



Pastor:

Jesus

Mission:

The Gospel

This faith community gathers in thanksgiving and prayer daily. You are invited to join us anytime.

SUNDAY — 8:00 am and 10:00 am

SATURDAY VIGIL — 5:00 pm

WEEKDAYS — 8:00 am

The Sacrament of Reconciliation at 4:30 pm Saturday or by appointment.

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Our Mission Statement

Our mission at St. Cronan’s parish is to create an atmosphere in which people of all ages and persuasions are called to worship and to build the living Church. As followers of Jesus Christ, this community recognizes the value of ministering to each other, of fostering our own spiritual growth, of encouraging a commitment to social justice, and sharing, in faith, our gifts with the wider neighborhood and world community.

Parish Council

Joan Barthel (1)	Tim Hellmann (2)
Kathy Bayless (3)	Jim Kelly (2)
Dede Coughlin (1)	Marie Martir (3)
Judy Gallagher (1)	Dan Schuler (3)
Heather Hageman (3)	Dominic Soda (1)

Parish Ministries

- Faith Formation
- RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
- Liturgy of the Word with Children
- Eucharistic Ministers/Lectors
- Music Ministry
- Liturgy Committee
- St. Vincent de Paul Society
- St. Cronan Food Pantry
- Health Cabinet
- Grief Support
- C4 (Churches Committed to Community Concerns)
- Habitat for Humanity
- COPE (Congregations + Offender Partnership Enterprise)
- Parish Council
- Stewardship & Fundraising
- Parish Support Team
- Personnel Committee

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First Sunday of Lent

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Sat. 5p Alice Faye Hodge
Sun. 8a Fr. James A. Krings
10a The People of the Parish

WEEKDAYS AT 8:00a

Mon. Marie Frank
Tues. *Communion Service*
Wed. Cecilia King
Thurs. Smith Families
Fri. Temporiti & Oldani families

NEXT WEEKEND

Sat. 5p Zuccherro & Marino Families
Sun. 8a The People of the Parish
10a Walter Proehl

REFRESHMENTS

1st Sunday Parish Council
2nd Sunday Volunteers Needed
3rd Sunday Maggie Hart-Mahon & Bob Mahon
4th Sunday Henry Schmitt
5th Sunday Janet & Larry Kostal

A Stewardship Parish

My parish is composed of
people like me.

I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if I am.

It will be holy, if I am.

Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

It will do great work, if I work.

It will be prayerful, if I pray.

It will make generous gifts to many causes
if I am a generous giver.

It will bring others into its worship,
if I invite and bring them.

It will be a parish of loyalty and love,
of fearlessness and faith,
of compassion, charity, and mercy,
if I do, who make it what it is,
am filled with these same things.

Therefore, with the help of God,
I now dedicate myself to the task
of being all the things that
I want my parish to be. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SISTERS & BROTHERS

Lucille Krings Halloran (Eileen Heidenheimer's stepmother), Jim Spies, Tom Truetken (brother of Mary Truetken), Jim Spies, Peter Wimmer (son of Bonnie & Warren Wimmer), Alice Adcock, Msgr. Dave Raterman, Rev. Earl Nance, Jr., Jack Gettinger (brother of Msgr. Bob Gettinger), Ellie Waide, John O'Connell (Barb's son), Greg LaVigne, Sandra Ward, Paul Oldenburg, Greg DaLay (Steve DaLay's brother), Mirabella Momo, sister of Seraphina Momo, Jaime Benitez, Millie & Joe Janisch, Frank Matula (Leslie Conway's husband), Tom Mullen, Maureen & Patrick McKenna, (Mark & Maria McKenna's mother & brother), Claude Vandervolt, Mary Zumwalt (Kathy Bayless' sister), Danny O'Connell (Barb O'Connell's grandson) and Barb O'Connell's mom, Terri Prince, Suzy Prince, Isabel Wimmer Brown (Warren & Bonnie's granddaughter), Cathy Lang, Mary Dunaway, Valerie Williams, Mimi March (Henry Schmitt's sister), Alex Smith, Paul Voelker, Mirelly Kernan (sister-in-law of Madonna Kuciejczyk-Kernan), Marje Kaiman (Kathleen's mom), Mike & Edith Ridley (Mike's mom), Becky Scurlock, David Sieben (Rocky's father), Mary Anne (Toni) McKenna, Mary Ann (Terry Hunn's sister), Aidan Jordan, Vickie Avellone, Pat Naum (wife of Louis), JoAnn & Donald Anderson, Barbara Peper (Anne Perkins' stepmother), Daniel Whealon (Mary Whealon's twin brother), Sue Lauritsen's son, Nodric, Danielle Oliveros (Nancy Buck's granddaughter), Susan Christopher, Carrie Brown (Roland Martir's daughter), Edward Dee (son of Mary Ellen Dee), Jeffrey Williams, Arthricia Temes, Genevieve Pollack and William Jones.

Mark your Calendars

February 26—Please support the annual nationwide Black and Indian Mission Collection on the 1st weekend of Lent, February 25-26, 2012. Give generously.

March 3—Day of Reflection in preparation for the 2012 National Black Catholic Congress Saturday, March 3, 2012 from 11:00 a.m. – 3:45p.m in Cardinal Ritter College Preparatory High School, 701 N. Spring Ave., in mid-town St. Louis. Continuing with Reconciliation at 4:00 p.m., Rosary at 4:30 p.m. and Mass at 5:00 p.m. in St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist Church, 4330 Shreve at Carter Avenues. Please RSVP to the St. Charles Lwanga Center at (314) 367-7929

March 2-4 —Men's Retreat— is coming up on at the Griesedieck farm. **We will be doing sign-up on Sunday, February 19th and 26th after the 10 am liturgy.** Please pick up the book [Tattoos on the Heart](#) and begin reading. If you have questions or can't make the sign-up please e-mail Rocky Sieben at rockysieben@sbcglobal.net or call 481-1943.

March 3—"I Knew That #8" Trivia Night—to benefit Catholic Charities MIDTOWN Center (College Church—Grand & Lindell Blvd.) 6:00 p.m. doors open, 7:00 p.m. Trivia begins. Registration by February 24. Any questions — please call John at (314) 534-1180.

March 9-11- Women's Retreat at Griesedieck Farm. For more information contact Kathy Bayless kbbikes@yahoo.com or Chris Diekman chrisdiekman@netscape.com.

Outreach

The Food Pantry is open on the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Saturdays of the month from 9:00-11:00a. It serves households in the 63110 zip code.

B.A.S.I.C (AA & NA) meets every Saturday from 11:00a-1:00p in the lower level of the Parish Center (The Healing Yellow Room).

T'ai Chi Chih 9:30a Sundays, outside (weather permitting) or in the balcony.

Nar-anon Family group is continuing to meet at St. Cronan's. Meeting info: **Weds. 6:30 pm. in the Coffee & Donut room. For more info check out our website:** www.nar-anon.org or call or text Janice at 314-560-7300 or Heather at 314-650-4313. If you have a family member or friend struggling with addiction and you need help please join us.

Supporting Our Community

Children's Faith Formation communities meet 1st and 3rd Sundays from 8:45 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. at the Parish Center to nurture the relationship with God and with one another. You are invited to revitalize the Youth Commission, please see future bulletins for more information.

The Youth Commission oversees faith formation and other aspects of children and youth ministry. Recognizing the Spirit alive in our children and youth, the Youth Commission encourages fuller participation of children and youth in liturgy, Family Masses, and parish life. They are advocates for children in the neighborhood and world community. For more information go to the Cronan website <http://www.stcronan.org/12.html> To join The Youth Commission please contact Madonna K.-K. tmkkernan@earthlink.net

First Communion: This last weekend before Lent brought more celebration! At the 10:00 am liturgy, the children preparing for First Communion, *Rosie Doyle, Mira Kovarik and Connor McKenna* were blessed by the community and received candles that they will decorate and bring with them to their First Communion. *Joshua Ehret* is also part of this group but was unable to be with us Sunday. Please keep them and their families and Madonna, their teacher, in your prayers as they journey through these next few weeks of preparation. By this weekend, there should be posters of the children in the back of church. These give a little description of each child and offer our community the chance to write little notes of blessing to each of them. A special joy was having the McKenna family come all the way from Indiana to be with us!

Confirmation: We hold in prayer Haley Clancy Inyart, Will Davis, Jesse Gondzur, Sam Heagney, Ellie Hoffmann-Reichert, Isaac Hoffmann-Reichert, Matteo Mantese, Clare Middendorf-Bolesta, Anna Miller, Benjy Perkins, and Rachel Roth as they prepare to be confirmed as ones guided by God's Holy Spirit. They were presented with bibles at the 10:00 liturgy on February 5th as a sign of their desire to deepen their relationship with the Holy Spirit. Please continue to bless them and their journey in the Spirit.

Pastor's Peace

A LENTEN THOUGHT – Lent as a Journey

Think about the journeys we take – long journeys that can take days, even weeks to complete.

Journeys have their ups and downs., We don't really expect them to go smoothly. If we are going to drive across the country, we expect a few car problems, some bad weather, some detours, some missed connections, wrong turns and surprises. It is an adventure. We prepare for those things as best we can and we deal with them as they come up.

Oftentimes, when people go along the journey of Lent, and something goes wrong (for example, they break their Lenten resolutions), they cash it in and think that their Lenten observance is ruined and they will try again next year. But it would be a lot better to deal with the journey of Lent the way we deal with every other long and difficult journey.

I don't expect Lent to be a perfect journey. It will have its ups and downs. But I can make it a good journey. I can make a good start and deal with the breakdowns and disappointments along the way. I don't pack it in with total disappointment.

My goal is Easter, and right now it's a long way off. I'm ready for a long journey and I'll deal with whatever comes my way. Despite the disappointments and failures I will stay on the road looking for a successful completion with the joy and peace of Easter.

FAST AND ABSTINENCE

The regulations on Lenten fast and abstinence are:

FASTING: On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, those who are 18 but not yet 59 are allowed only one full meal. Two smaller meals are allowed as needed, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

ABSTINENCE FROM MEAL: Those who are 14 years of age or older are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

The Church no longer attempts to prescribe Lenten practices in detail. The above regulations simply highlight Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and the other Fridays of Lent. The more fundamental obligation is to make Lent a penitential season, choosing practices that are adapted to one's own needs and keeping our eyes open to the needs of others.

LENT IS A TIME FOR:

L is for Listening Prayer

E is for Eat Right and Exercise

N is for Neighborliness

T is for Thanksgiving, especially the Eucharist

LENT = Less is Enough, Now That's That

SACRAMENTS/MARRIAGE PREP: Parishioners wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage are asked to contact Father Gerry at least six months in advance of the proposed wedding date. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on Saturdays at 4:30p and at other times by appointment. Adults who are interested in Sacramental preparation (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation) should talk with Father Gerry about RCIA — the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is held in the Parish Center.

WILLS: Please remember Saint Cronan's in your will. Title is St. Cronan's Catholic Church—1202 South Boyle Ave.— St. Louis, MO 63110

Compost Bin in Rectory Backyard: Bring your garden, greens, fruit and vegetable waste (no meat & dairy) to the new compost bin by the garage in rectory yard. Pour it in the top and put your plastic bag in the trash bucket.

Hello Dear St. Cronan's Parishioners,

As you have probably heard, Barbara O'Connell, your Parish Nurse, has taken a new position as Parish Nurse at Isaiah 58. I am now serving as your Parish Nurse on a volunteer basis. I have many years of experience in public health and spent an extensive amount of time in this neighborhood when I was working on my masters' degrees in nursing and in public health ten years ago. I have a long-time commitment to serving those most in need and look forward to promoting the health (body, mind and spirit) of St. Cronan's parishioners and that of the surrounding community.

I am an active member of Mary Mother of the Church parish in South County, but will attend Mass at St. Cronan whenever possible. My hours are Tuesday and Friday mornings and Food Pantry hours on the second and fourth Saturdays. I look forward to meeting you soon!
—SaraLou Hendrickson RN

St. Cronan's is seeking people interested in providing hospitality to fellow parishioners and to visitors wanting to learn more about our community. Activities could include (but are not limited to!) greeting people prior to Mass, contacting people who express an interest in learning more about our parish, and providing comfort and concern to the sick, homebound and grieving with a friendly phone call or card. If interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Barb Sopp at bjsopp@hotmail.com or 314-534-7830

The first reflections for Ash Wednesday (Feb. 22) to the Saturday after Ash Wednesday (Feb.25) are posted on the St. Cronan web site. Look for the link that says Lenten Reflections! <http://www.stcronan.org/Reflections.html>

Inserts: Parish Directory Volunteer Form. Please complete and place in collection basket.

Lenten Reflection (February 26, 2012) First Sunday of Lent—Principles of Catholic Social Teaching for Lent

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