

Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

June 29, 2025

Acts 3:1-10, Galatians 1:1-20, John 21:15-19

It feels like we are currently living in such difficult and precarious times. It's hard to watch the news and take in the daily barrage of all that's happening: impending climate catastrophes, Medicaid cuts for the poor alongside tax cuts for the rich, immigrants and the homeless shunned in the wealthiest country on earth and the world at war with no end in sight. How does one "keep the faith" in the midst of such violence and seeming futility?

In today's readings the disciples honored today, Peter and Paul, give us an answer.

In Acts Peter chooses not to rely on material "solutions" to the problem with which he and John are confronted. Inside the temple they run into a man "crippled from birth." Instead of walking away from or around him, or tossing a coin to him, Peter faces the man squarely, saying "I have neither silver nor gold, but what I do have I give you: in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean, rise and walk." By placing all his faith in God and not in that of human origin, Peter performs his first major miracle.

In his letter to the Galatians, Paul reminds us that the Gospel he preaches is also not of human origin. "For I did not receive it from a human being, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ." As proof of this, Paul reminds his listeners that as an extremely zealous Pharasaical Jew he'd previously persecuted Christians and only by the direct revelation of Christ was he converted to be the most devout of disciples, risking everything for the sake of the gospel.

And finally, today's gospel recollects Jesus' call to Peter to "feed my sheep." Why? Because Peter, so prone to drifting and giving in to the appearances of things around him, need-

ed the extra nudge, the command, to stay fast to the task at hand, the task to which he was commissioned. In his summons to Peter, Jesus says, "when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands,

and someone else will ... lead you where you do not want to go ("signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God.")

Do we too need to get that extra nudge and summons that called our brothers, Peter and Paul, to keep our own hands to the plow, instead of getting stuck in all the awfulness of this world? Yes! We need a fresh reminder that the Good News, that calls us, is *not* of human origin. Neither are the solutions to the world's problems.

Come Lord Jesus, fill the hearts of your people anew, with a clear-eyed vision of the faith that moves mountains. Amen.

—Cathy Hartrich

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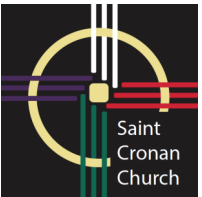
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Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 am. and 10 am.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 pm.

Wednesdays – 8:00 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.

Bulletin Deadline: Noon Tuesday

Christmas in July: We are again collecting school supplies for St. Cecilia School and Academy and St. Louis Catholic Academy. Please take an ornament and purchase the items listed, then return them by July 26. *See flyer in church vestibule.*



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, July 18. Please join us!

Woodwind Concert: Thanks to Tim Herzel and The Wayward Winds for the lively and enjoyable concert yesterday afternoon. Everyone was very impressed at the creativity and variety of Tim's songs and the magnificent way they were performed. We appreciate their time and talents!



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; Sr. Barb Schlatter and Drew Dean, nephew of Barry Buchek.

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



Assisi House grounds/yard maintenance Now that we have 7 Assisi Houses to maintain, we need a lot of help with the upkeep of the grounds/yards. Things are already growing and our exterior maintenance needs are extensive. Assisting with this work is a great way to help keep our houses nice, dignified places for our residents to call home while helping support the continued restoration and improvement of surrounding neighborhoods. These project days will directly support our ongoing mission and most importantly help make what we do sustainable! Please email Jim Mohrmann if you are able to help out/have questions: jemohrmann@sbcglobal.net Here are the AH group project dates:

July 12 - 9:00-1:00
 August 9 - 9:00-1:00
 September 13 - 9:00-1:00
 October 11 - 9:00-1:00

Peter's Pence Collection Today: This annual collection is a way for Catholics worldwide to support the charitable works of the Pope. Donations through Peter's Pence go towards humanitarian initiatives, social promotion projects, and the support of the Holy See. Please place your donations in the second collection. If writing a check, please notate *Peter's Pence* on the memo line.



FREE GUN LOCKS AVAILABLE: The Archdiocese has provided free gun locks to anyone who would like one or for you to take and share with someone you think needs one. They're available in the vestibule of church.

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). Here is the link for the Sign-Up Genius:

<https://cutt.ly/immigrant-food-distribution>

Select the date and job you want, when you click it will say "selected" at the bottom of the page, click on "select and continue". Fill in your information and click on "save."

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.



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.