



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

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| 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

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Webmaster

Mr. Dominic Soda webmaster@stcronan.org

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Sat. 5p Matthew "Tank" Ross
Sun. 8a The People of the Parish
10a Paul O'Donnell

WEEKDAYS AT 8:00a

Mon. Russell Wiley
Tues. *Communion Service*
Wed. Kiefer families
Thurs. Anna Fuchs
Fri. Temporiti & Oldani Families

NEXT WEEKEND

Sat. 5p Schiavo, Rigoni & Stockero Families
Sun. 8a The People of the Parish
10a Helen Moramarco

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

Do not stand at my grave and weep

I am not there. I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow.

I am the diamond glint on snow.

I am the sunlight on ripened grain.

I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you wake in the morning hush

I am the swift, uplifting rush
of quiet birds in circling flight.

I am the soft starlight at night.

Do not stand at my grave and weep.

I am not there. I do not sleep.

--Anonymous

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SISTERS & BROTHERS

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, 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.

Rest in Peace: Robbie McGartland (nephew of Eileen McGartland) had his life cut short on January 19, 2012. Services were held on Monday, January 23 Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Chapel. Our prayers and sympathy to the McGartland Family. May Robbie rest in eternal peace.

Mark your Calendars

February 3-4—Community of Preachers Retreat. Please hold them in prayer that weekend.

February 4-5—Blessing of Confirmation Class and reception of Bibles at all the masses.

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

February 19—First Communion Class Blessing at 10:00 a.m. Liturgy.

February 13—Traveling with the Turtle group at 7:00 p.m. at Yvonne DeHart's 125151 Lowill Lane—dehartyi@aol.com

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

March 2-4 —Men's Retreat—This year we will be reflecting on the book "Tattoos on the Heart" by Gregory Boyle. We need additional people to be on the planning team for the retreat. If you are interested or have questions: e-mail me, pick up the book and begin reading and let me know if you can come to the first planning meeting at my house on Tuesday, January 31st, at 7 pm. Contact Rocky Sieben— 6014 Apple Valley Dr.—rockysieben@sbcglobal.net

March 9-11, Women's Retreat at Griesedeck 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

Confirmation Blessing Sunday, February 4, 2012

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 will be presented with bibles at the 10:00 liturgy on February 4th as a sign of their desire to deepen their relationship with the Holy Spirit. Please come to bless them and their journey in the Spirit.

Welcome Saralou Henrickson who is volunteering to serve us as parish nurse. She intends at this point to be at St. Cronan's on Tuesday and Thursdays, 11 AM—2PM and during Food Pantry hours on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays. Thank you, Saralou. Our gratitude to **Barbara O'Connell** who has taken on new responsibilities at Isaiah 58, an outreach of Compton Heights Christian Church.

Pastor's Peace

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 29, 2012

Saving Mother Earth One Step at a Time

Many of you are doing things that contribute to the health and life of our planet. The operative, popular word for this effort is 'SUSTAINABILITY'. Maybe for you it is as simple as my activity yesterday when I left Shop n Save and returned to my car to get the cloth bags I had left behind. I'm sure that many of us are into gardening and shopping at Farmers' Markets to get fresher foods, support the family farms in our area and reduce the use of fossil fuels by purchasing items that are grown closer to St. Louis. These products are not wrapped in plastic shrink wrap.

On a larger parish level we have done several energy efficiency studies to determine how to reduce fuel costs by making our buildings more energy efficient with insulation and possibly painting our flat roofed buildings with white paint to reflect the sun and reduce the costs of AC. On a much more technical level we have even looked into the possibility of geo-thermal heating and AC for our church and rectory buildings. The current furnaces and window AC are totally inefficient. While initially geo-thermal is quite expensive, the payback is that in ten years or less there will be no heating and AC bills. We would be projecting this even as the prices of these utilities skyrocket and the danger to our eco-system is heightened. If we were to move in this direction there are several significant hurdles: further thorough study, approval by the archdiocese, appealing for help in our parish and beyond through a capital campaign.

There is an architectural firm just east of us on Manchester called SPACE. Three years ago when the company bought their fifty year old building, they decided to go geo-thermal. It is their prediction that their added investment will have paid for itself in eight years and after that they will make money on the investment because they will produce extra electricity that they will sell to Ameren U.E. Federal law requires utilities to purchase this electricity to make the grid more efficient.

Some of the above seems a bit grandiose and other things that I have mentioned are commonplace. The reason that I mention this is that many of us wish that we could do more. That is the way I felt when I decided on New Years to start composting. Roger (my V. de P. housemate) and I are a small family, but even a little bit of simple saving of the planet seems important to me. There is now a compost bin in the garage corner of the rectory backyard and I would welcome your input, literally. I invite you to bring your green food waste in a bag (not meat or dairy products) when you come to Mass on Sunday. Pour the waste into the top of the bin and deposit the bag (don't put bags into the bin) in a bucket that will be available to collect the disposable bags. In the spring, after the compost has cooked for a while, we will be happy to share rich compost matter for you to enhance your garden and together we will be good stewards of God's creation. God didn't create compost, it's up to us to do 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

SAVE THE DATE: MARCH 24, 2012—10TH ANNIVERSARY GALA CELEBRATION—Center for Survivors of Torture and War Trauma—Restoring Hope, Healing Lives—they will *Celebrate* their accomplishments, *Reflect* on the past and *Look Forward* to the future for the Center—6:30 p.m.—10:00 p.m.—St. Francis Xavier College Church Grand Ballroom

Event Highlights

- Honorary Chair: Acclaimed Author Alice Walker, *The Color Purple*
- Co-Chairs: Hedy Epstein, International Peace Activist and David Barford, Gilead Group LLC
- Silent Auction
- Live “Fund a Need” auction, food, music and entertainment

More details to come.

THANK YOU NOTE FROM OUR NEIGHBOR ON ARCO:

January 10, 2012

Dear St. Cronan,

Sorry it has taken me so long to express my thanks for what you did for us for Christmas. We are truly grateful, not just for what you did at Christmas, but every time you bring us food, we are appreciative.

So from each and every one of us at xxxx Arco, we thank you so much and God Bless!

Sincerely,

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