

**Pastoral Reflection**  
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 11, 2024

*“This is enough, O God!  
Take my life, for I am  
no better than my ancestors.”*

Just before the first reading, Elijah has proven to the Prophets of Baal and to Queen Jezebel that the God of the Israelites could start fires that Baal could not. What does he get for his trouble? He barely escapes death at the hands of Jezebel. He is discouraged enough to just want to lie down and die.

How often have we felt that way? I know there have been many times in my life where I did what I thought was right, only to be ridiculed or have whatever I did backfire. Many people who face medical issues, or for some reason are not as healthy as they once were, probably often think “It is enough.”

In our world today, we can readily see how we are no better than our ancestors. Many countries, including our own, are in danger of returning to despotism and fascism, giving up our right to govern ourselves. Wars continue in the Middle East, not much different from Elijah’s time. Paul tells the Ephesians that they must stop the malice and live in love. How much the Holy Spirit must be grieving at the bitterness, fury and anger that is so much a part of our divided nations.

In the Gospel, the people are again doubting that Jesus, Joseph’s and Mary’s boy, could possibly be saying he “came down from heaven.” Who does he

think he is? Jesus knows who he is. Jesus knows he is teaching God’s words. As in the time of the prophets, he is encouraging the people to believe in God – to believe in the One who was sent by God. As God gave manna, Jesus gives us his own body – the Bread of Life.

Let us rejoice in that Gift! Let us, as we are nourished by the Bread of Life, go forth in love to carry God’s goodness into our own lives. Jesus gives us the nourishment we need to walk the forty days and nights with Elijah. We can persevere, nourished by the God who loves us beyond all understanding.

~Diane Gozdzialski

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Mon-Fri 9am-3pm

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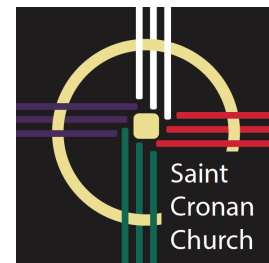
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**Bulletin Deadline: WED 12 noon**



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**Mass Information**

SUNDAY – 8 a.m. and 10 am.

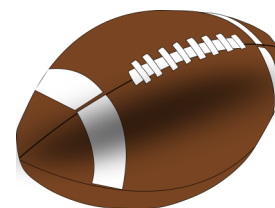
SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 pm.

Wednesdays – 8:00 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.

**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 remote church-goers. Questions? Contact Diane at (314) 941-4933 or [diane@stcronan.org](mailto: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.



**St. John’s Church Football Raffle is Back!**

The raffle tickets are \$25 for a chance to win weekly prizes for 18 weeks. St. Cronan has had quite a few big winners for the Baseball and Football Raffles in the past. You may purchase your tickets after all Masses. if you attend the 8am or 5pm on Saturday, please see Diane or Fr. Jack for a ticket. You can also purchase tickets from the Parish Office 9-3pm weekdays or by calling 314-289-9384. If writing a check, please make it out to **ST. JOHN CHURCH** (not St. Cronan). Thank you for your support!



**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 and Susan Klinkhardt friends of Judith Santamaria; Andrew Moll's brother, Michael, Saralou Henderson, Kathy Bayless, Jesse Koenig; friend of Mary Solomon and former parishioner Sr. Louise Lears and her family, Shelly Kurtz's Great Nephew, Scott Barricklow; Judy Varias' husband, Gene Krebs; Fr. Gerry's young friend; Ben Zevely.



**Online Directory** Are you looking for our Online Directory? It can be accessed via our website homepage in the very bottom bar under "Quick Links". <https://stcronan.org/> We would love to have recent pictures of your beautiful faces to add to our online directory. Please send a recent photo that you would like included to [mary@stcronan.org](mailto:mary@stcronan.org). This a Church Members Only directory, and is password

protected. If you need the password, please contact the church office. In addition, if you have had any changes to you address, phone number or email, please notify Mary in the office.

**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@csjst.org](mailto:sbetts@csjst.org) or 314-678-0328. To register: <https://csjcarondelet.org/event/beer-bites/>



**Coming to you this Fall....Mums for sale!!! Watch the bulletin and Monday notes for more details.**



**STL Black History Tours** are planned for the following dates:

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](mailto: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!

**Attn All Men** Bored on Saturday evenings, tired after working, just need a rest and want to spend some time with your friends ? Then come to the New Men's Club. We can watch sports together, play cards, talk politics or just enjoy being there. First meeting? Saturday September 21, 2024, in the Parish Center hall lower level 6:30 till ? Contact Nick Ambrose with any questions. [Nambrsr1@gmail.com](mailto:Nambrsr1@gmail.com)

**Urgent Request: Support Good Shepherd Families** Our Pregnancy and Parenting Support Programs need your help! We are seeking donations of essential items for our families. You can contribute by purchasing items from our Amazon registry or using it as a guide for the items needed. All color/scent variations and sizes are appreciated!

Amazon Registry: <https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/A2CJS2UM6211>  
You do not need to shop Amazon, you can shop your local retailer and drop off items directly to Good Shepherd. 1340 Partridge Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63130



*To Our New Members:*  
**Kirk Panchot**  
**Terry Panchot**  
**Samantha Greenberg**

## July 2024 Contributions Thank You!

General Fund	\$21,821.00
Building Repair Fund	\$420.00
Fundraiser—Football	\$150.00
Food Pantry	\$728.00
Peter's Pence	\$25.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$315.00
Uganda	\$55.00