

Reflection
September 15, 2024
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 50:4-9 Psalm 116:1-9
James 2:14-18 Mark 8:27-35

We usually skip over the entrance antiphon by allowing our music to provide the beginning to our Sunday gathering. But today's prayer from Sirach 36:18 caught my attention; "Give peace, O God to those who wait for you, that your prophets be true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel." So we are praying for Isaiah (first reading) whom I think had a lot of courage and all the prophets in our own time, of whom there are many. "Give peace....and hear the prayers of your people Israel." While the unrest occurring in the Middle East may not be touching us personally how tragic the day to day lives are for those who fear the next bomb, or have no idea from where the next meal will come from or whether their child will now be sickened with polio. I have a friend from college who has lived in Israel since the mid 70's. She and her husband went there to share the "Good News." Our communication has been fractured due to time and distance and I think of her often. Do they know peace now?

Jesus makes it very clear that following him is not an easy road. He tells us unequivocally that there are going

to be many losses. As I am growing older the losses of family, friends and stability seem to be multiplying. It's easy to lose hope if my faith is not constantly being nurtured and renewed. What keeps your hope alive? What renews your faith? Be with me God as I long to know you better.

-Kathleen Stock

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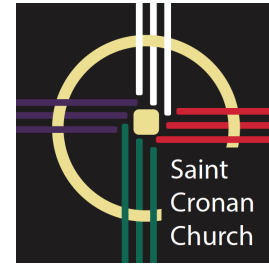
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Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 a.m. and 10 am.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 pm.

Wednesdays – 8:00 am. (Communion Service on Wednesday, Sept. 18)

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.

Mum Sale! Purchase beautiful Mums for your Fall décor and pro-



ceeds 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.

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**. The walk will begin at the Clocktower at St. Louis University at 1:00, followed by a Mass at the New Cathedral on Lindell at 2:30. 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. For more information, please see the flyer in the foyer of church.

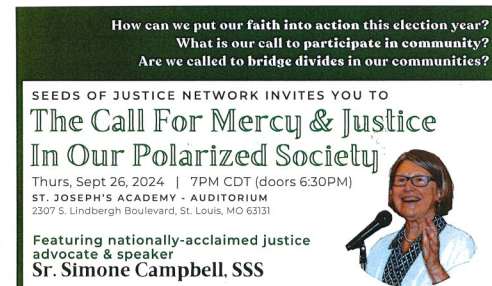
PrideFest takes place September 28-29. We will need workers for the St. Cronan booth. The sign up sheet is posted in the foyer of Church.



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.

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-Comminellis at 314-792-7177 or jamescomminellis@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

Sr. Simone Campbell is coming to St. Louis on Sept 26. You have the opportunity to hear her speak on "The Call For Mercy & Justice In Our Polarized Society," on Thursday, Sept. 26 at St. Joseph's Academy on S. Lindbergh. This important free event is sponsored by Seeds Of Justice Network, with support from the Incarnate Word Foundation, St. Joseph Academy and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.
Special note: While the event is free, note that making a donation with your registration qualifies you for a drawing for dinner with Sr. Simone on Wednesday, Sept. 25! Just go to bit.ly/PlantingSeeds1 to register now.



IHELP English Lessons for Immigrants and Refugees: One of the most valuable and intangible things most newly arrived immigrants need is the ability to use English. I HELP trains adults to work one on one with immigrants to help them with the basic English skills they need to work, go shopping, chat with neighbors, communicate with their children's teachers, and so on. The training will take place Sunday, October 6 at 12:45 pm. Lunch will be available beforehand on the lower level of 1202 South Boyle Avenue, near Manchester. The program will take place on the premises. Please contact Trish Curtis at trishquita1952@gmail.com for more information.

Get out the Vote: Members of the Social Justice Committee will have a table with voting information in various locations. If you would like to help, please contact Kim Madden, kim.madden514@gmail.com. A voting information sheet is in the Church foyer.

Attn All Men Bored on Saturday evenings, tired after working, just need a rest and want to spend some time with your friends? Then come to the New Men's Club. We can watch sports together, play cards, talk politics or just enjoy being there. First meeting? Saturday September 21, 2024, in the Parish Center hall lower level 6:30 till? Contact Nick Ambrose with any questions. Nambrrs1@gmail.com

STL Black History Tours The last tour date this year will take place September 21. To sign-up email the tour date, your name, email address, and phone number to Paul Loida at the email address below. The group will meet at St Cronan Catholic Church at 9:45 AM and bus will return to St Cronan at 1 PM. There will be an optional brown bag lunch and discussion following, for those interested. For more info contact Paul Loida. paul.loida@bayer.com

Issues and Inspirations will take place Sunday, September 22 after the 10:00 Mass in the Parish Center. The LGBTQ folks who have gathered are providing an opportunity for those of us who are and want to be allies to gain more information. There will be two speakers, Jordan Braxton and Rabbi Daniel Bogard, with time for questions and answers after each. Questions can be asked directly or submitted anonymously. Please join us!

A welcoming home for refugees: On Monday there will be a new place of shelter and hospitality for the most recent immigrants to St. Louis, thanks to the work of our Immigrant and Refugee Ministry and partnerships that have been building over the last few years. Like our community's support of Assisi Houses and the Catholic Worker over many years, our participation in IRM has borne fruit in the establishment of this new effort to shelter the homeless. As we hear from coordinator Kevin Kuehl this weekend, please consider how you can contribute generously to the ministry in next week's Special Collection. Some copies of Tony Messenger's excellent article about the shelter are available in the back of church.

Hope and Healing Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski will preside at the Hope and Healing Prayer Service for survivors of physical, sexual, verbal and/or emotional abuse on Thursday, October 3, 2024 at 7pm, at St. Joseph Parish in Clayton. (106 N. Meramec Ave. Clayton, MO 63105) Survivors, family members, and friends are encouraged to attend, as well as those who help those who have been abused, work to prevent abuse, and want to pray for healing and reconciliation. For more information, please contact Ann Wier, Victim Assistance Coordinator, Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at annwier@archstl.org or 314.850.8318.



Parish Fall Festival Let's get together to connect and celebrate at a parish pot luck on Sunday, October 6 after the 10 am Mass. We'll BBQ hamburgers, hot dogs and brats. Contributions of sides, salads and desserts would be most welcome. More info will follow--save the date!