

Reflection
September 29, 2024
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

There is a pretty obvious pattern connecting today's first reading from Numbers and the gospel reading from Mark. In both readings, people who are "non-sanctioned" are undertaking work that the followers of both Moses and Jesus see as falling under their special purview. They report these "unofficial" people to Moses and Jesus, signaling their indignance and their expectation that Moses and Jesus will agree that such work need "cease and desist." In Joshua's case to Moses, he demands that Moses stop Eldad and Medad from prophesying; while John seems to take pride in telling Jesus how he and the other disciples took the initiative in preventing this "outsider" from continuing to drive out demons in Jesus' name. Far from sharing their followers' concerns about who is allowed to do what, Moses and Jesus find no issue and take no offense; they celebrate the fact that such work is being done—despite the lack of credentials.

The lesson is simple: Our God will not be constrained by the rules or expectations we set for her. Where we want to delineate boundaries, God exceeds them. Where we want to set limitations, God blows right past them. Where we want to define a set order for who things work,

God reserves the right to be as wild as she wants to be, conferring on whoever she pleases a spirit which animates and enlivens and is an authority unto itself.

Such passages leave vacant and fatuous our own demand for good order, our strict adherence to tradition, our narrow expectation that things proceed according to our own rules and rubrics! God resists any lines of demarcation we set, especially where it concerns the work of the spirit. The invitation for us is to celebrate whomever is undertaking the work of the gospel—whether they have the right credentials or not—and not to position ourselves as gatekeepers, nor to worry about others stealing our thunder.

—*Johnny Zokovitch*

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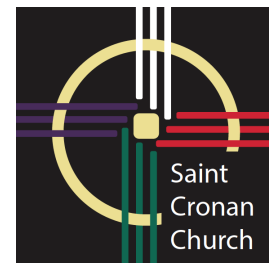
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Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 a.m. and 10 am.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 pm.

Wednesdays – 8:00 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.

Bulletin Deadline: Noon Wednesday

World Day for Migrants and Refugees. TODAY, 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. 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 Rivotuso. For more information, please see the flyer in the foyer of church.

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--mark your calendar!



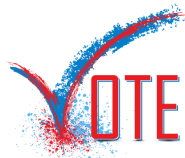


Prayers : John Gozdziński, Tom and Madonna Kuciejczyk-Kernan, Joseph Kuciejczyk (brother of Madonna and Sr. Janet), Nick and Shirley Ambrose, Kathy Hunn's niece Lisa and her brother Jon, Mary Truetken, Pam (cousin of Donna Zuroweste), Laura Krueger's mother, Evelyn Puleo, Marie and Roland Martir's grandson, Camden and daughter, Carrie; Sr. Pauline's niece; Laura Rettke, 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, Fr. Gerry's young friend; Ben Zevely, Sheryl Renken's brother Dan Engelman, Colleen Wallace's cousin, Katy Rosolowski and friend, Kelsey MacBryde, former long-time member; Irene Meyer and Mary Solomon.

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."** 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!

The Call for Mercy & Justice in Our Polarized Society
featuring nationally-acclaimed 'Nuns on the Bus' justice advocate & speaker
Sr. Simone Campbell, SSS
Thursday, September 26 7:00 p.m.
St. Joseph's Academy - Auditorium
No fee to attend; registration is required
Register Here
bit.ly/PlantingSeeds1
SEEDS OF JUSTICE NETWORK
PLANTING SEEDS: Growing the Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching
COMMUNITY SERIES
SCAN ME to register

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. IHELP 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.

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.

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 18. Please join us!



St. Cronan Social Justice Book Discussion Group meets the 2nd Sunday of each month in the Parish Center at 11:30 - 12:30 in a hybrid format: Zoom and in-person. Our upcoming book choices are: October: Solito by Javier Zambora; November: Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann; December: The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store by James McBride; January: The Whole Language by Greg Boyle. Contact Christine Lakey at christine.lakey@yahoo.com for the Zoom link or more information. We love new members/readers!

St. Anthony Indoor Flea Market
3133 Meramec At Michigan
Saturday, October 5, 2024 8:00 am to 2:00 pm
Disability Accessible - Concessions on site.



Tower Grove Pride: The last day of Tower Grove Pride takes place Sunday, Sept. 29 from 11am-5pm. Tower Grove Pride is an LGBT+ pride festival featuring 300+ local vendors and non-profits, two live-entertainment stages, a DJ stage, a ball, dance party, skating rink, mardi gras- style parade and more. Show your support for our LGBT+ neighbors. For more info visit <https://www.towergrovepride.com/>



Thank you to all who participated in the Fall Mum Fundraiser. We sold 80 mums! Keep you eye on the bulletin and Cronan Talk for the annual Christmas Poinsettia Sale....