



St. Cronan Catholic Church
September 20, 2026
25th 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

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>.

LAST CHANCE TO ORDER MUMS!

All mums are \$15.00 and are oversized, in 9" pots and available in a variety of colors. Sale ends **TODAY**. 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.



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" - 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.

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

Black Lives Matter Vigil RESCHEDULED due to the excessive heat last Friday, the next vigil will be Friday, Sept. 25 at the corner of Manchester and Kingshighway, from 4:30-5:30pm. Please join us!

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

Everyone's favorite autumn tradition!

UNCORKED!

Join the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet at our historic motherhouse for an evening of wine, hors d'oeuvres, desserts, live entertainment and more!

THURSDAY, OCT 8, 2026 | 6-8 P.M.
Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet Motherhouse
6400 Minnesota Ave., St. Louis, MO 63111

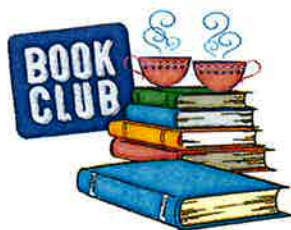
\$55 PER PERSON
Benefiting the mission and ministries of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

RSVP BY SEPT. 25
To register, return the enclosed reply card, scan the QR code or go to csjls.org/events.



HOSTS
Mary Ward
Owner, Ward on Wine
Mike Ward
IWS, CWE, CSS, CS, WSET Level 3, State Wine Educator
Owner, Ward on Wine



St. Cronan Social Justice Book Club Our October book is: **The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope For, and Believe** by Richard Rohr. The 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.

Welcome
New Members
Mary Brasken

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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In Matthew's parable, the most important takeaway is the same as it is with every parable. It is right there in the first sentence: "The reign of God is like..." Nearly every parable has as its focus communicating something about this alternate reality that Jesus calls "the reign of God." Most significant is that Jesus proposes that the reign of God stands in stark contrast to the economic, political, religious and cultural realities that define his listeners' lives—then and now.

So the question is what are the contrasts that Jesus is drawing between the reign of God and the world as we experience it? The primary critique here is an economic one and it is especially apt for today.

We live in an economic system based on (supposedly) fair pay for fair work. Capitalism is defined by the owner-worker relationship. The owner extracts capital from the labor of the worker, and, theoretically, in return the worker earns some small part of the capital generated. If the laborer works and produces, they get paid. The one who works more gets more; the one who works less gets less.

But Jesus's parable says something different about the economics of the reign of God.

In the reign of God, workers have rights and dignity irrespective of how much work they do. All workers are given "what is just" (v. 4) and what is just isn't determined by how much or how little work is done. What is just is what each requires to take care of their basic needs. The landowner doesn't only take in those whom they know and has worked with before. (What would be typical is for the landowner to first hire the workers with whom they had already

contracted prior, worked with before, etc.) Instead the landowner returns to the marketplace repeatedly finding work for all who need it—those who arrive late, those who not hired by other landowners, those with whom the landowner has not worked before.

And, unlike a basic premise of today's capitalism, the landowner acts not out of scarcity and competition but out of abundance and cooperation. The early workers argue that the later workers should not get the same wage is rooted not in their solidarity with other workers who need to provide for their families but in competition with them. The landowner reveals the abundance of God by focusing not on what they can extract from the workers and at a rate most favorable for themselves, but rather on there being enough that all receive what is just.

Would that Christians today work for a system which reflects the mindset of the landowner rather than the capitalism which exploits the masses while enriching the few.

~ Johnny Zokovitch

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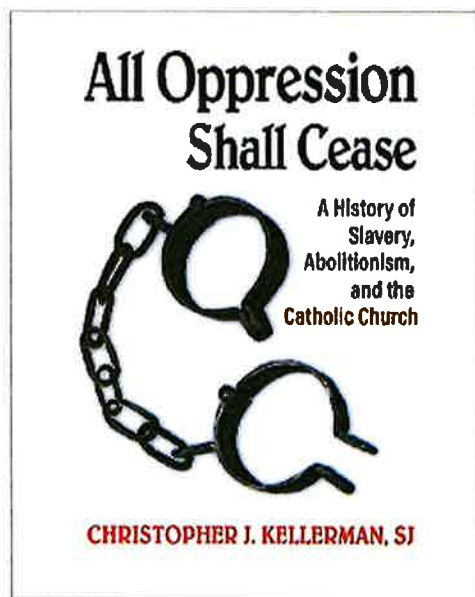
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Food Pantry Director: Mary Solomon



St. Cronan Church is a founding member of the Catholic Racial Justice Collaborative!!

You're Invited to A Community Book Read!



What can the Catholic Church's history with slavery teach us today?

The Catholic Racial Justice Collaborative invites you to join Christopher J. Kellerman, SJ, as he explores the powerful and often overlooked history of slavery, abolitionism, and the Catholic Church.

Based on his thought-provoking book, *All Oppression Shall Cease*, this 90-minute, interactive presentation will examine how religious belief was used both to justify oppression and to inspire liberation. The book gives a detailed account of the reality that was the Church's slaveholding past while issuing a call for the Church to take the necessary steps to reconcile with its history.

Through historical research and compelling stories, Kellerman invites us to confront a difficult past and consider the path toward truth, justice, and reconciliation.

Please join us for this free virtual event:

Date: **September 26, 2026**

Time: **1:00 pm**

Register at:

<https://cutt.ly/CRJC-Sept26>

We encourage you to attend whether or not you have read the book!

You can purchase it online at ***All Oppression Shall Cease***, Orbis Books, or order from Subterranean Books, (314) 862-6100.

Father Chris Kellerman, SJ, is the Secretary of Justice and Ecology for the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States in Washington, D.C. Originally from Arlington, Texas, he studied at Texas Tech University, the University of Dallas and Regis College at the University of Toronto. He is the author of *All Oppression Shall Cease: A History of Slavery, Abolitionism, and the Catholic Church*.



Father Kellerman speaks on Church history, especially as it pertains to slavery and abolitionism, as well as on Catholic racial justice and how to approach the polarization between Church and State in the United States.

Even Just **One**
of These Children
World Day of Migrants and Refugees Pilgrimage

Sept 27th · 3:00PM

Harmony United Methodist Church
2730 Walton Road, St. Louis, MO 63114

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Join us for a procession in observance of
the World Day of Migrants and Refugees.

The procession will be led by Episcopal Vicar Fr. Scott Jones representing Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski and other faith leaders such as Rev. Erika Gravely of Harmony Methodist Church as we walk together in faith, solidarity, and support of migrants and refugees.

Community meal by Iglesia del Pueblo to follow.



In Memory of
Nixon Giovanni Perez
Paz & Glendy Marisol
Gonzalez de la Cruz

In honor of their
beloved children



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