

Pastoral Reflection
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 13, 2023

Random Thoughts from the Former Pastor!

In this weeks Gospel we have the apostles facing the wind and the waves. So Jesus comes to calm their fears. That same Christ is present to calm our fears and right our ships. So many in our archdiocese seem to be facing the "winds and waves" of All Things New". This is not an easy time for our local church. Pray that unlike Peter they do not sink under the changes affecting the baptismal waters of the people of our Archdiocese.

I wanted to let you know that out of 178 parishes in the Archdiocese St. Cronan was the 6th highest when it came to contributions for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). That is outstanding - stand tall! We not only say we are interested in Social Justice but we also put our money where our mouth is. Again, 25% of this collection stays in St. Louis for small grants and the rest goes to the National Office. We have one group here in St. Louis this that will be receiving a national grant.

Also, congratulations on exceeding our Archdiocesan Catholic Appeal goal of \$20,502. Because of All Things New the ACA is struggling a bit. This collection is so key for so many agencies in the Archdiocese. As a matter of fact the Immigration Collaborative that we are partnering with has received a \$40,000 grant. We met with the new Coordinator last Monday Kevin Kuehl. Trish Curtis is our representative on the Board. You will hear more about their activities as they begin their efforts.

And, classroom donations for St. Cecilia and St. Louis Academy have been over the top. Carloads of important classroom items have been delivered already. Teachers and administrators (and soon the children) have been so grateful for our assistance. Too often in schools in struggling areas the teachers reach into their meager salaries to provide needed items for their students. We are their angels.

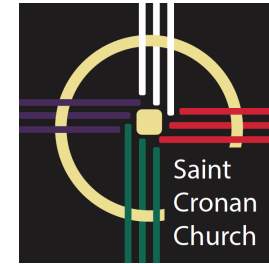
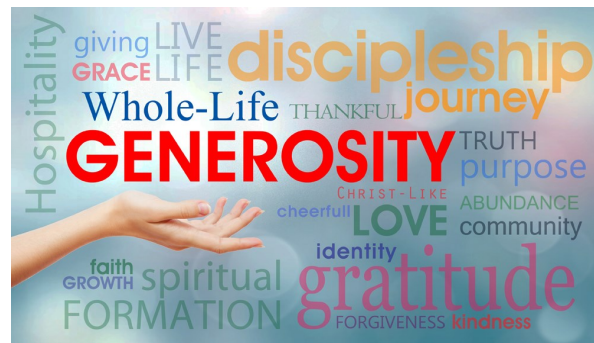
We are now sponsors for City Greens as folks here contributed over \$1,000 to assist them in their efforts to provide fresh produce in our 63110 food dessert.

Again St. Cronan has contributed to the well-being of our local community.

All I can say is "thank you, thank you". Your support for these community needs is so humbling to me as your Pastor (former Pastor!). Your generosity challenges me to be "get with the program" here at St. Cronan. You all stretch me to be more Gospel driven.

God bless,

Fr. Jack (he/him)



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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.

Mass for the Feast of the Assumption will take place Tuesday, August 15, at 8:00 a.m.

Christmas in July ends today. If you would like to contribute, you can make out a check to St. Cecelia School and Academy or St. Louis Academy. Thank you so much for your generosity.

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, August 18. Please join us!

New Website: We have a new website, same address, www.stcronan.org. Remember, you can access the Community's online directory through the website, and you can make online donations, in addition to keeping up with what is happening! If you need the password for the directory, please contact Mary - mary@stcronan.org or Diane - diane@stcronan.org. Access to the online directory is on the bottom of the HOME page of the website, and each subsequent page. We would love to include/update your photo in the directory, so please send Mary your photo in a jpeg. Or png. format for inclusion in the directory. *We are still in the editing stage of the site, so if you see any errors, please let Mary know.*

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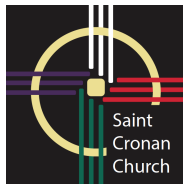
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Bulletin Deadline: Wed 12 noon



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; 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; 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; Donata, Mary Proot's daughter-in-law's mother in Germany; Judith Santamaria; Rocky Sieben's father; Nick Ambrose's friend, John; Tom Farace, Brother-in-law of Mary and Dave Solomon; Theresa Jones: sister of Dave Solomon; Gary Johnson, brother-in-law to Madonna and Tom Kuciejczyk-Kernan and Sr. Janet Kuciejczyk; Janice Fairless; and Leslie Conway. *If your loved one should be removed from the prayer list, please let the church office know.*

The yearly Administrator's Wish List ...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. No funds collected for the Wish List will go to the Archdiocese...everything collected will go directly to purchasing items on the list.*



August Ministry of the Month: The Contemplative Prayer Group

We meet as a zoom group, we begin by briefly catching up socially as friends. We bring to the group intentions that we want to hold in our hearts as we pray, and then we do two quiet sitting prayer periods, sharing a little with each other when we finish each one. We did some instruction when we first began, and now each of us does the silent, meditative prayer in whatever way he or she prefers. Anyone is welcome to join us in this peaceful gathering simply by letting co-leaders Sister Chabanel or Loren Nash Barnes know to include you in the sending of the zoom link for the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month from 7:30 to 8:30 P.M. Few of us manage to attend every group,

but we look forward to being there when we can, and we have met faithfully since COVID first brought us together almost three years ago.



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.

Cronan Talk has a new feature...you can opt into receiving what they call a "Daily Digest". The Daily Digest is one email per day with any and all Cronan Talk messages in one email. If you wish to opt into this or have any questions, please let me know. Otherwise, you will remain receiving each email as it goes out. If you are not on Cronan Talk you could be missing important Cronan News. Contact the church office to be added to Cronan Talk.

Immigrant and Refugee Ministry "Welcome!" This one word is the heart of our new Immigrant & Refugee Ministry. We strive to be a welcoming Church, a Church that Jesus would recognize. As we begin this ministry, consider how God might be calling you to get involved. Can you volunteer your time and talent? Can you donate? Can you serve as a bridge to other resources? Can you be the welcoming arms of Christ to those who are seeking to make our community their home? As Pope Francis tells us, "A Church which 'goes forth' is a Church whose doors are open." (*Evangelii Gaudium, 46*), *so let us open our doors and hearts to our refugee and immigrant sisters and brothers. To find out more about the Immigrant & Refugee Ministry, contact IRM Coordinator Kevin Kuehl, 772-1525 ext. 204, MigrantMinistrySTL@gmail.com, or visit our office at St. Pius V Rectory.*

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!*

Wills: Please remember Saint Cronan in your will. Title is St. Cronan Catholic Church-1202 South Boyle Ave.- St. Louis, MO 63110. Our Federal I.D.# 43-0653457