



**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

### Parish Center Offices (314) 256-9350

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Madonna Kuciejczyk-Kernan  
Faith Formation

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Ms. Dorothy Lucey  
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Ms. Barbara O'Connell  
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Catholic Charities Community Services

### Webmaster

Mr. Dominic Soda [webmaster@stcronan.org](mailto:webmaster@stcronan.org)

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Sat. 5p Josephine Scherer  
Sun. 8a The People of the Parish  
10a Otto Stegmaier

#### WEEKDAYS AT 8:00a

Mon. June R. Reichert  
Tues. *Communion Service*  
Wed. Claire Marie Wiegand  
Thurs. Virginia Wolf  
Fri. Fr. James A. Krings

#### NEXT WEEKEND

Sat. 5p Jack Senden  
Sun. 8a Robert P. Kleba  
10a The People of the Parish

#### REFRESHMENTS

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

### The Peace of Wild Things

When despair for the world grows in me  
and I wake in the night at the least sound  
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be.  
I go and lie down where the wood drake  
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron  
feeds.  
I come into the peace of wild things  
who do not tax their lives with forethought  
of grief. I come into the presence of still waters.  
And I feel above me the day-blind stars  
waiting with their light. For a time  
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

---Wendell Berry

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SISTERS & BROTHERS

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, Patrick McKenna, (Mark & Maria McKenna's 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), Nancy Buck's daughter, Chris, Edward Dee (son of Mary Ellen Dee), Jeffrey Williams, Arthricia Temes, Genevieve Pollack and William Jones.

**The St. Vincent DePaul Christmas Fund raiser** has been quite successful. We still have St. Cronan coffee mugs and wine goblets to offer our parishioners. Contact any member of St. Vincent DePaul.

**St Charles Lwanga Center:** Please join them for the **36th Annual Archdiocesan Mass & Commemoration** to honor the birth and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday, January 15, 2012—2:30p.m.—Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis—4431 Lindell Blvd.

**Reception and Awards Presentation Ceremony** for the 2012 **MLK, Jr. Model of Justice Honorees**...in Boland hall following the Mass. Please call (314) 367-7929, if you have any questions.

### Mark your Calendars

**January 15—Health Cabinet Meeting** after 10 a.m. mass—Parish Center

**January 28—Parish Council Retreat**

**February 3-4—Community of Preachers Retreat**

**February 3-4—Confirmation Class Blessing**

**February 12—Liturgy Meeting 9 a.m. in back of church**

**February 19—First Communion Class Blessing**

**February 22—Ash Wednesday Masses: 8 a.m. 12:10 noon & 7p.m.**

**March 2-4 —Men's Retreat.** For information contact Rocky Sieben: rockysieben@sbcglobal.net

**April 22—SVDeP Pancake Breakfast**

**Parish Offices will be closed** in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday on Monday, January 16, 2012.

**Outreach**

**The Food Pantry** is open on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

**Parents of High School Students, come meet the new Youth Ministers!** Please join us this Sunday, January 15 between Masses (9:00-9:45am) in the Midtown Parish Center. Come and get to know Kate and Tim Hellman, who will be coordinating the High School youth group events and activities. Share your thoughts, questions, hopes, and ideas for making our parish youth group a success!

**Tuesday, January, 17: Micro financing Partners in Africa Night on the Town, West End Grill and Pub,** 354 North Boyle, St. Louis, MO 63108, (3 blocks north of Lindell in the Central West End), 314-531-4607, fundraiser time: 5:00 - 10:00 pm. Reservations strongly recommended.

**Thursday, January 19, 2012: Interfaith Dialogue Group,** Second Presbyterian Church at 4501 Westminster Pl. (Taylor & Westminster) at 7:00 pm.

**St. Cronan St. Vincent DePaul Give Away for our Neighbors:** Set Up: **January 20, 2012 5-9 p.m. at the Parish Center.** Any help greatly appreciated. **Give Away January 21, 2012** coverage/assistance from 8:15am-1200pm. Any help with all or part of these time lines is greatly appreciated. Additional information . Call Dorothy 314-803-1858.

**Pastor's Peace**

**MLK – Prelude to a Good Race**

He graduated from high school at age fifteen – as brilliant a student as they had ever seen.

Thirsting for knowledge he attended Morehouse College.

His father, a pastor, it was only logical that he'd attend a seminary where the curriculum was theological.

After being well trained – into the Baptist ministry he was ordained.

Continuing his education he wrote his Doctorate Dissertation.

He had overcome adversity with graduation from Boston University.

He had worked hard and learned a lot.

Yes, he was the man to lead the boycott.

Along with his new bride, Coretta Scott.

Their romance was wonderful and full of sparks.

As they teamed up with the honorable Rosa Parks.

Downtrodden with segregation – he made supplication to stop racial separation – he led our nation.

Under the flap of non-violent demonstration

Many wanted to fight with arms – but he said they won't repent unless we keep it non-violent.

For Freedom was the goal that started his search, but he didn't want to be separated far from the church.

Now more and more trouble begins, as he led our young people with Lunch Counter Sit-In's.

He got in a jam when he went to Birmingham.

But he didn't lose his honor despite the antics of Bull Connor.

Even today he's held in great esteem for his speech," *I Have A Dream*".

Yes he's a man we can all revere; after all he was Time Magazine's "Man of the Year".

And to no one's surprise – he was the youngest person ever to receive the Noble Peace Prize.

Yes, he had planted and now harvested a crop. And delivered his speech, "*I've Been to the Mountain Top*".

A good father and son – A good Christian and citizen – A good husband and friend.

A power speaker and freedom seeker.

He checked into Motel Lorraine and that day he was slain.

For it is sure that with God's Grace – history for this man has a place and we can all say "*He Ran a Good Race*".

By Paul Bell, Jr.

7-27-07

**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

### **From the Desk of Barb O'Connell: Coping with Grief and Loss**

Losing someone or something you love is very painful. After a significant loss, you may experience all kinds of difficult and surprising emotions, such as shock, anger, and guilt. Sometimes it may feel like the sadness will never let up. While these feelings can be frightening and overwhelming, they are normal reactions to loss. Accepting them as part of the grieving process and allowing yourself to feel what you feel is necessary for healing.

There is no right or wrong way to grieve—but there are healthy ways to cope with the pain. You can get through it! Grief that is expressed and experienced has a potential for healing that eventually can strengthen and enrich life.

Grief is a natural response to loss. It's the emotional suffering you feel when someone you love is taken away. You may associate grief with the death of a loved one—and this type of loss does often cause the most intense grief. But any loss can cause grief, including: a relationship breakup, loss of health, losing a job, loss of financial security, a miscarriage, death of a pet, loss of a cherished dream, a loved one's serious illness, loss of friendship, and loss of safety after a trauma.

The more significant the loss, the more intense the grief. However, even subtle losses can lead to grief. For example, you might experience grief after moving away from home, graduating from college, changing jobs, selling your family home, or retiring from a career you loved.

The single most important factor in healing from loss is having the support of other people. Even if you aren't comfortable talking about your feelings under normal circumstances, it's important to express them when you're grieving. Sharing your loss makes the burden of grief easier to carry. Wherever the support comes from, accept it and do not grieve alone. Connecting to others will help you heal. The following are suggestions for finding support after a loss: turn to friends and family members who love and care for you, draw comfort from your faith by praying, meditating, talking with a clergy member and others in your religious community, join a grief support group, and it is often helpful to talk to a therapist or grief counselor who can help you work through intense emotions and overcome obstacles to your grieving. If someone you care about has suffered a loss, you can help them by asking about their feelings, spending time just being with them, and listening when they want to talk.

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