

Pastoral Reflection
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July, 21 2024

"Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture, says our God" (Jer. 23:1). This is the first line of our Sunday scripture.

It seems to me that that that is part of the theme politicians are pushing this past week i.e. deport and de-humanize. The immigration rhetoric is fraught with lies that "mislead" and put targets on migrants, documented and undocumented. If these false shepherds get their way families will be "scattered" and shattered. Profiling will abound. The sending of guardsmen from Missouri to the Border is "show-boating". And the foolish talk coming from some of our Missouri leaders about guarding against "a migrant invasion" is so ludicrous. It just incites more hate and fear. Where are the legislative Pro-Lifers who say they respect life?! It seems to me that they worship their office and will do most anything to be elected. There seems to be a double standard i.e. it is okay to disparage certain groups of people as long as it helps when to be elected.

The other target this past week was the LGBTQIA community, especially trans persons. Since the overturning of Woe vs Wade some needed to come up with another group of scapegoats. When will the Gospel be heard and heeded. "Whatever you do to the least of these you do to me" (Mt. 25:40).

Thankfully we have a St. Cronan community that does care. May we help to shepherd those who are being scattered and demeaned so that "they need no longer fear and tremble" (Jer. 23:4). As we gather and are nourished by the Body of Christ and by the bodies of Christ may we recognize where God is sending us and how we can be apart of that healing process that the God-Shepherd initiates. Thank you for your genuine expression of hospitality and inclusion. Since we are all sinners may we always go forth humbly. You all inspire me!

Fr. Jack (he/him)

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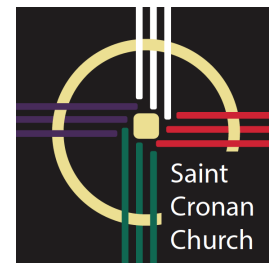
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Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 a.m. and 10 am.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 pm.

Wednesdays – 8:00 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.



Children's Faith Formation We are in the process of revamping the program to provide more instruction and less weekend meetings. As soon as it is finalized, I will share it with parents and teachers from last year and next week will provide the description to those interested in enrolling their children. In the meantime, if you have questions please contact Diane: diane@stcronan.org, (314) 941-4933



Calling All Catholic Artists The 3rd Annual Catholic Art Festival in St. Louis will be held in September. The festival is accepting visual artist applications now through July 27th. The application can be found at www.catholicartfest.com.

Christmas in July!



This summer, you are invited to participate in a School Adoption Program runs through July 27/28. We will invite you to take an ornament from the Christmas tree which will be in the church foyer. The items listed on each ornament are supplies needed for students and teachers at St. Louis Catholic Academy and St. Cecilia School & Academy.



Prayers : John Gozdziński, Tom and Madonna Kuciejczyk-Kernan, Joseph Kuciejczyk (brother of Madonna and Sr. Janet), Nick and Shirley Ambrose, Kathy Hunn's niece Lisa and her brother Jon, Mary Truetken, Pam (cousin of Donna Zuroweste), Laura Krueger's mother, Evelyn Puleo, Marie and Roland Martir's grandson, Camden and daughter, Carrie; Sr. Pauline's niece; Laura Rettke, John Nauhm, Bob Barnicle, Sandra Ward's family and her friend; Anita, Sr. Mary Ellen (friend of Nick Ambrose), Jim Chapin (friend of Marty Spies), Bob Wiley, Pam Schaefer, 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; Andrew Moll's brother, Michael, Donna Zuroweste, Saralou Henderson and Jesse Koenig; friend of Mary Solomon.

Gary W. Johnson (brother-in-law of Madonna, Tom, and Sr. Janet Kuciejczyk) passed away last wee. Please keep his family in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto him, O God.

Our Mass Intention for Sunday 8am Mass is Andrew Wimmer

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BEER & BITS: Join the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet for a social event featuring local craft beers and tasty pub foods to benefit our mission and ministries. Enjoy ...A variety of beers from local craft breweries: Wellspent Brewing Company and Civil Life Brewing Co., tasty pub foods and meet the brew masters and learn about craft brewing.

Tours of the historic motherhouse will also be available. \$40 per person (Over 21 please) Aug. 10 from 6-8pm Questions? Contact Stephanie Betts at sbetts@csj.org or 314-678-0328. To register: <https://csjcarondelet.org/event/beer-bites/>

Church Envelopes: If you are receiving a monthly packet of church envelopes, and wish to discontinue them, please let Mary in the church office know. mary@stcronan.org Thanks!!

You're Fruited!

Pancake Brunch at City Greens!

When: Sunday, July 28, 11am-1pm

**Where: City Greens Market
4260 Manchester Avenue**

What: Enjoy complimentary pancakes + smoothies and connect with local farmers!

Who: St. Cronan and friends of City Greens

Questions: jackie@stlcitygreens.org

STL Black History Tours are planned for the following dates: July 27, Aug. 24, Sept. 21 and Oct. 19 To sign-up email the tour date, your name, email address, and phone number to Paul Loida at the email address below.



The group will meet at St Cronan Catholic Church at 9:45 AM and bus will return to St Cronan at 1 PM. There will be an optional brown bag lunch and discussion following, for those interested. For mor info contact Paul Loida. paul.loida@bayer.com

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, Aug. 16. Please join us!

Livestreaming: We are still looking for more folks to step forward to help with the livestreaming ministry. Livestreaming the mass is simple, and helps those who are in need of attending Mass remotely. We will soon have an upgraded system that will enhance the worship experience for both the in-church and re-

mote church-goers. Questions? Contact Diane at (314) 941-4933 or diane@stcronan.org

Ministries at St. Cronan: The list of St. Cronan ministries can be found on our website <https://stcronan.org/community> The list includes contact persons for each ministry. If your group has any open meetings that you would like to publish, please have the details to Mary by noon on Wednesday for the bulletin, and to Diane by 9am Monday morning for Monday Notes. We will also add your meeting to the website calendar.