

Pastoral Reflection
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 18, 2024

In the Bible, the Wisdom of God is referred to in the feminine. This aspect of God is often referred to by the name *Sophia*. While references to Wisdom are perhaps among the most consistent uses of feminine imagery for God in the Bible, they are not the only ones.

In the Psalms, the poet writes of God, “Out of my womb before the morning star I bore you” (Ps. 110:3). In Isaiah, we find descriptions of God as a laboring woman (Is. 42:14) and as a nursing mother (Is. 49:15). We can find meditations on feminine imagery for God in other parts of our tradition as well—Julian of Norwich wrote compellingly of Jesus as our Mother.

We encounter Jesus as Mother in the today’s Gospel. In this passage, Jesus invites us to feed on Him, to eat of His flesh and drink of His blood, in a gesture reminiscent of a mother feeding her baby—and in so doing, offering herself up, flesh and all. After having breastfed my own son, I know from experience the way a mother gives of her own flesh—and even her own blood, since the very nutrients that infuse the milk that nourishes the child are taken from the mother’s blood.

I wonder how our experiences of the Eucharist might shift and expand if we hold these images of Mother Jesus in our heart each week as we participate in Divine Mystery of Communion.

—Loren Gaillardetz

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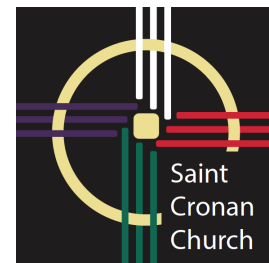
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Mass Information

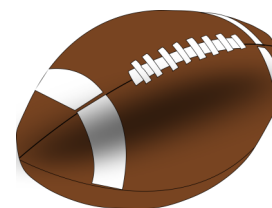
SUNDAY – 8 a.m. and 10 am.
SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 pm.
Wednesdays – 8:00 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.



Mum Sale! Purchase beautiful Mums for your Fall décor and proceeds go to St. Cronan and St. Cronan programming. All Mums are in 9 inch pots. \$15 each. Choose from yellow, red, orange or white. Pick up will be after all masses on Sat. Sept. 21 and 22. Order online here: <https://fall-mum-sale.square.site/>, use the QR code

or order after masses through Thursday Sept. 12 by noon. You can also order through the church office by calling 314-289-9384 or emailing Mary at mary@stcronan.org.



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). **Sales will end Sunday, Sept. 1.** Thank you for your support!



Prayers : John Gozdziwski, 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; Fr. Gerry's young friend; Ben Zevely, Sheryl Renken's brother Dan Engelman, Colleen Wallace's cousin, Katy Rosolowski and friend, Kelsey MacBryde.

World Day for Migrants and Refugees. On September 29th, 2024, the Archdiocese of St Louis Immigration Task Force and St Louis University are hosting a Solidarity Walk and Mass in honor of the World Day for Migrants and Refugees. Our Church has been celebrating the World Day of Migrants and Refugees since 1914, this will be the 110th celebration. As Catholics, it is important to stand in solidarity with our migrant and refugee brothers and sisters and we believe this event will be a public way to show our support. There is no need to RSVP. Please just come and bring your family and friends to the walk and the celebration of the Mass with Bishop Rivituso.

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



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, Sept. 20. 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



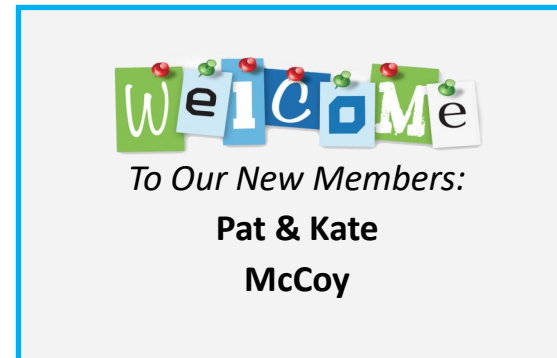
Catholic Worker Lightning Donation Drive! To support the new Catholic Worker house in St. Louis, we are collecting donations for the rest of August. Please bring in your donations and place them in the box in the back of church. You can also bring your donations into the church office during the week between 9am and 3pm. The last day to bring in donations will be Sunday September 1st.

They are requesting the following items to support their outreach efforts to the community:

- Bottled water
- Single portion water enhancers (Propel, Crystal Lite, lemonade packets, flavored electrolytes, etc)
- White rice
- Bags of pinto beans
- Vegetable or chicken bullion
- Freezer pops (the kind you buy at room temperature and then freeze)
- Over the counter pain relievers
- Packets of taco seasoning
- Sponges
- Dish soap
- Salsa
- Bags of onions
- Garlic

Thank you so much for all your support!

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



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.