



**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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Madonna Kuciejczyk-Kernan  
Faith Formation

### Outreach

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Ms. Barbara O'Connell  
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### Webmaster

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

## Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Sat. 5p Helen, May & Margaret Rabbitt  
Sun. 8a The People of the Parish  
10a Jim Cuddihee

#### WEEKDAYS AT 8:00a

Mon. Stanley Salamone  
Tues. *Communion Service*  
Wed. Frank & Betty Janisch  
Thurs. Msgr. Robert Krawinkel  
Fri. Temporiti & Oldani families

#### NEXT WEEKEND

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

#### REFRESHMENTS

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Parish Council  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Anna Forder  
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

### Shine Through Us

Dear Jesus, help us to spread your fragrance everywhere we go.  
Flood our souls with your spirit and life.  
Penetrate and possess our whole being so utterly that our lives may only be a radiance of yours.  
Shine through us, and be so in us, that every soul we come in contact with may feel your presence in our soul.  
Let them look up and see no longer us but only Jesus!  
Stay with us, and then we shall begin to shine as you shine, so to shine as to be a light to others; the light, O Jesus, will be all from you, none of it will be ours; it will be you, shining on others through us.  
Let us thus praise you in the way you love best by shining on those around us.  
Let us preach you without preaching, not by words but by our example, by the catching force, the sympathetic influence of what we do, the evident fullness of the love Our hearts bear to you.

*Amen.*

*Cardinal Newman  
Shine Through us*

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SISTERS & BROTHERS

Ellie Waide, Susan Playwin (Roger Playwin's wife), 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), Michael Boehm, 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, Ray Bayers (Janet Kostal's dad), 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, and Genevieve Pollack.

### New Year's Mass Schedule

**Dec. 31- New Year's Eve— 5PM**

**Jan. 1, 2012— New Year's Day— Mary, Mother of God**

**Masses at 8:00AM & 10:00AM**

**Happy New Year  
from all of us on the parish Staff**

*Gerry, Pat, Delores, Barb, Carlos  
Mary Ellen, Kathy, Madonna*

**Parish Office** will be closed on *Monday, 2 January 2012* for New Year's Day through *Tuesday, 3 January, 2012* for staff on vacation.

**The Parish Council welcomed four new members** at their Christmas Party/Meeting on December 7. The new members are Joan Barthel, Dede Coughlin, Judy Gallagher, and Dominic Soda.

Thank you for generously offering your time and talent for this ministry!

Also grateful blessings to four Parish Council members who are moving off the Council: Bill Blow (who served as Parish Council President), Maggie Hart-Mahon, Tina Nathe, and Barb Sopp.

## 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.

**The role of the sacristan:** (setting up for mass, making sure bread and wine are out, candles lit, etc.) at the three weekend liturgies used to be handled by various parishioners. In the past year because of illness or moving away, the duties have fallen on Pat. She would appreciate others taking on these roles again as well as ensuring that lectors and Eucharistic ministers are present. There is a sign up sheet in the back of church. If several people from each weekend liturgy could sign up, then they could take turns so it wouldn't fall on any one person every week. If you are interested, but not quite sure what it entails, ask Pat.

**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

### Pray for Peace on Earth in the New Year

If we take the words of the angel that we have heard sung or seen artistically splashed on greeting cards seriously, we know that it is the time to pray, hope and work for peace on earth. I was relieved when I heard the news that the last U.S. troops were pulling out of Iraq. On that very same day I was saddened to hear that Vaclav Havel had died at the age of 75.

On March 19, 2003 the U.S. began to bomb Baghdad. One time during the past nine years the U.S. had over 180,000 troops in Iraq. During that time over 4,000 U.S. soldiers died, over 30,000 were physically injured; countless thousands have post traumatic stress. Add to that all the spouses, parents, children and friends who will mourn the loss of their loved one who is still alive, but not functioning at an acceptable level. If the past is any indicator we know that these young men and women will never be capable of high level functioning, will end up in failed marriages and likely end up homeless on our streets and in our shelters. We can't predict the cost in V. A. benefits owed to them. I haven't mentioned the hundreds of billions of dollars spent, the environmental disaster visited on the world, the waste of natural resources and the havoc reeked on our general economy that is in a second depression. All of this money was not available for basic at-home needs or to help people suffering from natural disasters around the world. And the Iraq War was started on false pretenses.

Vaclav Havel died on Dec. 18, 2011. He was the Czech writer and dissident whose eloquent dissections of Communist rule helped to destroy Communism and free the Czech nation. He spent five years in and out of Communist prison, lived for two decades under close secret-police surveillance and endured the suppression of his plays and essays. When Communism fell (without a battle, but in the Velvet Revolution) he served 14 years as president and came to personify the soul of the Czech nation. He united the country to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in 1999 and to the European Union five years later. As a dissident Mr. Havel most clearly championed the ideals of a civil society. In his 1998 essay, "The Power of the Powerless," he foresaw that opposition could eventually prevail against the totalitarian state.

**At the beginning of 2012 I challenge us to consider whether President Bush or President Havel best personifies the gospel value, "Blessed are the Peacemakers"? Will we learn anything?**

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

**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

## **HELPFUL TIPS FOR SAFE HOLIDAY DRIVING (FROM THE DESK OF BARB O'CONNELL):**

The holiday season brings shopping, traveling, school exams, and end-of-year business and parties, parties, and more parties. Not surprisingly, the winter holiday season also means less sleep for most people. At the very least, getting by on less than your regular 7-8 hours will make you grumpy at the office holiday party. At its worst, sleeplessness could lead to tragedy on the road.

### **To make your holiday a safe one, follow this advice from the American Automobile Association:**

- \*Don't drink and drive, especially when you haven't had enough sleep. Lack of sleep can make one drink feel like 4 or 5.
- \*Keep your regular sleep schedule, going to bed and waking up at the same time every day of the week.
- \*Limit eating and drinking before bedtime. A small snack is okay but caffeine, nicotine and alcohol are not.
- \*Continue to exercise regularly.
- \*If you're traveling, get a good night's sleep before your trip. This means at least 8 hours for adults and 8 1/2 to 9 1/2 hours for teens.
- \*Do not drive early in the morning or late at night, times when you are normally asleep.
- \*Schedule regular stops every 100 miles or every 2 hours.
- \*Avoid alcohol and medications (such as antihistamines) that may impair performance or make you drowsy.
- \*It is safer to drive with a companion to help keep you awake. ---source: PreventDisease.com

Happy New Year! May you be healthy and safe.

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