. If you are passionate about this initiative and can help, please contact Diane diane@stcronan.org for more information.



Adult Faith Opportunities: Are you interested in increasing your own faith, now that we are back in community? Here are some ideas in which we could come together to get to know each other better and invite new folks to join us, whether they attend St. Cronan or not. It will also be a way for those people attending different Mass times to get to know each other. There has been some discussion about offering some Adult Faith Opportunities through St. Cronan. Suggested topics and formats are listed below. Contact Diane for links to the online surveys for the various topics or use the URLs below:

- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7JJJWBT> (Bible Study)
- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7JTSMVV> (Small Communities)
- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TJHX7TJ> (Adult Faith on Tap)
- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7JGLVLP> (Adult Faith Classes)
- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TQ7DNPM> (JustFaith Session)
- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TQDS2LL> (Month of Guided Prayer Retreat)

Food Pantry Coordinator Search The coordinator of our Food Pantry, Kathy Hunn, is retiring so we are looking for a replacement. With Kathy's assistance we have put together a new job description (please see the attachment). Mary, our Pastoral Administrator, will be taking over the clerical duties associated with the Pantry. What this position will entail is being on sight to coordinate the efforts of the volunteers. There is little "homework" associated with this opportunity. We will be paying \$25 dollars an hour for your services. To apply for this position, please reach out to Mary at 314-289-9384 or mary@stcronan.org for an application. Are deepest thanks to Kathy for her many years of dedication!



Please see the notes of thanks Kim Madden received from St. Francis Southside in response to our contributions to their Summer Camp.

Kim, I am the youth program manager here at St. Francis Southside and I wanted to send you a personal thank you for the funds and support you have given our program. We serve ~ 60 youth for summer camp and without community support from people like you and the parish at St. Cronan's, it's simply not possible. So on behalf of myself, our program, and my students, thank you for all your time, energy, and financial support.

—Matt Roberts, Youth Program Manager - Southside Center, St. Francis Community Services