

Pastoral Reflection
Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 10, 2024

The Gospel today is striking because, at first glance, it seems that Jesus is *denying* salvation and forgiveness to anyone who blasphemes the Holy Spirit. This does not align with what we all know of God's all-encompassing forgiveness and love.

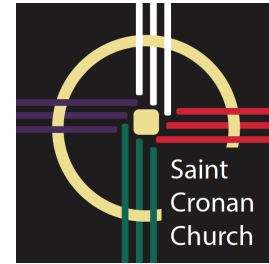
But if we look a little closer, this Gospel tells a different story. The Catechism states that "blaspheming against the Holy Spirit" refers to "anyone who deliberately refuses to accept [God's] mercy ... [and] rejects the forgiveness of [their] sins" (1864). It is not God's love and forgiveness that are limited, but our ability to receive them. But what could lead us to reject forgiveness, let alone *God's* forgiveness?

The answer is found in the first reading. God knows that Adam and Eve have eaten of the fruit when Adam *hides himself* from God, which shows that Adam now experiences shame. The "fruit" that was taken in, the knowledge of good and evil, meant that *humans* began to split things into categories of "good" and "evil." We feel deep shame when we learn to label

parts of ourselves as bad or evil, and we psychologically split these parts off from our sense of self because they are too painful to identify with—we try to hide them away, as Adam does in the garden, or we project them onto others.

To accept forgiveness, we must face these parts of ourselves we have labelled evil. Sometimes this is too painful because we are too ashamed. But in rejecting these parts of ourselves, in labelling them as "evil" and disowning them, we reject God's never-ending offer of forgiveness and love.

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Mass Information

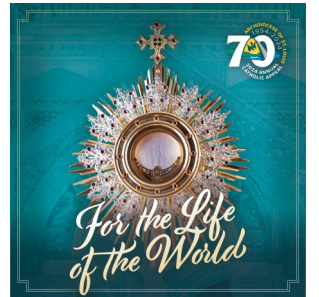
SUNDAY – 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 pm.

Wednesdays – 8:00 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.

ACA Pledge Cards: Please turn in your ACA Pledge cards. Please drop your card in the collection basket or return to the church office. Even if you can't pledge, we still need your card sent in. If pledging online, please click "St. Cronan" in the drop down menu so we get credit for your pledge. We have a goal of \$24,500 to meet and we can't get there without your pledge. Contact Mary in the church office with any questions mary@stcronan.org The winner of the \$50 Target Gift Card was Sr. Janet Kuciejczyk! Congrats!



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Bulletin Deadline: WED 12 noon



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



Prayers : John Gozdziński, Tom and Madonna Kuciejczyk-Kernan, Joseph Kuciejczyk (brother of Madonna and Sr. Janet), Nick 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, Daimeyn Ward (Sandra's son) and Dianne Anderson (Sandra Ward's sister) Sr. Mary Ellen (friend of Nick Ambrose) , Jim Chapin (friend of Marty Spies), Judy Varias's husband Gene Krebs, Bob Wiley, Tim Herzel, Pam Schaefer, Shirley Ambrose, 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; and Andrew Moll's brother, Michael, Mary Ward.

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!



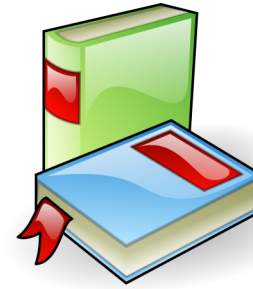
Children's Faith Formation is winding down for this year. We will resume classes at the end of August. If you have a child aged K-8 and would like to participate in our CFF community to help your child grow in faith, please fill out the attached form. We are revamping the program this summer, and will provide more details soon. If you have any questions, please contact Diane diane@stcronan.org

June is gun violence awareness month.

Gun violence devastates individuals, families, and communities in the United States and the St. Louis Archdiocese.

Wear Orange is a movement to honor victims and survivors of gun violence and to raise awareness of the impact of gun violence, which began in 2013 by friends of Hadiya Pendleton. Hadiya marched in President Obama's second inaugural parade. One week later, she was shot and killed on a playground in Chicago. Soon after this tragedy, Hadiya's friends commemorated her life by wearing orange, the color hunters wear in the woods to protect themselves and others.

As we hear in today's Gospel, "...if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand." So, instead, let us stand together in solidarity this weekend with many Americans who wear orange in tribute to more than 43,000 Americans killed with guns and 76,000 more shot and wounded each year.



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.

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.



Krispy Kreme Donuts: Our Krispy Kreme Digital Dozens fundraising campaign has ended and we raised \$300.00 for St. Cronan Church. Congratulations! Thank you to everyone who took part in this fundraiser! Enjoy your donuts!

Mission Appeal: Please welcome from Ghana, Fr. Paul Kala from the Missionary Society of St. Theresa of the Little Flower (STYDEC) also known as the Theresian Fathers. Fr. Paul will be here this weekend to share his story and ministry with you through this year's Mission Appeal. There are two main projects for the course of this Mission Appeal; one is to drill 4 wells (boreholes) in 4 communities to provide clean drinking water for the children and their families. The second one is to provide one nutritious meal a day for the over 180 kids they work with in an after-school program in northern Ghana. It costs \$8,200 to construct one well and a budget of \$25,000/yr to feed the children. All funds from this Mission Appeal in your parish will go directly to these two causes. In order to realize these goals, they count on your generosity.

May 2024 contributions	
General Fund	\$16,475.00
Building Repair Fund	\$170.00
Cardinal Glennon	\$60.00
Catholic Communications	\$70.00
Food Pantry	\$855.00
Cath. Home Missions	\$640.00
Shirt Fundraiser	\$255.00
Peter's Pence	\$25.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$525.00
Uganda	\$55.00