



St. Cronan Catholic Church
September 27, 2026
26th 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 Pick Up: Thanks to everyone who participated in the Mum Fundraiser! If you ordered mums through the Mum Fundraiser, don't forget to pick yours up after all masses this weekend. Any mums left will be stored in the church office...none of us has green thumbs, so please pick them up ASAP. Office hours are Mon-Fri 9am-3pm



Food Delivery: With your generous donations of goods, time, muscle and prayers - we continue to provide a monthly distribution

for 25 Immigrant families in our area. Next month (10/3), I have a BIG Ask (as in Extra Large!!):

*Extra Large Laundry Detergent (approx. 100 oz. or more)

*Extra Large Diapers (Size 7; And Pull-ups sizes 2T - 6T)

As always, please leave donations in/near the tub in back of church, or at the Church office during the week.

Thank you!

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



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.



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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 (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.

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



Mark Your Calendars!

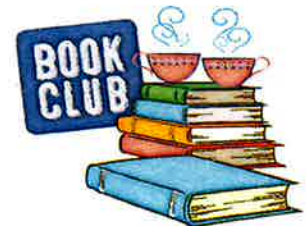
Blind Date with a Book is coming! November 7/8 after all masses!

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!



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 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.



The next Black Lives Matter Vigil will be Friday, October 16, at the corner of Manchester and Kingshighway, from 4:30-5:30pm. Please join us!

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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Philippians 2:1-11

Of the readings today I am most drawn to Paul's letter to the Philippians. Compared to the first reading, "The Lord's way is not fair!" (from Ezekiel) and the parable in Matthew's gospel of the two farmer's sons, this letter is straightforward, graciously sentimental and hopeful. Paul is calling the community of Philippi to be humble, united in spirit, and selfless, "regarding others as more important than yourselves." A real lesson for us!

Paul's instruction in how to achieve this virtuousness is seemingly simple. He says to the Church:

"Have in you the same attitude
that is also in Christ Jesus,
Who, though he was in the form of
God,
did not regard equality with God
something to be grasped.
Rather, he emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
coming in human likeness;
and found human in appearance,
he humbled himself,
becoming obedient to the point of
death,
even death on a cross."

I say "seemingly simple" because it's really incredibly hard on our bloated egos to consistently put others above ourselves. Too often we think of ourselves as too important to do those little random acts of

kindness toward our brethren and to others *beyond our community. To empty ourselves, like Jesus, taking on the form of a slave. And finally being obedient to the point of death... that's really dying to ourselves. Truly counter-cultural!*

But Paul urges us to do it anyway.

Like Fr. Greg's homily a couple of weeks ago: We will "rub against each other" as we do forgiveness "seventy X seven X seventy." And we will learn over time, as we grow towards perfection. Not that we will ever become perfect... just better... and better.

Or as Dorothy Day put it, "little by little."

—Cathy Hartrich

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