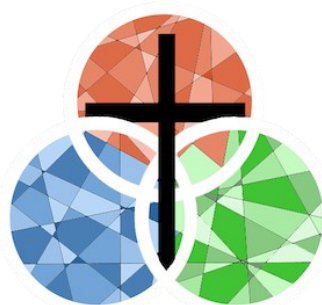


Pastoral Reflection

Feast of the Holy Trinity

Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, and the readings each do their part to reflect the beauty of this day and the significance of the Trinitarian teaching on our faith and our lives. In Exodus we find some descriptors of God's relational nature, a God who is "merciful and gracious," "slow to anger," "rich in kindness and fidelity," culminating in a request that God "receive us as Your own." Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians delineates for us in a cohesive way the three persons of the Trinity and our primary call to "greet one another with a holy kiss"—to enter into relationship with one another. Then, in today's well-known Gospel reading from John, we hear that *in this way* God loved the world: by giving us His only Son; it is through this self-giving love found in relationship that we can come to know God and thus find eternal life.

As a child, the Trinity both intrigued and confused me. I remember my dad responding to my Trinitarian questions with comments on loving relationship, but at the time this felt too abstract and esoteric for me to fully embrace. It was a reference to an airplane—with wings, cockpit, and engine, each serving their own purpose in their own way but all making up the same single entity—that got me to grasp the whole three-in-one paradox of the Trinity. Though helpful for me as a child, this airplane model did not quite get to the heart of why the



Trinity has come to matter so much to me.

It is fitting that it has taken becoming a father myself for me to begin to understand what my dad was talking about. At its core, the Trinity is about the *verb* of Love. As I enter into this new Father-Son relationship, I am captivated by this new center of gravity in my life. Suddenly, I am drawn in a more focused and direct way into the triune roles of Lover, Beloved, and Love itself, as Augustine describes it. It is as "the Beloved/Son" that I learned from my father what it meant to experience this gift of God's Loving Spirit, and it is now in my role as "Lover/Father" that I can *do love* in this new relationship, and thereby better experience the Spirit of Love. May it long continue.

—David Gaillardetz

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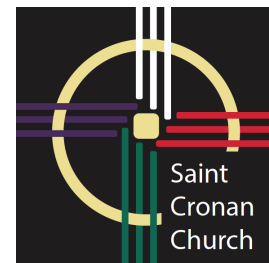
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St. Cronan Catholic Church

Holy Trinity Sunday

June 4, 2023

Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 p.m.

Wednesdays – 8:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.



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Annual Catholic Appeal: 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.**

SIGN TODAY TO GET EARNED SICK TIME... and raise the minimum wage to \$15 for Missouri workers. Along with a statewide coalition, St. Cronan as a member congregation of Metropolitan Congregations United is gathering signatures this weekend to put this initiative on the ballot in 2024 to give almost 1 in 4 Missouri families a raise over the next two years AND give Earned Sick Leave to over 200,000 Missouri workers. Many of them, including essential workers like nurses, childcare providers, food service, paramedics and EMT's lack access to any paid time off to care for themselves or family members, The MO Legislature prevented municipalities from increasing their minimum wage, so this is our response! Please stop at the table at the back of church to get more information and sign our petition.

On Saturday, June 10 and Sunday, June 11, the Archives committee will be presenting the second fifty years of our parish history through a series of posters. We will also be available for any comments or questions. Bill Blow and Al Sprehe.

Bulletin: Please submit all items for the weekly bulletin to mary@stcronan.org. you want your blurb in Monday Notes, too, please copy diane@stcronan.org. Bulletin deadline is Wednesday by noon.

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, June 16. Please join us!





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, and Jon Ebner nephew of Rocky Sieben & Ruth Hasser the Krueger Family and Nick Ambrose. *Please let the office staff know if your loved one should be removed from the prayer list.*

June's Ministry of the Month: Coffee and Donuts after the 10:00 am 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. Contact her at ofccomp17@gmail.com.



Second Collection: Sunday, June 4, is Cardinal Glennon Sunday. There will be a second collection to support the many children served by Cardinal Glennon Hospital. Additional information can be found at glennon.org/what-we-do/glennon-sunday/

Prayer Vigil: The state of Missouri is scheduled to execute Michael Tisius on June 6th. The Social Justice Committee is inviting parishioners to join in a prayer vigil at the prison in Bonne Terre. There is a bus leaving the Rigali center at 4:00 pm. on Tuesday, June 6th. Please call Marie Kenyon at 314-792-7062 to reserve a seat on the bus.

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!*

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!**

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.

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!

Gathering around the Altar: We are inviting people to gather around the Altar for the Consecration. We will begin at the 10:00 Mass, to see how things go, and then expand to the 5:00 and 8:00 Masses in the near future.

Here are the procedures:

- Everyone who comes to the Sanctuary must wear a mask (available in the back of church and on the stools up front) out of respect for Fr. Jack, who cannot be masked during the prayers
- Please come up just before the Preface ("The Lord be with you.." dialogue) and form a semi-circle behind the Altar, allowing room for the choir, and ending at the ends of the railings on either side so as not to block the rest of the congregation.
- You will return to your pews during the Sign of Peace

