

Pastoral Reflection

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 9, 2023

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus tells us that God has “hidden these things from the wise and the learned” and “revealed them to little ones.” The “things” he refers to could be interpreted as trust in God and understanding of one’s need for God.

In my time in L’Arche, friends with pronounced abilities outside of their cognitive/mental capacity frequently have a natural ability to give their concerns and worries to God so they can be present to God’s love surrounding them, and then offer that love to others. I easily think of two individuals who have a genuine way of expressing gratitude to those who assist them in providing something as simple as a ten-minute drive to their job or activity--it is a focused statement, not one made while staring at a phone or thinking about the next thing.

Needing others is an obvious part of life, so needing God innately makes more sense. For me, my ability to work for wages, budget and pay for my basic needs, and get around in my car leads me to forget how dependent I am on God to: inspire the invention of, and building of, vehicles I use, to bring rain and sun that grow the foods and animals I eat, to allow people to do their jobs like maintaining roads, delivering produce, engineering water treatment and electric grids, passing and enforcing laws that promote safety,



educating our children... The list is endless. Luckily, spiritual growth and mastery is attainable to anyone, and not even especially by the wise and the learned, like the Pharisees of Jesus’ time. To find ourselves first among those of God’s kingdom, we aren’t likely to be successful by the world’s standards. Let us seek authentic gratitude and humility regarding the ways we need God, like those I’ve gotten to know in L’Arche, by acknowledging the contributions of all who/that labor for the care of creation, from the scientist experimenting on sustainable practices, to the wrinkly great grandmother sitting telling stories to her grandkids, to the bees hovering around wildflowers, pollinating them.

--Justin Lorenz

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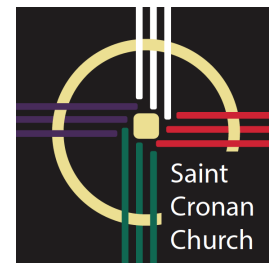
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Bulletin Deadline: Wed 12 noon



St. Cronan Catholic Church

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Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 pm.

Wednesdays – 8:00 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.



Annual Catholic Appeal: We are in need of 5 new donors to the ACA in order to meet our goal. Any new ACA donation will count...\$5, \$10...whatever you can give. The last day to pledge for the 2023 ACA is Aug. 15...so time is running out.

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!

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>

Coffee and Donuts Help needed! We are in need of a hospitality team for the fourth Sunday of the month, as Henry and Kay Schmitt, who have done such a great job, need to retire. We thank them for their tireless work. You would sign up for a week or to help another team set up, serve, and/or clean up before or after mass. Give 15 minutes or a few hours. Maggie Hart-Mahon leads this Ministry and will be glad to give you details. *Contact Maggie at ofccomp17@gmail.com.*



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 Gozdziwski; 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; 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; Mary Proot's daughter-in-law's mother in Germany; Dede Coughlin; Judith Santamaria; Rocky Sieben's father; Nick Ambrose's friend, John.

Greg Lyon, partner of Patrick Mooney, died this week from injuries sustained in a fall. Please pray for Patrick and Greg's family.

Vida Jones, Quincy's dear wife, passed away this week. Please keep the family in your prayers. The funeral will take place at St. Cronan on July 15 at 11am. Quincy is director of the Men's Club of MidTown and takes care of the lawn at St. Cronan.



Christmas in July Christmas will come early this year at St. Cronan. This summer, you are invited to participate in a School Adoption Program from July 15 – August 14. We invite you to take an ornament from the Christmas tree 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.

- St. Cecilia School & Academy is 92% Hispanic and St. Louis Catholic Academy is 99% African American
- 100% of the students receive need-based tuition assistance. Each family is required to make a financial investment in their child's education
- 100% of our graduates are accepted into college prep high schools
- 99% graduate from high schools compared to 89 % of Missouri students

The adoption process involves – picking an ornament off the tree, purchasing the items listed, and then returning the items in the foyer boxes. PLEASE TAPE THE ORNAMENT ON THE BAGS WHEN YOU RETURN THEM.

Helpful tip: Back-to-School Sales TAX WEEKEND is August 4-6, 2023.



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. 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.



Gathering around the Altar: We are inviting people to join Fr. Jack around the Altar for the Consecration.

Here are the procedures:

- Everyone who comes to the Sanctuary **must wear a mask** (available in the back of church and on the stools by the sanitizers) out of respect for Fr. Jack, who cannot be masked during the prayers
- Please come up just before the Preface ("The Lord be with you.." dialogue) and form a semi-circle behind the Altar, allowing room for the choir, and ending at the ends of the railings on either side so as not to block the rest of the congregation.
- You will return to your pews during the Sign of Peace

Eucharistic Ministers Needed: As we institute Communion of the Most Precious Blood, we are in need of Eucharistic Ministers, especially at the 5:00 and 8:00 Masses. Please contact me diane@stcronan.org if you would be willing to serve as Eucharistic Minister. Instructions and training are available.