

Pastoral Reflection
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July, 7 2024

The most surprising element of this weekend's Gospel from Mark is the mention that Jesus "was not able to perform any mighty deeds" in his hometown, aside from curing some sick individuals.

I was always told Jesus could do anything He wanted through the power of God, but here the lack of faith of his old neighbors affects his abilities. What kind of Messiah is this?

If we pay attention, we notice that when Jesus heals people, he often says "your faith has saved you," or similar phrasing. Drove line up for Jesus' healing—what's not mentioned are the sick people who stay at home, not believing that Jesus could really help their situations.

As a person who has much doubt about my faith, it is a tough pill to swallow hearing that this means I am missing out; If I had more faith, I could experience more of Jesus's healing and power to do good works in the world. Yet I have felt myself scared and unwilling to do good for others. I'm concerned I'll be judged or questioned. I have seen myself overthink things from the privacy and comfort of my home rather than ask Jesus to help me trust and be His hands and mouth and ears out in the world.

It is easy for any of us to be unbelieving with such an onslaught of stimulation and media close to us in our handheld and

home devices. It is easy for it to poison the soil of our spirit so that the seeds Jesus tries to plant in us struggle to sprout.

Jesus' good work towards people is not a one-way street, nor a simple fixing of problems. Jesus is a gardener planting seeds that can yield much fruit. But without the fertile soil, from where will the fruit appear?

Let us ask God to take our dry or rotten dirt and replace it with a nutrient-rich soil that can retain Jesus' words and lead to life-bringing actions. For just as the plant requires good soil, love requires a relationship.

—Justin Lorenz

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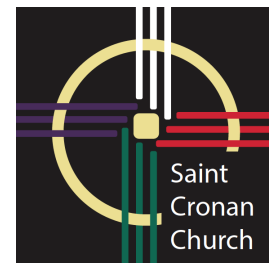
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Bulletin Deadline: WED 12 noon



St. Cronan Catholic Church
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 7, 2024

Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 a.m. and 10 am.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 pm.

Wednesdays – 8:00 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.



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

Watch the bulletin and Monday Notes for further details

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, July 19 Please join us!

This summer, you are invited to participate in a School Adoption Program from June 29/30 – 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, 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, Daimen Ward (Sandra's son) and Dianne Anderson (Sandra Ward's sister) 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.

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.

June 2024 Contributions	
Thank You!	
General Fund	\$22,194.00
Building Repair Fund	\$125.00
Cardinal Glennon	\$866.00
Mission Co-Op	\$795.00
Food Pantry	\$760.00
Mission Appeal	\$1701.00
Fundraisers	\$913.00
Peter's Pence	\$327.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$315.00
Uganda	\$55.00



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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!

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!!

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/>

Catholic Charities invites Young Adults, ages 21+, to a Midsummer Mingle fundraising event in support of the Spirit of Saint Nicholas Ball benefiting Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis on Saturday July 20th from 6PM - 11PM at Grant's Farm. There will be appetizers, open bar, music & dancing, raffles & prizes. Semi-Formal Attire. Ticket Prices: \$65. To purchase tickets or for more information, visit <https://ccpystnick24.givesmart.com>.

You're Invited!

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