



St. Cronan Catholic Church

August 9, 2026

19th 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's: 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. And thank you for your support of St. Cronan's through buying a raffle ticket!



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!

Fair Trade Coffee: We are ordering Fair Trade coffee for Sunday mornings. If we order in bulk, we get a cut on shipping. If you care to order some coffee and add to the Cronan order, please contact Al Sprehe and



give him your order. 314-607-7188. Order forms are located in the church vestibule. We will have the coffee at Church or in the office for pick up. Make checks payable to St. Cronan and write "coffee" on the memo line.



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;

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 wonder-



ing 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!

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/>

July 2026 Contributions Thank You!

General Fund	\$21,288
Building Repair Fund	\$145
Food Pantry	\$1,260
Mission Co-Op	\$1,651
St. Vincent de Paul	\$410
Uganda	\$80
Immigrant & Refugee Min.	\$25
Peter's Pence	\$25
Wish List	\$590
Church in Africa	\$30

Public Prayer and Witness to STAND WITH MIGRANTS



AUGUST 15, 2026

ROSARY 9 AM | PUBLIC PRAYER 10 AM

MISSOURI STATE CAPITOL ROTUNDA

Bishop Ralph B. O'Donnell warmly invites the faithful and all those who wish to come together in prayerful solidarity and support for migrants, immigrants, and refugees.



For further information, please contact Marie Kenyon



(314) 792-7062



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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.

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!



The St. Cronan's LGBTQIA+ ministry will meet for a fellowship gathering on Monday, August 10. Please note that this is a closed meeting for members of the LGBTQ+ community only, out of respect for confidentiality and safety of those in attendance. Please contact co-leads Sarah Reilly ((317) 900-3474 or sjean.2017@gmail.com) or Faye Branum ((618) 303-6878 or faye.branum@gmail.com) for details. Future meeting dates will be October 12 and December 14.

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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You might not be aware that there is a tradition wherein the pope gives a short reflection, called an “angelus,” on the Gospel every Sunday. A previous angelus by Pope Francis on the Gospel today (which concerns Jesus walking on the water), offers some historical context and perspective worth sharing.

In the time of Jesus, large bodies of water were thought to be the “haunts of evil powers” that humans were not able to master. Particularly during storms, the watery depths were symbols of chaos and “recalled the darkness of the underworld.” The disciples in the Gospel fear the storm will cause them to be “sucked in by evil.” Pope Francis articulated:

And here comes Jesus who walks on the water, that is, over the powers of evil. He walks over the forces of evil and says to his disciples: “Take heart, it is I; have no fear” (v. 27). This is the message Jesus gives us. This is the meaning of the sign: the powers of evil that frighten us, that we cannot master, immediately take on smaller proportions with Jesus. By walking on the waters, He wants to say, “Do not be afraid. I put your enemies under my feet” — a beautiful message — I put your enemies under my feet — not people! — not that type of enemy, but death, sin, the devil. These are the enemies of the people, our enemies. And Jesus tramples on these enemies for us.

In these days, we can be easily reminded

of the evils stirring in our world, and in our own hearts. A way we stay grounded and courageous is through our faith in Jesus whose love transcends the work of “these enemies,” and that he stays above their reach. Not only that, Jesus’s outstretched hand is there immediately if we only cry out like Peter: “Lord, save me!”

“Lord, save me!” Pope Francis points out that “this prayer is beautiful. It expresses the certainty that God can save us, that he conquers our evil and our fears.” Either now, or when you find yourself overwhelmed by the challenges both close to you or seemingly far away, I invite you to say this prayer, out loud even, and shield yourself with the courage it brings, and the consciousness that we are not alone.

—Justin Lorenz

Quotes are from the Angelus of Pope Francis, Saint Peter’s Square, Sunday, 13 August 2023

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