



St. Cronan Catholic Church
September 13, 2026
24th 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



Mum's the word! Our annual Fall Mum Fundraiser will begin today. All mums are \$15.00 and are oversized, in 9" pots and available in a variety of colors. Sale ends Sept. 20, so it's a quick turn around. If you've purchased Mums from St. Cronan in the past, you know they are gorgeous! Pick up will be after all masses on Sept. 26/27. See a member of the Church Council in the vestibule of church for an order form or use bulletin insert.. Mums can also be ordered on-line here: fall-mum-sale.square.site or you can also use the QR code.



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 13 book is "Struck Down, Not Destroyed: Keeping the Faith as a Vatican Reporter" by Colleen Dulle. The October 11 book is "Universal Christ" by Richard Rohr. We invite you to join us in person or to simply read with us.

City Greens fundraiser on Sept. 22: Help City Greens continue to grow a community-powered food system by joining us on Tuesday, Sept. 22nd for our Growing City Greens fundraiser at the Contemporary Art Museum! Growing City Greens is a "green party," dress as fancy, fly, or fantastic as you like, but come in green. Find more info at <https://givebutter.com/growing-city-greens-26-3gfmqc>.

Prayer LIST

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; Lisa Masek, niece of Kathy Hunn, Mary Margaret Kleba: sister of Fr. Gerry.

Looking for a quiet place to pray and meditate? Following the 5pm mass on the 1st Saturday of each month (10/3, 11/7, 12/5), the church will remain open for a time of silence and contemplative prayer. Whether you join for 5 minutes or stay for 50, all are welcome. If you would like to lead or introduce a prayer practice, please email Olivia at owalter1010@gmail.com.

On Pilgrimage: An Introduction; Thursday September 17th from 7pm-8:15pm, join us for an introduction to the ancient spiritual practice of pilgrimage. We will provide a brief overview of pilgrimages, their context in Christian Tradition and Scripture, and how they might be meaningful to us today. We will meet in the vestibule of the church. All are welcome. Email Cathy Hartrich (jubilosa.4547@gmail.com) with questions!



Following this initial session, we will begin "On Pilgrimage" - a small group series where we will dive into stories of pilgrimage and imagine how we can incorporate this practice into our lives. We will gather on Thursdays (9/24, 10/1, 10/8, 10/15) from 7-8:15pm. There is no need to commit to every session - join us whenever you can! We will meet in the vestibule of the church. Email Olivia (owalter1010@gmail.com) for more info! Please register Here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1y2tWrzAyXEMuynrlrSOJf3d3ZS-_CjqmM_MQpe5RCcU/viewform?edit_requested=true or us the handy QR code.

The next Black Lives Matter Vigil will be Friday, Sept. 18, at the corner of Manchester and Kingshighway, from 4:30-5:30pm. Please join us!

August 2026 Contributions Thank You!

General Fund	\$19,334
Building Repair Fund	\$545
Food Pantry	\$2,010
MidTown Community Serv.	\$2,703
St. Vincent de Paul	\$470
Uganda	\$55
Immigrant & Refugee Min.	\$235
Church in Latin America	\$50
Football Fundraiser	\$1400

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!



WILLS: Please remember Saint Cronan Church in your will. Our official title is St. Cronan Catholic Church-1202 South Boyle Ave.- St. Louis, MO 63110. Our Federal I.D.# is 43-0653457.

Migration Mass

October 18, 2026
at 10 AM

St. Pius V Catholic Church
3310 S. Grand Blvd.
Liturgy with International
Potluck to Follow



Immigrant & Refugee
Ministry

For More Information Contact: Kevin Kuehl, IRM Coordinator, MigrantMinistrySTL@gmail.com



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. Make checks payable to St. Cronan and write "coffee" on the memo line.

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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Could anyone refuse mercy to another, and seek pardon for his or her own sins?

In her homily last weekend, Sr. Lynne reminded us of Sr. Margaret's comments at the assembly: we need to be humble and remember that St. Cronan does not have a corner on mercy or good works.

This week's readings remind us that mercy extends not just to our own community members but also to anyone who might harm us. We cannot harbor anger and expect God's mercy on us. Jesus tells us we must infinitely forgive (seventy-seven times!).

This is a tough time to be contemplating forgiveness. The twenty-fifth anniversary of 9/11 reminds us of the loss of so many lives at the Trade Center, the Pentagon and in Pennsylvania at the hands of "terrorists". We see the injustice of war in Ukraine, Iran, Palestine and so many other nations. We are reminded of the devastation caused by climate change at the hands of climate deniers. We are devastated at the inhumane treatment of migrants and refugees, the poor, and those in war-torn areas throughout the world, often at the hands of our own government. Are those inflicting these sufferings worthy of forgiveness? Seventy-seven times forgiveness?

Last week God told us through Ezechiel that it is our responsibility to "turn the wicked from their evil ways...". This week God tells us we

must forgive them as well. When there seems to be so much devastation, what is God asking of us?

I believe God, through Jesus, is telling us to love, to love our neighbors as ourselves. It may take God's time, and not ours, but love is stronger than anything our "enemies" have to offer. Paul tells the Romans, "None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." Jesus asks us to forgive our brothers and sisters, to love one another, so that we live in the Lord. Not an easy lesson to carry out, but with the help of the Eucharist, we can leave our animosities at the altar and, with Jesus' help, learn the hard lesson of forgiveness.

—Diane Gozdziński

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