

Pastoral Reflection

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 2, 2023

Today we have that delightful story of the Shunammite Woman, who gets to know the prophet, Elisha, through his occasional visits to the family home and then proposes to her husband that they expand their home to build a room onto it so that there is a place for him to stay longer when he comes through town. He rewards them by blessing them with a son. And the reward not mentioned in the Scripture story, is that through their support, they also become part of his ministry.

I think of this story when I see what so many are doing for God's people, things that I don't have the time, the energy, or the courage to do. As I think about the Shunammite woman, I realize that I may not be able to do what all those people do, but I can find smaller ways to contribute to and support their work, make it easier for them, and become a part of it in a small way. Maybe my "room on the house for Elisha" could be just one day of delivering furniture for Dorothy Lucey, contributing clothing or furniture or appliances for her to give away, or furnishing supplies for the Assissi Houses. I might not be able to apply to take over the food pantry ministry, but I could bring some food they don't get often. There are the t-shirts and water bottles for the summer camp, the meals for those who



need them for a few weeks, the contributions to the Annual Catholic Appeal that helps so many in the name of the larger Church. And then I think of this community, our little now "church" or "chapel" and how many of its members are doing things like this and I wonder how many "rooms for Elisha" we have built together onto our "house" of ministries by the outreach we constantly invite each other to do and keep doing. According to the Archbishop's letter to us, it's part of what has kept us intact, standing alone, unmerged, and open as we move forward with All Things New. We, too, like

the Shunammite woman, have been blessed by our countless small shares in the ministry opportunities around us.

—Sister Chabanel Mathison, O.S.U.

Parish Center Offices

Mon-Fri 9am-3pm
Phone: (314) 289-9384

Pastor: Fr. Jack Schuler

jschuler@stcronan.org

Pastoral Associate: Diane Gozdziwski

diane@stcronan.org

Pastoral Administrator: Mary Ward

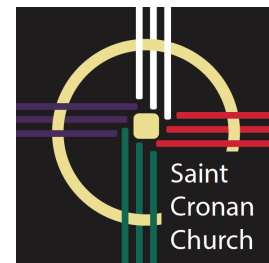
mary@stcronan.org

Music Director: David Dickey

Food Pantry Director: Kathy Hunn

(314) 533-0651
kathyfoodpantry@gmail.com

Bulletin Deadline: Wed 12 noon



St. Cronan Catholic Church

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 1/2, 2023

Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 a.m. and 10 am.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 pm.

Wednesdays – 8:00 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.

**The church office will be closed, Tuesday, July 4,
in observance of Independence Day**



Annual Catholic Appeal: Thank You to all who have returned your ACA pledge cards. If you have not done so, 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.**



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, July 21. Please join us!

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!*



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 Gozdziński; 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; Jon Ebner, nephew of Rocky Sieben and Ruth Hasser; the Krueger family; Nick Ambrose; Betty Newberry; Marty Spies; Donate, Mary Proot's daughter-in-law's mother in Germany; Patrick Mooney's partner, Greg; Dede Coughlin; Judith Santamaria; Rocky Sieben's father; Nick Ambrose's friend, John. *Please let the office staff know if your loved one should be removed from the prayer list.*

Please keep the Grove Neighborhood in your prayers as the residents, families and victims recover from violence in the area this past week.

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! Deadline for registration is July 15.



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.

Adult Faith Opportunities: Are you interested in increasing your own faith, now that we are back in community? Here are some ideas in which we could come together to get to know each other better and invite new folks to join us, whether they attend St. Cronan or not. It will also be a way for those people attending different Mass times to get to know each other. There has been some discussion about offering some Adult Faith Opportunities through St. Cronan. Suggested topics and formats are listed below. Contact Diane for links to the online surveys for the various topics or use the URLs below:

- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7JJJWBT> (Bible Study)
- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7JTSMVV> (Small Communities)
- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TJHX7TJ> (Adult Faith on Tap)
- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7JGLVLP> (Adult Faith Classes)
- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TQ7DNPM> (JustFaith Session)
- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TQDS2LL> (Month of Guided Prayer Retreat)



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!

The yearly Administrator's Wish List is included in the bulletin.

This year's wish list is a little later than normal, due to All Things New. Now that we can make a sigh of relief...it's time to reach out again to the St. Cronan Family and ask for your help with a few items that fall outside of our regular budget. Please feel free to reach out to Mary with any questions. 314-289-9384 or mary@stcronan.org. If you wish to make a donation toward any of the items on my Wish List, please notate on your check or envelope that your gift is for the "Wish List". If you would like your gift to go towards any item specifically, please notate that, as well. Just drop in the collection basket or mail to the church office. You can also contribute online by following this link <http://stcronan.org/45.html>. Your generosity in the past has been amazing! Thank you in advance for your help and support with this year's "Wish List"! *See the poster in the back of church for more info, and donation envelopes.*



Addressing Gun Violence: Promoting a Culture of Life, July 29, 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Cardinal Rigali Center. Further information is available on the link. Registration is now open: <https://www.archstl.org/addressing-gun-violence>