

**Pastoral Reflection**  
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
June 30, 2024

In our first reading today from Wisdom, we hear that we were made in God's own image, but through the work of the devil, death entered the world—and those who belong to the devil experience it. And then in the Gospel from Mark, we hear Jesus speaking to those he encounters—to us?—"do not be afraid; just have faith...Why this commotion and weeping?"

The unfortunate reality is that each and every one of us experience death: the deaths of loved ones, the deaths of strangers, and ultimately our very own death. Are we to take from these readings that we all, therefore, belong to the devil? Or are we instead called to deeper reflection on how we deny the reality of death, and how we face it when it is at our doorstep?

On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 (2-22-22!), my father received a terminal pancreatic cancer diagnosis. During the 20 months that followed, my father gave us the greatest gift: an *in vivo* witness to the power of faith to take away the finality of death. There was much commotion to be had, much weeping, yet Dad's example allowed us to look on "Sister Death" with greater peace, stillness, and ultimately an opening of ourselves up to God's envel-

oping love. As a testament to Dad's example, I want to share the final words he put into writing: "God is the 'Joy that seeks me through the pain' and 'will not let me go.' My final task is to return to God the life graciously given me. I have lived the richest of lives, and yet in these final weeks, I am every bit 'the weary soul' yearning to be drawn back into the ocean of God's love. There, against all reasonable expectation, the halting flow of my own feeble love 'shall richer, fuller be.' *Dum spiro, spero. While I breathe, I hope.*"

—David Gaillardetz

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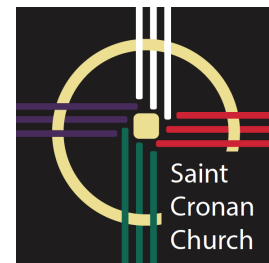
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**Bulletin Deadline: WED 12 noon**



**St. Cronan Catholic Church**  
**13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**June 30, 2024**

**Mass Information**

SUNDAY – 8 a.m. and 10 am.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 pm.

Wednesdays – 8:00 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.

**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!



**Online Directory** Are you looking for our Online Directory? It can be accessed via our website homepage in the very bottom bar under "Quick Links". <https://stcronan.org/> We would love to have recent pictures of your beautiful faces to add to this date base. Please send a recent photo that you would like included to [mary@stcronan.org](mailto:mary@stcronan.org). This a Church Members Only directory, and is password protected. If you need the password, please contact the church office.

**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! Contact Diane at (314) 941-4933 or [diane@stcronan.org](mailto:diane@stcronan.org) Instruction will be provided at no cost to you, except your time! *In order to continue Live Streaming for our home-bound members, we need a few volunteers!!*



Please help welcome our newest Church members:

**Jackie Garcia**



**Prayers :** John Gozdziński, Tom and Madonna Kuciejczyk-Kernan, Joseph Kuciejczyk (brother of Madonna and Sr. Janet), Nick and Shirley 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, Daimen 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, Pam Schaefer, 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; Andrew Moll's brother, Michael, Donna Zuroweste, Saralou Henderson and Jesse Koenig; friend of Mary Solomon.



**See the insert in today's bulletin 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](mailto:christine.lakey@yahoo.com).

**Special Collection Today:**

**Peter's Pence:** This weekend 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.obolodisanpeitro.va/en.html](http://www.obolodisanpeitro.va/en.html) Please write "Peter's Pence" on the memo line of your check. Thank you.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:info@seedsofjusticenetwork.org)



**BEER & BITS:** Join the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet for a social event featuring local craft beers and tasty pub foods to benefit our mission and ministries. Enjoy ...A variety of beers from local craft breweries: Wellspent Brewing Company and Civil Life Brewing Co., tasty pub foods and meet the brew masters and learn about craft brewing. Tours of the historic motherhouse will also be available. \$40 per person (Over 21 please) Aug. 10 from 6-8pm Questions? Contact Stephanie Betts at [sbetts@csj.org](mailto:sbetts@csj.org) or 314-678-0328. To register: <https://csjcarondelet.org/event/beer-bites/>