

# 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time July 20, 2025

*How could we sing a song of our God in a foreign land?*

Lately these words from Psalm 137 keep playing in my mind. The world we are living in now seems very foreign, even unrecognizable.

The readings for this Sunday liturgy magnify this awareness for me. Abraham and Sarah welcome the three men standing by their tent. The men are invited to wash their feet and then be refreshed with a scrumptious meal. Hospitality is a rule of the desert, and the men are welcomed as fellow travelers on this earth.

The story from the community of Luke also features hospitality. Jesus came to the home of Martha and Mary, unusual for a male guest to be welcomed without another man present in the home. Each woman offers hospitality in her own way. Martha prepares the table, and Mary listens to their guest, like a rabbi in training. Some Scripture scholars suggest this story is a reference to Eucharist in early house churches where women were the hosts for the community that gathered. Martha prepared and served the meal that accompanied the Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup. Mary prepared the Word, a central ministry for a fledgling religious movement that included many couples and individuals who shared the Word as they did business throughout the Roman Empire.

Martha requests that Jesus ask Mary to join her in her role of service, of diakonia. Jesus recognizes all the work she is doing and affirms her. He recognizes her gifts.

He also recognizes Mary's gifts and affirms that she too has chosen a good part (more accurate translation than "better part"). Both of their gifts offer hospitality, eucharist, in the community.

Eucharist means thanksgiving and hospitality. These readings offer a sharp contrast to what is happening in our country today. The racism, cruelty, lack of respect for the humanity of others, the expressed hatred and division – all of these are a jarring contrast to the Scriptures we hear today. *How could we sing a song of our God in a foreign land?* The challenge is clear. Now is the time to sing our song, each voice different and blending into a common song. Each action, no matter how small, contributes to the hospitality that is core to our living eucharist each day. No matter what the day brings – give us **this day** our daily bread and our song for **this day**.

—Lynne Schmidt, SSND

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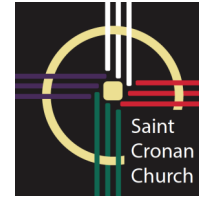
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## Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 am. and 10 am.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 pm.

Wednesdays – 8:00 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.

**Bulletin Deadline: Noon Tuesday**

## Food Distribution to Immigrants: SUMMER FOOD SHARING

We've developed a plan for the summer months to share out blessings with our immigrant neighbors. August 2, we will do a big distribution to 25+ families. We will need volunteers to pack the bags (at 10am) and 7 or 8 pairs of volunteers to deliver the food (11:15am). Here is the link for the Sign-Up Genius:

<https://cutt.ly/immigrant-food-distribution>

Select the date and job you want, when you click it will say "selected" at the bottom of the page, click on "select and continue". Fill in your information and click on "save." You may not be able to help on Saturdays, but you might be able to toss something extra into your grocery cart and bring to church on Sunday. There will be bins in the vestibule of church for your donations. **HERE ARE MONTHLY ITEMS WE NEED:** 48 oz Cooking oil, 4 rolls toilet paper, Dishwashing liquid, Laundry soap—not pods Reusable grocery bags, DIAPERS, SIZES 3 THRU 6.



**Christmas in July: It's the final week to drop off your supplies for St. Cecilia School and Academy and St. Louis Catholic Academy. Please take an ornament and purchase the items listed, then return them by July 26. See flyer in church vestibule.**



**Prayers Please:** Nick and Shirley Ambrose and Family; Elisabeth Byrne's mom, Denise Siebold; Joe Connolly; Yvonne DeHart's daughter, Cathy Hebert; Nancy Buck's daughter, Jeanne Oberle; Trish Curtis' siblings, Skip, Teree, and Ray; Joe Fairless; Sr. Cathy Doherty's friends, Lina Tackas and Tim; Robert Barnicle; Judith Santamaria; Madonna Kuciejczyk-Kernan; Leslie Conway; 3 1/2 year old Juliette Braren and her family; the School Sisters of Notre Dame in Old Fangak, South Sudan, who survived a bomb attack and the citizens of that village; Jane Sykes and Nancy Buck's granddaughter, Danielle Oliveros; Mary Proot's sister, Terry Jacks; Tim Proot; all the victims of the St. Louis tornado; Sr. Barb Schlatter; Ken Ladd and Drew Dean, nephew of Barry Buchek.

*Eileen Rehg, mother-in-law of Bill Miller, died in May after a long illness. Family, friends, and relatives are gathering for a funeral mass on Friday, July 25th, at 9 a.m., at St. Francis Xavier College Church. Eileen and her late husband, Virgil, were members of St. Cronan for a couple of years (just before COVID) when they moved to Indianapolis to be near their daughter, Carolyn, and her family. The family invites anyone interested to join us for the funeral mass on the 25th.*



#### Accompaniment Program Coordinator

The Immigrant & Refugee Ministry is seeking a part-time coordinator to manage the Accompaniment Program by organizing and training volunteer teams to attend government appointments (i.e. ISAP, ICE) with immigrants. This is a 20 hour/week position. Bilingual English/Spanish required. The Accompaniment Program is a way to walk with immigrants and show support and solidarity as they go through their immigration process.

Apply here: <https://careers.archstl.org/job/St-Louis-Accompaniment-Coordinator%2C-Immigrant-&-Refugee-Ministry-MO-63118-1002/1301905400/>



**It's Back! The Football Raffle Fundraiser.** Beginning today, you can purchase your football raffle ticket for \$25. Each week during football season tickets are drawn for cash prizes. St. Cronan has been very lucky in the past and has had some big winners! See a member of the fundraising committee after each mass to get your raffle ticket. Make your check out to **St. John's Church**. St. Cronan receives proceeds from each ticket sold. The last day to purchase your ticket is *Aug. 24*. See flyer in the vestibule.

**From your Welcome/Hospitality Committee:** A big thank you to ALL of us who are welcoming newcomers to masses; Mary Ward who keeps us churning with packets, cards, name tags, and registering new members; the greeters Elisabeth Byrne, Tricia Goldman, Sr. Janet, Judy Varias, and Erin O'Connell who each take Sundays (15 minute commitment) at the 10 am mass. Consider joining in our charism, a big part of our welcoming mission at St. Cronan. We also offer the coffee and donuts on the 3rd Sunday and could use help. Contact Christine Lakey at 314-239-2204 with questions.

#### WELCOMING & MEMBERSHIP

**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, August 15. Please join us!



*Our Newest Members:*  
**Grace Mueller**

Immigration Task Force of the Archdiocese of St. Louis

**Support DACA Recipients to raise funds for refiling fees**

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER  
FILLED WITH LIVE MUSIC, DINNER, AND A SILENT AUCTION!  
ENTRY FEE \$25

**JULY 26TH, 2025**  
4pm-6pm  
20 ARCHBISHOP MAY DR.  
ST. LOUIS, MO, 63119

"The dream continues to inspire us all... and America continues to be for many the land of dreams."  
Pope Francis

**A Black History Tour of St. Louis.** The moment we have been waiting for has arrived. Tickets for "A Black History Tour of St. Louis" are available now  
<https://festivals.cinemastlouis.org/showcase2025/6548-2/>, showing July 27th at 3pm. Website for the trailer <https://www.ablackhistorytour.com>.

#### 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.

*For the full land acknowledgment, visit [stcronan.org](http://stcronan.org).*