



St. Cronan Catholic Church
July 19, 2026
**16th Sunday of
Ordinary Time**



Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 am. and 10 am.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5 pm.

Wednesdays – 8 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.

Bulletin Deadline: Noon Tuesday

St. Cronan Social Justice Book Club

Our August 10 book is *Technofeudalism: What Killed Capitalism* by Yanis Varoufakis. We will meet in the church office building meeting room after the 10am mass. Looking ahead to September, our book will be *Struck Down, Not Destroyed: Keeping the Faith as a Vatican Reporter* by Colleen Dulle. If you aren't able to attend, please read along with us.



Christmas in July: We are again collecting school supplies



**Christmas
in July**

for St. Cecilia School and Academy and St. Louis Catholic Academy. Beginning July 4, please take an ornament from the Christmas Tree in the church vestibule and purchase the items listed, then return them to church by July 26. Items can also be brought to the church office during the week.



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, Katy and Dennis Rosolowski; Sandra Ward; Fr. Jerry Stookey's brother, Tom; Cecilia Kelly; Sr. Leah Holzum; Debbie Kowalski's father, David Cobb; Neil O'Hallaron, Doritt's husband; Nicholas Yost, great-nephew of Charlene Zeni Connolly; Irma Forbes; Sr. Janet Kuciejczyk.



Attention families! If you have children--from newborn up through teenage--and are interested in getting together to talk about religious formation and education ideas for your family, please go online and fill out this form at <https://cutt.ly/family-rel-ed>. We've tentatively scheduled an introductory discussion for Sunday, August 16th at coffee and donuts, but are flexible if that date doesn't work for folks! Feel free too to seek Diane or Johnny out and share with us any input, questions or ideas!

Fair Trade Coffee: We are ordering Fair Trade coffee for Sunday mornings. If we order in bulk, we get a cut on shipping. If you care to order some coffee and add to the Cronan order, please contact Al Sprehe and give him your order. 314-607-7188. Order forms are located in the church vestibule. We will have the coffee at Church or in the office for pick up. Make checks payable to St. Cronan and write "coffee" on the memo line.



Our Newest Member:

Dennis Kempf

Immigrant and Refugee Ministry: Thank you to all who donated to the Immigrant and Refugee Ministry special collection last month. Your generosity is overwhelming. You can always give to the IRM by using the envelopes in the vestibule of church, using the designated envelope in your monthly packet or by donating on line at <https://stcronan.org/>. Click on DONATE then open the drop down menu and click on SPECIAL. Enter IRM in the notes. Make checks out to ST. CRO-NAN. Thank you!

We are looking for a few volunteers to help up with our once a month home delivery service to get much needed food to our homebound clients. If you are interested in helping out on a regular basis (**one time a month**) please call Mary Solomon @ 314-494-5865.



Database updates: We are in the process of updating our database of church membership. If you are a registered member and would like to have a family photo included in our online directory, please send it to mary@stcronan.org. In addition, if you have had any changes in the last year to your phone number, address, email, etc. please send those changes to Mary, as well.

Have you been attending Mass at St. Cronan, but have not yet registered as a MEMBER? You can officially join the Cronan Community by filling out a registration form from the church website: <https://stcronan.org/resources> or by contacting the church office. We would be happy to email you a form. Thank you.

WILLS: Please remember Saint Cronan Church in your will. Our official title is St. Cronan Catholic Church-1202 South Boyle Ave.- St. Louis, MO 63110. Our Federal I.D.# 43-0653457

Public Prayer and Witness to **STAND WITH MIGRANTS**



AUGUST 15, 2026

ROSARY 9 AM | PUBLIC PRAYER 10 AM

MISSOURI STATE CAPITOL ROTUNDA

Bishop Ralph B. O'Donnell warmly invites the faithful and all those who wish to come together in prayerful solidarity and support for migrants, immigrants, and refugees.

**BUS LEAVES AT
7 AM
REGISTER HERE**



Jefferson City

For further information, please contact Marie Kenyon



Catholic Charities
of Central and Northern Missouri

(314) 792 - 7062



ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS
Immigration Task Force

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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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At the end of last week's Gospel, Jesus tells us "Whoever has ears ought to hear." This week, Jesus continues to talk to the people by the sea in parables, again with references to seeds and weeds. Fr. Jack has often counseled us to look for the "twists" in the parables, because this is where Jesus makes his point and frustrates the scribes and pharisees in the telling. I believe the twist in the parable of the field owner who finds weeds growing up with the wheat is that the owner leaves the weeds until the wheat is ready to be harvested. I'm no farmer, nor am I even a gardener, but I've heard many gardeners talk about "weeding" and getting rid of "volunteers" – plants that grow that are not a part of the crop, almost daily and at least weekly. Yet this farmer is content to let the weeds grow right along with the wheat. Of course in the end, the weeds are separated from the wheat and are burned, while the wheat that is harvested is saved. Jesus tells his followers that this symbolizes the end of the world, when the angels separate the "good" from the "bad".

The parable of the mustard seed is another example of a "twist." Jewish gardeners did not like to plant mustard seeds because of their twisty vines and the ability of mustard bush to take over too much land.

Yet, Jesus uses it to represent his small band of disciples who will grow a Universal Church. The yeast leavening the bread brings life to the old flour, just as Jesus' words brought life to the old teachings.

God's ways are not our ways. I think that is obvious, especially in the first parable. The oth-

er readings today talk of God as merciful and kind, slow to anger, and admonishes God's just followers to be the same. God even sends the Spirit to intercede for us and allow us to repent, so as to grow closer to God.

I find today's lessons some of the hardest to follow. They get right to the point to "love your enemies." Those weeds growing with the wheat (whoever *they* are) are really hard to take, and we want to admonish them and get them out of *our* garden. All of the turmoil and strife in the world is caused by *others*, and we in our justice want to weed them out now! But that is not God's way, is it? We must sow justice, but with kindness and mercy. Kind of hard to do when we see injustice wherever we look. We need to rely on the Holy Spirit to keep us merciful – to guide our justice and temper it with kindness and mercy – even for those we might deem as unjust.

—Diane Gozdziński

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"Democracy is the only system that persists in asking the powers that be whether they are the powers that ought to be." - Sydney J. Harris

The election ending on August 4, though it's a Primary Election, is very important.

What's on the ballot? You can choose candidates for our Congressional Representative, our State Auditor, your area's MO State Representative, our MO State Senator, our City Collector of Revenue, License Collector and Recorder of Deeds. The League of Women Voters does not take positions on these partisan contests. Do your own research to see who deserves your trust in these positions.

What else is on the ballot? Permanent statewide Amendments may have a greater and longer lasting effect on Democracy in MO than elected officials.

Amendment 1: This continues the statewide sales tax that is used for conservation and our state parks. This is one penny on every \$10 you spend.

Amendment 2: Requires each county to elect an assessor—doesn't apply in St Louis, but in Jackson County.

Amendment 4: Makes it more difficult for Missourians to express their will using the Initiative Petition process. In the past decade we voted for a minimum wage and just overtime/sick pay, expanding Medicaid, ethics standards on lobbying and campaign spending in the legislature, and right to work when the majority of our elected legislators opposed these measures. These legislators want to further limit citizens' ability to enact laws that we believe will be good for most people. **VOTE NO.**

Amendment 5: Will gradually phase out MO Income Tax at the same time that Sales Taxes will need to grow to fund the Missouri Budget. Also allows new sales taxes to be put on

things we've never paid sales tax on before. People with high incomes can save and invest their money without having it taxed. Lower income people use every last penny to buy necessities which will be taxed at ever higher rates. Instead of a 6% tax on laundry detergent or a package of socks, we may be paying 20%. **VOTE NO.**

What should voters do next?

Check your voter registration, your picture ID and polling locations (if voting before Aug 4.) Study and discuss the issues and encourage friends to vote, too.

What are the important deadlines?

- **W, July 8** Deadline to register for August 4 Primary election.
- **T, July 21** No-excuse in-person absentee voting opens. (At City Board of Elections and these public libraries: Buder, Carpenter, Davis, Schlafly and Walnut Park. Hours vary. Closed Sundays.)
- **Th, July 22** Deadline to request a mail-in absentee ballot.
- **M, August 3** Last day for in-person absentee voting.
- **T, August 4** Election Day: Polls open 6 AM–7 PM. (In line by 7 PM? You can vote--stay in line.)

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

St. Louis City Board of Elections: 314-622-4336

St. Louis County Board of Elections: 314-615-1800

Need a ride to the polls? Call The A. Phillip Randolph Institute: 314-562-0411.

REGISTER—LEARN THE ISSUES—MAKE A PLAN—CAST YOUR VOTE

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: We have a table at the South City YMCA on several dates to inform voters – materials will be provided by the League of Women Voters. If you can help at the tables, please go to Sign Up Genius and sign up with the link or the QR code.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084BAFAF23A0F49-64752613-voter>

