

Pastoral Reflection
25th Sunday of Ordinary Time
September 21, 2025

"The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones. If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth?"

The Gospel parable today offers us a wealthy "master" who fires his dishonest servant who has squandered (*skorpizien*, the same word used in the parable of the Prodigal Son) the master's wealth. This initiates a similar humbling and self-reflection from the steward as we saw in the "Prodigal" parable. He was dishonest in the managing of someone else's money, so how can he be trusted with the great "true wealth" of the Kingdom?

In my middle school I am frequently tasked with a similar task of drawing connections between the small "white lies" and "omissions" and the long-term trustworthiness that can be such a valuable currency in our lives. The temptation may be great to be less prudent with that which does not belong to us, but perhaps it instead is the perfect test for us to gauge how worthy of that trust we truly are.

We are then guided to yet another prompt

for self-reflection: *"If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another, who will give you what is yours? No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other."*

Whom do we serve? For whom do we act righteously? Where does that impetus for "goodness" originate? If we are serving the master of vanity, of public opinion, of greed, then our trustworthiness may be a rotten facsimile of true virtue.

May we show our virtue in the small matters and build up our trustworthiness under God's loving and patient gaze.

—David Gaillardetz

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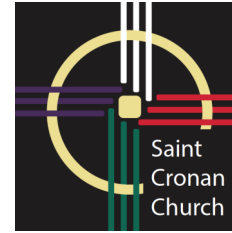
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Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 am. and 10 am.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 pm.

Wednesdays – 8:00 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.

Bulletin Deadline: Noon Tuesday



Please Come to the Cronan Get-To-Know-You Potluck

TODAY Sunday, September 21st after 10 am Mass
in the Hospitality Room.

Get to know some parishioners you see but don't have a chance to talk with! All are WELCOME!

From your Welcome/Hospitality Committee: A big thank you to ALL of us who are welcoming newcomers to masses; Mary Ward who keeps us churning with packets, cards, name tags, and registering new members; the greeters Elisabeth Byrne, Tricia Goldman, Sr. Janet, Judy Varias, and Erin O'Connell who each take Sundays (15 minute commitment) at the 10 am mass. Consider joining in our charism, a big part of our welcoming mission at St. Cronan. We also offer the coffee and donuts on the 3rd Sunday and could use help. Contact Christine Lakey at 314-239-2204 with questions.

Mums the Word! Our Fall Fundraiser is upon us....get your fall mums at St. Cronan's and beautify your home for Autumn. Each 9" pot is only \$15 and proceeds will support St. Cronan. You can purchase your mums after each Mass until September 21 **today** or order them online at <https://fall-mum-sale.square.site/>. Orders close Sept. 21. Delivery will be after each Mass the weekend of Sept. 27/28. Thank you for your support!





Prayers Please: Prayers Please: Nick and Shirley Ambrose and Family; Elisabeth Byrne's mom, Denise Siebold; Joe Connolly; Yvonne DeHart's daughter, Cathy Hebert; Nancy Buck's daughter, Denise Oberle and her granddaughter, Danielle Oliveros; Trish Curtis' siblings, Skip, Ter-ee, and Ray; Joe Fairless; Sr. Cathy Doherty's friends, Lina Tackas and Tim; Rob Barnicle, who has been placed on hospice; 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; Sr. Barb Schlatter; Madonna Kuciejczyk-Kernan; Ken Ladd; Fr. Gerry Kleba; Laura Krueger's mom, Evelyn Puleo; Mary Hastings; Marie and Roland Martir's granddaughter, Madi and their dear friend, Robert Screace, who has been placed on hospice; Judy Varias' husband Gene.

If you would like your loved one or yourself to be placed on the list, please call the office at (314) 289-9384, or email Mary@stcronan.org

Order of Christian Initiation of adults will begin on September 28. If you are interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about our faith, please contact Sr. Cathy Doherty, Johnny at johnny@stcronan.org or Diane at diane@stcronan.org.



MIDTOWN OPEN
PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

SUNDAY, SEPT. 28, 2-5 PM
PADEL + PICKLE, 1220 N. PRICE ROAD, OLIVETTE

REGISTRATION:

\$75 PER DOUBLES TEAM

Beginner and experienced brackets.
Each player receives 2 free beverages and snacks from Fallon's Bar & Grill.
Limited spectator tickets available.

Proceeds benefit Midtown Community Services' Youth Empowerment and Family Pride healthy baby programs.

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UNCORKED! Thursday, Oct 9, 2025
6:00PM - 8:00PM CT
Carondelet Motherhouse
Join the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet at the historic motherhouse for an evening of: Specialty wines, hors d'oeuvres and desserts, Live entertainment and Tasting tips and pairing advice from our wine professionals (Including our own Mary Ward).
Benefitting the mission and ministries of the Sisters of St. Joseph. For more info, contact Stephanie Betts at 314-678-2944 or sbetts@csjstl.org.
Register Here by Sept. 26: <https://www.csjstl.org/events/uncorked2025>

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, October 17. Please join us!

MICA Trivia Night...Put your team together and register here:
<https://www.mica-project.org/trivia-night-2025.html>

St. Cronan Social Justice Book Club meets on the 2nd Sunday of each month in the 1st floor conference room after 10am mass from 11:30am-12:30pm. Our October 12 book is James by Perceval Everett. Our November 9 book is Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants by Robin Wall Kimmerer. We invite you to join us in person or to simply read with us. For more information please contact Charlene Zeni Connolly at 314-308-0056.

The Tower Grove Pride Fest is just around the corner, September 27 and 28. We are late getting started, but could use your help to "people" the booth with St. Margaret of Scotland. The sign-up sheet is attached as a Google doc. If you cannot sign up on that, there will be regular sign-up sheets at Church this weekend. The Pride Fest is always fun and a way to get to know SMOS people. Here is the link to the sign-up sheet: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qHHm2uZFb6onH0pHJq6FrSl2XyO54Ntk/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=103057187619177728911&rtpof=true&sd=true>
Sign up early, sign up often!!!!



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 and Indigenous communities.

For the full land acknowledgment, visit stcronan.org.