

Pastoral Reflection
22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
September 1, 2024

One of the trademarks of Jesus' ministry is calling out the hypocrisy of the church leaders and their attention to the "wrong" things. Jesus has an open heart that is moved to compassion by the suffering of the people he encounters, whereas the Pharisees put weight and concern on details of ritual (in this instance, the Jewish rule to wash one's hands before meals). Jesus cannot stand well-off folks complaining about such technicalities.

I can somewhat easily identify with the Pharisees. I can easily become attached to rules being followed, things going as planned, and people getting their facts straight. Fortunately, some of the people I've gotten to know in L'Arche with disabilities have helped move my heart to become a little more like Jesus'.

Here is one story: When celebrating a small Mass in the lovely backyard of the L'Arche home in Mexico City, Father Marco stood behind a makeshift altar and recited some of the Eucharistic preparation blessings. Pepe, a young man with a lovable curiosity and an intellectual disability, moved from his seat up closer to Father Marco and, to the best of his ability, attempted to imitate some of the motions of the priest from right near the altar. At first, my mind raced to the thought that Pepe

should not be doing this, and that he should be stopped. But seeing the reverence in Pepe's actions, and also being aware of the reality that the forces of the world would not allow a person like Pepe to become a priest and offer the blessings the way the priest could, I could not help but love Pepe and love his desire to partake in the sacramental preparation. It is a beautiful memory of a man whose short life would tragically end only a few years later.

Tradition and rituals are great and important, but they cannot be completely rigid. They must have cracks so that the light can get in, as Leonard Cohen notes in his song, "Anthem." We must be "heart" people who prioritize following God's Golden Rule (to love one another) over our lesser human rules.

—Justin Lorenz

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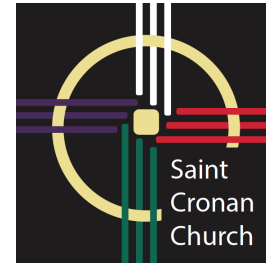
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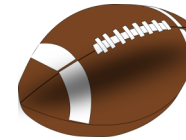
Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 pm.

Wednesdays – 8:00 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.



Today is the last day for Football Raffle Sales! 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!

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!



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.





Prayers : John Gozdziński, 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, 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.

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 today, **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!



To Our New Members:
Shelia Lore
Chris Lore

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

PrideFest takes place September 28-29. We will need workers for the St. Cronan booth. More information and sign-up sheet will be available soon.

A big Thank You from Cardinal Glennon Hospital for St. Cronan's generous gift from the Sunday collection. The Cronan Community collected **\$766.00** for Cardinal Glennon.



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.

Creation Care Summit: Gratitude, Hope and Action Join us as we learn together from our Catholic social teaching about hearing "both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor." At this inaugural Creation Care Summit hosted by the Archdiocese of St. Louis, we will hear from local experts, advocates, students and clergy committed to helping us better care for each other and our Common Home.

For more info contact James Fowlkes-Comninellis at 314-792-7177 or jamescomninellis@archstl.org

WHEN:
 Saturday, September 21 @ 9am - 12pm

WHERE:
 St. Louis University High School, 4970 Oakland Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63110

RSVP: bit.ly/LSCSummit or call 314-792-7177

