

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time
August 10, 2025



The angels all got together. The chairman angel banged his gavel on the bench. The community center gymnasium was noisy with angel voices. There must have been billions of them.

“The meeting will come to order!” the chairman shouted. It took a few times to get the angels’ attention. Angels are very social.

Soon, the mass of angels all found their seats. Most had been hanging out at the refreshment table, sipping punch and eating angel food cake.

The auditorium fell quiet, save for the slight brushings of wings. Meeting had begun.

The first angel, Ethel, took the stage & gave her presentation. Her presentation wasn’t pretty. It was about how things were going down on earth.

Earth’s outlook was bleak. Ethel had a Powerpoint presentation to prove it. The images on the projection screen showed horrifying things. The angels all winced.

The images showed war, natural disasters, worldwide technological slavery, global drug addiction, and graphic acts of politics.

“It’s not looking good down there,” said Ethel. “Humankind has gotten itself into a big mess.”

This caused a stir among the angels. For it is a well-known fact that angels are big fans of humans. In fact, many of the saints in attendance at this meeting used to BE humans. Guys like Moses, Peter, and Fred Rogers.

“What are we gonna do?” exclaimed one angel. “Earth is such a mess, is there any hope?”

This remark caused another commotion. The angels started murmuring among themselves. Things got pretty loud.

“Order!” cried the chairman, banging his gavel. “I said order!”

One angel stood up. He was sitting a few angels away from Michael Landon. “We need supernatural intervention, and we need it now!”

The angels shouted in agreement. “Hear, hear!”

Another angel stood up. It was Clarence. He was an old angel; he’d had some success down on earth. “Mankind is on a course for destruction. I don’t think there’s anything we can do.

“Everyone is so wrapped up in themselves, playing on their phones, they don’t even realize they are becoming an international society of hatred.”

The angels came unglued. Things got rowdy. It got so noisy you couldn’t even hear the gavel. The cast of “Touched By an Angel” started throwing folding chairs. Mass hysteria ensued.

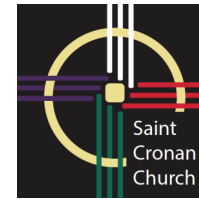
Nobody seemed to notice a very young angel walk onto the stage. This angel was so small, like a little boy. His halo was lopsided, grass stains on his gown. His shoes were untied.

“I have an idea,” the little angel said into the microphone. His voice was so pure, so tiny, it calmed the noisy crowd. All directed their attention to him and the little angel began to speak.

“We will ask God to make a new creature,
Different from all the rest,
This soul will seem quite human,
But will be quadruple blessed,
She will live as one of her people,
Until her job has started,
And then her soul will rise above them,
For her task is most important,
She will show them right from wrong,
And the beauty angels dream of,
For she will demonstrate compassion,
Kindness, forgiveness, and love,
She will look like any woman or man,
She will be elderly or young,
She will be mistreated, misunderstood,
But oh, she will have fun,
For she will be a bright beacon to all,
Each little boy and little girl,
And they shall call her Teacher,
For she will save the world.”

Meeting adjourned.

— Fr. Jack Schuler



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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



St. Cronan Travel Tumbler: Sport a 14 oz. travel tumbler in support of St. Cronan Church. Tumblers are made of stainless steel with a plastic interior and feature a push-on lid with a slide closure for easy sipping. These 14 oz. tumblers are available after Masses or in the Church office for \$20 each. A great way to share your love of St. Cronan as you move about town! To buy one online, see our website.

It’s Back! The Football Raffle Fundraiser. 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 of church.



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 and her granddaughter, Danielle Oliveros; Trish Curtis' siblings, Skip, Teree, and Ray; Joe Fairless; Robert Barnicle; Judith Santamaria; Madonna Kuciejczyk-Kernan; Leslie Conway; 3 1/2 year old Juliette Braren and her family; Jane Sykes; Mary Proot's sister, Terry Jacks, and Mary's son, Tim Proot; Sr. Barb Schlatter; Ken Ladd; Fr. Gerry Kleba; Laura Krueger's mother, Evelyn Puleo.

Sr. Mary Nolan's sister, Pat, passed away this week. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

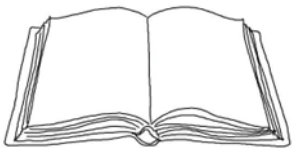
If you would like your loved one or yourself to be placed on the list or removed, please call the office: (314) 289-9384, or email Mary@stcronan.org



Catholic Worker Donation Drive: We are collecting donations for the Catholic Worker Community in St. Louis to support their outreach efforts. They shared some items that they could use to make burritos to share with those who are hungry on Tuesday evening and Saturday morning, as well as some important items to help folks in the summer heat. A handout listing these items is on the table in the back of church. Please pick up one to take to the grocery store with you. Boxes are available in the vestibule in the back of church for donations. The last day of collecting items will be August 24th. Reach out to Cathy Hartrich, jubilosa4547@gmail.com or Olivia Walter, Owalter1010@gmail.com with questions. Thank you!

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!

St. Cronan Social Justice Book Club meets today and on the 2nd Sunday of each month on the main floor in the church office conference room after the 10am Mass from 11:30am to 12:30pm. Our August 10th book is *Care Work: Dreaming Disability Justice* by Leah Piepzn-Samarasinha. We invite you to join us in person or to simply read with us. For more information please contact Charlene Zeni Connolly at 314-308-0056. Looking ahead, the September 14th book will be *The Fifth Risk* by Michael Lewis.



For more announcements and information, check out our website at stcronan.org.

Thank you from the Wellston Center: We received a nice thank you this week from Andrew Diemer, Executive Director of the St. Augustine Wellston Center, for a kind donation St. Cronan's sent to them made possible by the BVM Sisters of Dubuque, IA.

He wrote, in part: *"On behalf of the St. Augustine Wellston Center, I want to extend our deepest gratitude for your generous donation and kind letter. Your gift came at a crucial moment and has helped ensure that we could say 'yes' when families came to us with urgent needs [in the wake of the tornado]. But even more than that, it reminded us that we're not alone in this work -- that there is a wider community of people ... who share in our mission of walking with the poor, restoring dignity, and offering hope."*

Thanks to all who have volunteered and donated to a variety of efforts after the tornado!



Our Newest Members:

Danielle and Joe Page



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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.