

**A reflection for the  
21st Sunday of Ordinary Time  
August 24, 2025**

“Lord, will only a few people be saved?”

This question posed to Jesus is a difficult one to answer. Jesus’ answer is indirect and diplomatic. If he says most or all people are saved, might people be tempted not to live prudently, knowing they are guaranteed salvation? If he answers that only a few people will be saved, wouldn’t that seem unfair, and that there is nothing humans could do to make it so that more people would find salvation? Jesus’ answer is not a “yes” or a “no,” but rather the two most important command(ment)s: *Strive* to love God and to love your neighbor.

Much conflict and even bloodshed have occurred within the church regarding who gets into Heaven and why. Are “works,” acts of love, enough to be saved? Will believing in God get one into eternal life? Jesus never directly answers these questions—he knows the answer is not a simple or straightforward one.

With directness and earnestness, all over the Gospels, Jesus tells all people to both have faith in God and to love God by loving our neighbors. There is no either/or. It is both/and. Jesus calls us to *strive* to grow in love. Striving implies a process, a journey, an ongoing activity.

I imagine most people can identify as having ebbs and flows in their spiritual lives:

Times of serious doubts about God next to times of trust in God’s presence, times of prolonged selfishness and self-centeredness next to times of abundant and joyful self-giving and service.

No matter what nation one comes from, the call and the expectations are the same: *strive* to love and to live into that trust in God as the true source of all we have and experience in our lives.

—Justin Lorenz



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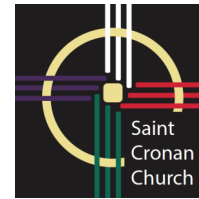
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**St. Cronan Catholic Church  
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**Mass Information**

SUNDAY – 8 am. and 10 am.

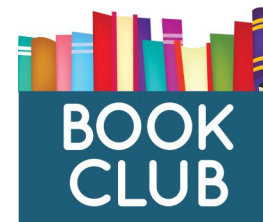
SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 pm.

Wednesdays – 8:00 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.

**Bulletin Deadline: Noon Tuesday**

**Order of Christian Initiation of adults** will begin on September 28. If you are interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about our faith, please contact Sr. Cathy Doherty, Johnny Zocovitch -johnny@stcronan.org, or Diane G.-diane@stcronan.org



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 14th book is *The Fifth Risk* by Michael Lewis. Our October 12th book is *James* by Percival Everett. *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.*

**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 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!





**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, Denise Oberle and her granddaughter, Danielle Oliveros; Trish Curtis’ siblings, Skip, Teree, and Ray; Joe Fairless; Sr. Cathy Doherty’s friends, Lina Tackas and Tim; Robert Barnicle; 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; Sr. Barb Schlatter; Madonna Kuciejczyk-Kernan; Ken Ladd; Fr. Gerry Kleba; Laura Krueger’s mom, Evelyn Puleo; Mary Hastings; Marie and Roland Martir’s granddaughter, Madi; Steve Meyer, friend of Mary Ward.

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

**Marianist Retreat and Conference Center** is looking for a few friendly faces to help out with hospitality – think warm smiles, good vibes, and maybe a few donuts. Hours are usually 10am–2pm on random weekdays (sometimes 2 days a week, sometimes 3) – and occasionally a Sunday morning if you're feeling extra saintly. We offer competitive pay, a lovely work environment, and the chance to be part of something meaningful (or just have a reason to leave the house while the kids are at school – no judgment). Interested? Call Shannon at 636.938.5390 – she’s friendly and knows all the details.



**SAVE-THE-DATE:** The churches involved in the Immigrant & Refugee Ministry—including our community—are planning an action in observance of the World Day of Migrants and Refugees on Sunday, October 5 after 10:00 Mass. The action will involve a pilgrimage from members of all of the participating churches following their 10am Masses to a central location for a public rally and prayer service. More details will follow soon.

**Notary Services:** In case you did not know, Mary Ward is a Notary of the Public. If you need notary services, please let us know. Mary is in the church office Mon., Tues. and Thurs. from 9am-3pm....call first to verify her availability. Make sure if you need witnesses that you bring them along. There is no fee for this service, but if you would like to make a small donation to the church we would gladly accept it. Questions? Email Mary at [mary@stcronan.org](mailto:mary@stcronan.org).

**Football Raffle:** Thanks so much to all who supported our Football Raffle Fundraiser. We sold every ticket! Good luck to all participants!!!



### ← City Greens Gala:

Can't make it to the event? You can still support City Greens Market by making a donation. Every gift—big or small—helps us grow food access, support local farmers, and build a stronger, more equitable food system in St. Louis. To purchase tickets or make a donation, please use the QR code or visit us online.

### July 2025 Contributions Thank You!

General Fund	\$21,764
Building Repair Fund	\$125
Food Pantry	\$1,859
Football Raffle	\$450
St. Vincent de Paul	\$240
Uganda	\$75
Peter's Pence	\$25

### We Rejoice That John Michael Menchella

*Child of*

Marta Nowogrocki & John Menchella was welcomed into the Catholic Church through the sacrament of Baptism on August 16



### Our Newest Members:

*Dana & Luke Hollinger*

### 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](http://stcronan.org).*