

Pastoral Reflection
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 27, 2023

I wonder if we ask fewer questions these days because of the ease of finding so many answers at our fingertips. The recent additional availability of AI should add even more simplification to the process.

Years ago I saw a sign at the Magic House that stated the number of questions the typical four-year old asked in a day. I don't recall the exact number now but it was in the hundreds. Google tells me today that number is between 200 and 300. A recent study of parents has the number at 73. I suspect that is not accurate. As a grandparent recently involved on a daily basis with a seven-year old, I found myself ignoring more questions than I attempted to answer.

I don't know how many documented questions Jesus asked (someone knows) but this one seems to me to be a big one - "who am I?" What's the scuttlebutt on the street, in the villages and the byways? These guys have been hanging out awhile now so maybe Jesus was feeling somewhat confident that they were starting to get the picture, that there might be something special going on. Peter "gets it" in

this moment.....when do we "get it?" What does it take to break through the barriers of self-indulgences, focused attention on checking accounts, 401-K's, children and even church sometimes to find out who Christ really is?

I don't have a quick or easy answer. I do know it's taking me a life time to come to know the Living God. Some days, I feel like I am just getting started.

—Kathy Stock



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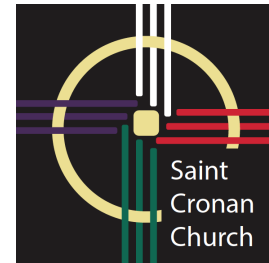
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Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 a.m. and 10 am.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 pm.

Wednesdays – 8:00 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.



The yearly Administrator's Wish List Thank you to all who have given to the Administrator's Wish List. It's not too late to take part. The Wish List will be out until the end of August. 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. 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.*



Eucharistic Ministers As we institute Communion of the Most Precious Blood, we are in need of Eucharistic Ministers, especially at the 5:00 and 8:00 Masses. Please contact me if you would be willing to serve as Eucharistic Minister. Instructions and training are available.

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, Sept. 15. Please join us!

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!*



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 Bar-nicle; 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 Eb-ner, nephew of Rocky Sieben and Ruth Hasser; the Krueger family; Nick Ambrose; Betty Newberry; Marty Spies; Judith Santamaria; Rocky Sieben's father; Nick Am-brose'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.*



Coffee and Donuts Help needed! Sr. Margaret Guzzardo has offered to serve the Coffee and Donuts on the fourth Sundays, but will need a few people to help her. If you could volunteer, please contact Maggie Hart-Mahon, who leads this Ministry and will be glad to give you de-tails. Contact her at ofccomp17@gmail.com.

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers: Bishop Revituso will be joining us at 10:00 Mass on September 24 for the Institution of Lectors and Acolytes (Eucharistic Minis-ters). This is a new Church celebration instituted by Pope Francis as a way to honor lay people who serve the Liturgy. We had a training session on August 13. If you missed that, we are repeating the training session on September 2 after the 5:00 Mass and September 3 after the 10:00 Mass. The training is mainly to review what will hap-pen at the Institution ceremony, but also to review protocols. If there is anyone who has been considering becoming a Lector and/or Eucharistic Minister, please contact Diane diane@stcronan.org to register. This includes new parishioners interested in these services. Thanks!

Midtown Community Services news: Midtown is hosting a hot-dog night at Steve's Hot Dogs, 3145 S. Grand Blvd, on August 29, 4- p.m. 15% of all sales will be donated to Midtown. The Midtown Lip-Sync Battle will take place Friday, Oct. 13, 7-9 p.m. at the Schlafly Tap Room, 2100 Locust. For more information, visit <https://www.midtownstl.org/>



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**The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet Program
J.O.E EDUCATES: Slavery, Catholicism, and Lessons for Today
Thursday, Sept. 7 from 6:30-8 p.m. CT via Zoom**

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet invite you to join them virtually for a presentation as Christopher J. Kellerman, SJ, explains the basics of the Catholic Church's historical involvement with slaveholding and the Atlantic slave trade, drawing lessons from this history for the life of the contemporary Church. Sponsored by the CSJ Racial and Cultural Justice Committee.

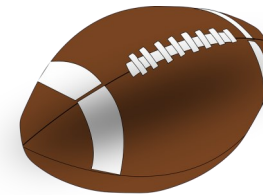
All are welcome to attend. The event is free, and registration is required by Sept. 5. <https://www.csjsl.org/events/joe-talk-spring23>



THANK YOU! The students and faculty of St. Cecilia School and Academy and Louis Catholic Academy thank you for the abundant amount of school supplies and financial support given to them. St. Cronan Church has been a blessing for them. Please know that they are praying for us. If you ever want to go and see the school, Contact Sr. Cathy and she can set up a tour. Their mission is to educate their students, to fulfill their dreams, and excel in high school. Your donations are helping to make that happen.

New Website: Check out our new St. Cronan Website. The online directory for all reg-istered at St. Cronan is located at the bottom of each page. www.stcronan.org

Football Raffle: St. Cronan is once again participating in the Football Raffle with St. John's Church. The raffle tickets are \$25 for a chance to win weekly prizes for 17 weeks. St. Cronan has had several big winners for the Baseball and Football Raffle in the past. You may purchase your tickets after the 10AM Mass on the next 2 Sundays (August 27th and September 3rd), or through the Parish Office by calling 314-289-9384. The deadline to purchase your raffle ticket is Monday, Sep-tember 4th, 2023. If writing a check, please make it out to ST. JOHN CHURCH (not St. Cronan). Thank you for your support!



**Meeting Our Neighbors: Hindu Temple of St. Louis
From the Archdiocese Office of Ecumenical and Interre-ligious Affairs**

Join us for a tour of the Hindu Temple of St. Louis and a presentation on the basics of the faith.

WHEN: Saturday, Sept 2 @ 1:30 - 3:30 pm

WHERE: Hindu Temple of St. Louis

725 Weidman Rd Ballwin, MO 63011

Free and open to the public but registration is required

Register Here (bit.ly/3KRTsAZ) or Call James Fowlkes-Comminellis at 314-792-7177

