



St. Cronan Catholic Church
August 16, 2026
20th Sunday of
Ordinary Time



Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 am. and 10 am.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5 pm.

Wednesdays – 8 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.

Bulletin Deadline: Noon Tuesday



Fall Football Raffle to Support St. Cronan: 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. See a member of the fundraising committee after each Mass thru Aug. 30 to get your raffle ticket. You can also purchase a ticket from the church office during regular business hours. Thank you for your support of St. Cronan through buying a raffle ticket!

Make sure to "save-the-date" of August 30 and attend our first all-church assembly in 2 years! We'll gather together at noon that day to reflect, discuss and plan for how we as a community discern and make decisions together on the important issues facing us going forward. As the first assembly since we moved to a lay-led church in the wake of Fr. Jack's retirement in 2025, this will be an opportunity for us to shape together our identity, our mission, and the processes we need to live out those out to the fullest.

More information to come over the next couple weeks, but please make sure to get this on your calendar and make a special effort to join in!





Prayers Please: Nick and Shirley Ambrose and Family; Elisabeth Byrne's mom, Denise Siebold; Yvonne DeHart's daughter, Cathy Hebert; Nancy Buck's daughter, Jeanne Oberle; Trish Curtis' sibling, Skip; Joe Fairless; Judith Santamaria; Leslie Conway; Madonna and Tom's friend, 3-1/2 year old Juliette Braren; Jane Sykes; Mary Proot's sister, Terry Jacks, and Mary's son, Tim Proot; Madonna Kuciejczyk-Kernan; Ken Ladd; Fr. Gerry Kleba; Marie and Roland Martir's daughter, Carrie; J.T. Fowler; Grace Mueller; Joe Kuciejczyk, brother of Madonna and Janet, and brother-in-law of Tom; Maria, daughter of Marcy and Dominic Soda; Sr. Lynne Schmidt's nephew, Brian Ahr; Teresa Beard's son, Edward Burch; Ed Calcaterra, brother of Diane Calcaterra; Colleen Wallace's cousins, Katy and Dennis Rosolowski; Sandra Ward; Fr. Jerry Stookey's brother, Tom; Cecilia Kelly; Sr. Leah Holzum; Debbie Kowalski's father, David Cobb; Neil O'Hallaron, Doritt's husband; Irma Forbes; Sr. Janet Kuciejczyk; Lisa Masek, niece of Kathy Hunn.

Cronan's families unite! We've noticed a wonderful influx of families with kids at our weekend Masses recently, as well as some recent baptisms! This got us thinking about exploring what kind of family faith formation folks may want for themselves and their kids. Like all things Cronan, we're not necessarily talking about "traditional" religious education for kids, but wondering about an approach that centers on building community, mutual aid and support, fostering shared countercultural values, deepens a shared spirituality, as well as whatever sacramental needs folks are considering for their families. If your family is interested in getting together to talk about what this might all look like, we hope you'll fill out this form online at <https://cutt.ly/family-rel-ed>. We've scheduled an intro discussion for Sunday, August 16th at coffee and donuts!



Thinking about joining the St. Cronan's community? Have you been attending Mass at St. Cronan, but have not yet registered as a MEMBER? You can officially join the Cronan community by filling out a registration form from the church website, <https://stcronan.org/resources>, or by contacting the church office. You can also fill out one of the cards in the pews and we'll be happy to email you a form to join!



Database updates: We are in the process of updating our database of church membership. If you are a registered member and would like to have a family photo included in our online directory, please send it to mary@stcronan.org.

In addition, if you have had any changes in the last year to your phone number, address, email, etc. please send those changes to Mary.

Our Newest Members:



**Gwyneth Franke &
Ashton Crowie**

**Maggie & Jason
Catanzaro and family**

Dennis Kempf

Support MOScholars: Help provide scholarships to students attending Catholic schools! 100% tax credits are available to individuals and businesses. For more info on how to participate, contact Jeff Buchek at the Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation at jeffbuchek@archstl.org, 314-792-7621, or go to <https://ttef-stl.org/moscholars/>

The next Black Lives Matter Vigil will be Friday, Aug. 21st at the corner of Manchester and Kingshighway, from 4:30-5:30pm. Please join us!

St. Cronan Social Justice Book Club meets on the 2nd Sunday of each month in the 1st floor conference

room after the 10am mass from 11:30am-12:30pm. Our September 13 book is "Struck Down, Not Destroyed: Keeping the Faith as a Vatican Reporter" by Colleen Dulle. The October 11 book is "Universal Christ" by Richard Rohr. We invite you to join us in person or to simply read with us.



Volunteer opportunity! We are looking for a few good volunteers to help out with our once-a-month home delivery service to get much-needed food to our homebound clients. If you are interested in helping out on a regular

basis (one time a month), please call our food pantry coordinator Mary Solomon at 314-494-5865. Thanks for considering this important ministry!



Mum's the word! Keep an eye on the bulletin and weekly newsletter for more details for our Fall Mum Fundraiser taking place in September.



Baptism

**Penelope Mae
Catanzaro**

Child of
Jason and Margaret Cantanzaro

Baptized August 8

*May you be filled with the
love of God.*

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 Indigenous communities.

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The woman who got Jesus to change his mind.

Concern for her daughter motivated the Canaanite woman in Matthew's Gospel account. It enabled her to be bold and persistent in approaching Jesus. She was unwelcome: a woman alone without a father, husband, or brother to speak for her in a man's world. She was a Gentile and therefore unclean. She has no name. Mark in his account refers to the woman as a Greek, a Syrophoenician, which would have been more contemporary and indicate a level of education and sophistication. But Matthew chooses the archaic and pejorative term that recalls the apostasy of the early Jews who worshipped Baal instead of the one God who called them from Egypt and cared for them.

The woman is a bother. The disciples want Jesus to send her away because she is loud and persistent. Jesus responds harshly that his mission is to recover the lost sheep of Israel and that it is not right to give the children's food to the dogs (a sign of the tension between the Jewish Christians and the Gentile Christians in the community for whom Matthew writes). But the woman does not give up. She grabs the imagery Jesus uses and tosses it back to him: even the dogs eat scraps from their masters' table. Then Matthew presents a Jesus who can recognize her great faith, and he heals her daughter. The Gentiles are welcome in the Christian community. Faith matters more than lineage.

The only two Gentiles that Matthew brings into contact with Jesus during his public ministry are the Canaanite woman and the centurion (Matthew 8:5-13). Both are commended for their great faith, a faith expressed in trust despite seeming rebuffs.

The woman can be a model of speaking up and being persistent, even as an outsider. For me this has been an impetus in calling for the fullness of ministry, ordination, for women in the Catholic church. This is about the daughter, for all women, not just one's individual call. It is also about deepening our spirituality, acting on what we believe. We know that God is neither female nor male, yet our language betrays us when we hear only male pronouns in our androcentric tradition. What do women hear and incorporate when we reflect on being made in the image and likeness of God?

We who are the St. Cronan community are involved in many justice issues, issues that speak to the core of who we are as humans and as baptized people. In each of our heart-felt concerns we are called at various times to speak out, to call for healing, to try to get other people to listen, to change their minds, and to act on behalf of others who are marginalized, who are outsiders. Remembering the Canaanite woman and her daughter can give us the strength and courage to be bold and persistent.

—Lynne Schmidt, SSND

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