



St. Cronan Catholic Church

June 7

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 am. and 10 am.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5 pm.

Wednesdays – 8 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.

Bulletin Deadline: Noon Tuesday



Administrators Wish List

Administrator's Wish List: Thanks so very much to those who have donated to the Wish List this year. There are still

several items on the list if you would like to donate. See the table in the vestibule of church for more details and how to participate. Please contact Mary in the church office if you have any questions.



St. Cronan Social Justice Book Club

Our June 14 book is "Building a Bridge: How the Catholic Church and the LGBT Community Can Enter into a Relationship of Respect, Compassion, and Sensitivity" by Fr. James Martin.

We will meet in the church office building meeting room after the 10am mass. Our July 12 book is "Lessons from the Edge: A Memoir" by Marie Yovanovitch. We invite you to join us in person or to simply read with us.

May 2026 Contributions

Thank You!

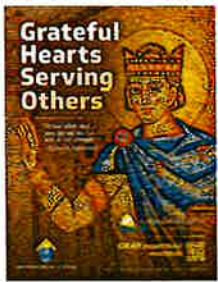
General Fund	\$28,772
Building Repair Fund	\$110
Food Pantry	\$4,315
Catholic Home Missions	\$50
St. Vincent de Paul	\$745
Uganda	\$155
Catholic Communications	\$25
Holy Land	\$210
Wish List	\$850



Prayers Please: Nick and Shirley Ambrose and Family; Elisabeth Byrne’s mom, Denise Siebold; Yvonne DeHart’s daughter, Cathy Hebert; Nancy Buck’s daughter, Jeanne Oberle; Trish Curtis’ sibling, Skip; Joe Fairless; Judith Santamaria, Leslie Conway; Madonna and Tom’s friend, 3-1/2 year old Juliette Braren; Jane Sykes; Mary Proot’s sister, Terry Jacks, and Mary’s son, Tim Proot; Madonna Kuciejczyk-Kernan; Ken Ladd; Fr. Gerry Kleba; Marie and Roland Martir’s daughter, Carrie; J.T. Fowler; Grace Mueller; Joe Kuciejczyk, brother of Madonna and Janet, and brother-in-law of Tom, Maria, daughter of Marci and Dominic Soda: Sr. Lynne Schmidt’s nephew, Brian Ahr; Teresa Beard’s son, Edward Burch; Ed Calcaterra, brother of Diane Calcaterra; Colleen Wallace’s cousins; Ruth Hasser; Katy and Dennis Rosolowski; Sandra Ward; Fr. Jerry Stookey’s brother, Tom; Cecilia Kelly; Sr. Leah Holzum: Pauline Boisselle, friend of Madonna Kuciejczyk-Kernan, Debbie Kowalski’s father, David Cobb, Neil O’Hallaron, Dorit’s husband, Nicholas Yost, great nephew of Charlene Zeni Connolly and John Gozdziński.

John Ross’s Celebration of Life: *We will celebrate Diane Gozdziński’s son-in-law and Cassie’s husband at a celebration on Saturday, June 13, starting at noon at the Lion’s Club in Valley Park, 1001 St Louis Ave, Valley Park, MO 63088. John will also be remembered with a Mass intention at the 10:00 Mass on Sunday, June 21 at St. Cronan.*

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 19. Please join us!



ACA: Thank you to all who have returned their pledge cards. If you haven’t yet, please return your ACA Pledge Card, even if you are unable to contribute. We need all cards returned. Cards can be placed in the collection basket, mailed or dropped off to the church office. If you did not receive a card, please contact Mary in the church office, or use a blank card on the table in the church vestibule. Once you have returned your card, be sure to put a cookie sticker in our cookie jar!

Please Join Us! On June 20, the Archdiocese of St. Louis, led by Archbishop Rozanski will hold the 5th Annual Forgive Us Our Tresses Maafa Prayer Service in downtown St. Louis to commemorate the approximately 2 million lives lost during the “Middle Passage” of the Atlantic slave Trade. Find out more at racialharmony.org/fuot or scan the QR Code.



Legacy Giving 101 Workshop



What impact do you want your giving to make on your favorite nonprofits—today, tomorrow, and for generations to come?

During this special presentation, **Sarah Wolk of Mosaic Wealth** will demystify legacy giving, from charitable trusts and donor-advised funds to IRA rollovers and gift annuities. You'll discover ways to maximize your charitable donations while taking advantage of valuable tax benefits and long-term planning opportunities.



Sarah Wolk, CFP
Mosaic Wealth
Guest Speaker

Tuesday, June 23, 2026, 12 p.m.
Light lunch will be served
Midtown Community Services
1202 S. Boyle, St. Louis



Scan the QR code to register or email
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Saint Cronan
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MO Scholars:

Help provide scholarships to students attending Catholic Schools! 100% tax credits are available to individuals and businesses. Participate in the MOScholars Program today. For more information contact Jeff Buchek at the Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation at 314-792-7621 or jeffbuchek@archstl.org, visit our website at <https://ttof-stl.org/moscholars/> or scan the QR code.



A BLACK HISTORY TOUR OF ST. LOUIS, a movie that has won national and international awards

will be shown at First Christian Church in Webster Groves, 10 W. Lockwood Ave. Webster Groves, MO 63119 on Sunday, June 14th at 3 pm. There will be a Q and A with the director Tony West, Gerry Kleba, our former pastor, and some cast members.

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.

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John 6:51-58; Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a

Today is referred to by the Church as *The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*. *This wording sounds so mystical, esoteric, doesn't it? Attempting to unearth the original intention of Jesus, in his sermon to his followers in today's passage, I ask, "What does it mean to eat the Bread of Life that Jesus speaks of?"*

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven;
whoever eats this bread will live forever;
and the bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world."

In our Catholic liturgies we speak of the transubstantiation of the bread and wine into the literal Body and Blood of Christ and not simply a symbolic representation or "memorial" as our Protestant brothers and sisters believe. But literalness is so difficult to comprehend and maybe it's not meant to be comprehended with our minds.

Perhaps this is why we've conceptualized receiving the Body and Blood of Christ in ceremonies where little girls process up to the altar in frilly white dresses and boys in finest white suits. With the authorization of Catholic Canon law, the act of receiving "communion" is exclusive and can serve as a barrier to actual human communion by barring those outside our tradition from receiving it. I can't help but wonder if, in fact, this is Jesus' Body and Blood, WWJD?

It seems to me that "eating" the Bread that is Jesus means much more than simply ingesting the host at Mass. Does it mean to consume and be consumed by the life of Jesus so that

we are completely in him and of him? That is *ingesting his words so that they become our words, his works so that they become our works? That we may become, spiritually, the Body of Christ lived in the flesh in this world, in the here and now.*

Today's first reading hints at the absolute reliance on God as our Bread of Life. ... "in order to show" us that it's "not by bread alone that one lives, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of the LORD." At Mass our reception of sacramental communion is confirmation that we are one in Jesus and Jesus lives on in us. Within the normalcy of our everyday lives, our primary mission is to be absorbed into, and become fully, the Body of Christ. We do this by consuming the word of God, dependent on it in a way that we feel at a complete loss and disconnect without it.

May we be afflicted with the hunger of the desert so that we may consume and be consumed by Jesus, in order to be his Body and Blood today.

- Cathy Hartrich

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