



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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The Epiphany of the Lord

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

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

THE GOSPEL

According to Luke, Chapter 2, Verses 1-12

Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

O
Christ,

Here comes the world,
drinking your light and basking in your brightness;
the wise and ignorant, kings and beggars, CEO's and
cowboys,
from Great Britain, India and Bolivia,
from everywhere.

Shine
your soft light
on the darkness inside us.
Incense our minds and hearts with your grace.

Be the treasure in our hearts.
Be the gift that we
give.

Amen.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SISTERS & BROTHERS

Jack Gettinger (brother of Msgr. Bob Gettinger), 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), 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: We extend our sincere sympathy and prayers to all our parishioners whose family members went to God. May they rest in eternal peace:

Dec. 16, 2011—**Ray Bayers** (father of Janet Kostal)

Dec. 18, 2011—**Claire Marie Wiegand** (mother of Julie Wiegand)

Dec. 19, 2011—**June Rose Reichert** (mother of Sherri Reichert)

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.

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.

Sunday, January 8, 2012: After the 10:00 am liturgy, we will be moving to Ordinary Time and we will need to take down the Christmas decorations. If those attending the 10:00 am liturgy could stay for a few minutes to help take down and put away decorations, it would be greatly appreciated. Many hands make light work.

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 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 January 8, 2012

"For each child that's born, a morning star rises and sings to the universe who you are."

With these words from the song by Sweet Honey in the Rock, the St. Cronan community welcomes our youngest members at their baptism. It professes and affirms our belief that each of us is a unique gift to the universe as both the offspring of those who have gone before and the promise for the future. Our life's journey is to follow that star and actualize the Who that we are.

Today's gospel tells the story of the Magi (Matthew doesn't tell us how many) who followed their star. They journeyed a great distance, not knowing exactly where they were going or what exactly they were going to find. All they knew is that there would be a newborn who was to be the King of the Jews. It is very likely that at times they lost sight of the star either because the sun was too bright or clouds hid it. Perhaps even dust storms blocked the view and they became disoriented. Maybe this is why they stopped in Jerusalem to ask directions (very wise men!). But the information they received in Jerusalem contained both truth and falsehood. As wise men, they were able to discern the truth and follow that to their destination where they experienced epiphany, an encounter with the deep wisdom. They discovered Incarnation, God becoming flesh. This event changed them so radically there was no way they could go back the same way they came.

Each of us is charged with following our star, with becoming the God-becoming-flesh that we are. Sometimes we lose sight of our star, lose our way. Do we stop for directions? Do we take time to reorient ourselves when we get off the trail? When we receive information can we discern the truth from the falsehood? What epiphanies, Aha! moments, have we experienced that gave us clarity and wisdom that changed our whole direction? Perhaps these 'moments' took years instead of seconds, but were equally as powerful.

Communities also have their stars. The Gospel tells us that Bethlehem was to be the birth place of the ruler of Israel. It had its role in God-becoming-flesh. St. Cronan's mission statement (see front bulletin cover) is our current articulation of how we see ourselves as God-becoming-flesh. Certainly during our 130 plus years of existence there have been times when the star seemed faint and hard to follow. We have even been disoriented by dust storms. But we are also learning to discern truth from falsehood. We have also had our epiphanies, often as a result of this discernment. We are still on the journey. We are enfleshing God's dreams begun in our ancestors and being carried into the future through us.

May we in this New Year follow our stars, be companions with each other on the journey, help each other to discern the true path, and rejoice in our epiphanies.

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

Monday, January 9, 2012: Traveling with the Turtle group. 7:00 pm at Yvonne DeHart's—12151 Lowell Lane—(314) 842-2676.

Thursday, January 15, 2012: Interfaith Dialogue Group, Second Presbyterian Church at 4501 Westminster Pl. (Taylor & Westminster) at 7:00 pm.

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.

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