



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

Kathy Bayless (2)	Jim Kelly (1)
Bill Blow (3)	Marie Martir (2)
Heather Hageman (2)	Tina Nathe (3)
Maggie Hart-Mahon (3)	Dan Schuler (2)
Tim Hellmann (1)	Barb Sopp (3)

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 Advent

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Sat. 5p Zuccheri & Marino Families
Sun. 8a Gloria Shapard
10a The People of the Parish

WEEKDAYS AT 8:00a

Mon. John Cleary
Tues. *Communion Service*
Wed. Syl & Marge Berg
Thurs. Lola Prospero
Fri. Vera Furrer

NEXT WEEKEND

Sat. 5p Matt Ross
Sun. 8a The People of the Parish
10a Jim Cuddihee

REFRESHMENTS

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

Charm with your stainlessness these winter nights,
Skies, and be perfect!
Fly vivider in the fiery dark, you quiet meteors,
And disappear.
You moon, be slow to come down.
This is your full.

The four white roads make off in silence.
Towards the four parts of the starry universe.
Time falls like manna at the corners of the wintry earth.
We have become more humble than the rocks.
More wakeful than the patient hills.

Charm with your stainlessness these nights in Advent,
holy spheres.
While minds, as meek as beasts,
Stay close at home in the sweet hay;
And intellects are quieter than the flocks that feed by
starlight.

Oh pour your darkness and your brightness over all our
solemn valleys,
You skies: and travel like the gentle Virgin.
Toward the planets' stately setting.

Oh white full moon as quiet as Bethlehem.

-Thomas Merton

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SISTERS & BROTHERS

Paul Oldenburg, Greg DaLay (Steve DaLay's brother), Mirabella Momo, sister of Seraphina Momo, Jaime Benitez, Karen Drago (niece of Marcy Soda), 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), Mike & Ann (Ruth Hasser's nephew & wife), 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.

Welcome to our Parish Family: Gabriel Richert Brown

was baptized last Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. mass. Matthew and Melissa Richert Brown are his proud parents.

Rest In Peace: *William E. Hartrich*, brother of Cathy Hartrich, was liberated into paradise early last Wednesday morning (11/16). Our prayers and sympathy to Cathy and her family. Bill was buried from Our Holy Redeemer on Monday, (11/21). May he rest in eternal peace. The family is doing well and beginning to celebrate such a wonderful life.

Adopt-a- Family this Christmas: It's that time of year when your St. Cronan's St. Vincent De Paul Society asks for volunteers to Adopt-a-Family at Christmas. This activity need not be burdensome or overly expensive. It can be detail-oriented and truly a labor of love, or it can simply mean gifting a needy family with a certificate to a discount or grocery store. A family or group of individuals can undertake adopting a family. Please look into your heart and see if there isn't time and resources for this special holiday sharing activity. It will be rewarding for all – Guaranteed!

ADVENT is almost here! Saturday, November 26:

Preparing the church for Advent. Please gather at 10:00 am on Saturday to transform the church from Ordinary Time to Advent.

The role of 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.

Prepare The Way of the Lord: Please pick up a copy in the back of church.

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.

First Sunday of Advent: November 26-27

Implementing the New Roman Missal: The First Sunday of Advent has been set as the date for the implementation of the New Roman Missal. Mary Ellen and the choir have been teaching us new music and Fr. Gerry has been reviewing the new texts for the prayers that he will be leading. After listening to the responses to Sr. Lucy's presentations and in discussion with the Community of Preachers, the liturgy committee and others in the community, the implementation of the communal responses and prayers will be postponed until after Christmas so that we can more fully enter into the Advent and Christmas seasons rather than be distracted by the words we are trying to learn. Our community will use the Ordinary Time between the Christmas Season and the beginning of Lent for a more open conversation regarding how this wording suits our living the Gospel. Does it serve us or block us?

The new text will be in the new song books and pew cards, so please take the opportunity to review these and prayerfully reflect on them in light of who we are as church both in our parish community and as part of the larger church.

Catholic Charities Midtown Center invites you to their Holiday Open House and Pasta Dinner Sunday, December 4, 2011, only \$25.00 per person. Learn about Midtown's programs and choose to support their services! There are two seating: 4:30pm and 6pm. Call the Midtown Center for more info : (314) 534-1180.

Pastor's Peace

1st Sunday of Advent

During Advent we are preparing for the coming of Jesus. But hasn't that already happened? Yes and no. Certainly the historic person of Jesus has come, and his presence is still with us in the Body of Christ, but the fullness of God's presence in our midst is still hidden. Our 'making straight the path' this Advent is one way to help us to visualize that living the presence of God in our lives now, will bring about the fullness of the kin-dom. The following reflection from Fr. Ron Rohlheiser, OMI, speaks to this awareness.

Being Present to God and Life

Jesus said to his disciples "Be watchful! Be alert!" (Mk 13:33a).

Shortly after his conversion, St. Augustine penned these immortal words: "Late have I loved you, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new, late have I loved you! You were within me, but I was outside, and it was there that I searched for you. In my unloveliness I plunged into the lovely things that you created. You were with me, but I was not with you."...

There's a lesson here: We don't pray to make God present to us. God is already present, always present everywhere. We pray to make ourselves present to God. God, as Sheila Cassidy colourfully puts it, is no more present in church than in a drinking bar, but we generally are more present to God in church than we are in a drinking bar. The problem of presence is not with God, but with us.

Sadly, this is also true for our presence to the richness of our own lives. Too often we are not present to the beauty, love, and grace that brims within the ordinary moments of our lives. Bounty is there, but we aren't. Because of restlessness, tiredness, distraction, anger, obsession, wound, haste, whatever, too often we are not enough inside of ourselves to appreciate what the moments of our own lives hold. We think of our lives as impoverished, dull, small-time, not worth putting our full hearts into, but, as with prayer, the fault of non-presence is on our side. Our lives come laden with richness, but we aren't sufficiently present to what is there. A curious statement; unfortunately true....

The secret to prayer is not to try to make God present, but to make ourselves present to God. The secret to finding beauty and love in life is basically the same. Like God, they are already present. The trick is to make ourselves present to them. Rarely are we enough inside of our own skins, present enough to the moment, and sensitive enough to the richness that is already present in our lives. Our experience comes brimming with riches, but too often we are not enough inside of it. Like the young Augustine, we are away from ourselves, strangers to our own experience, seeking outside of ourselves something that is already inside of us. The trick is to come home. God and the moment don't have to be searched out and found. They're already here. We need to be here.

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

COMING ATTRACTIONS! A ROLL OF DRUMS PLEASE! SOUND THE TRUMPETS! St. Vincent DePaul Society (SVDP) at St. Cronan Church will be selling wine goblets and coffee mugs. The wine goblets bear the St. Cronan Celtic Cross while the coffee mugs have the St. Cronan Celtic Cross and the words, "**St. Cronan Church**" prominently displayed. Both items make wonderful Christmas gifts. The selling of the goblets and mugs is our annual Christmas fund raiser. Your support of our fund raiser is critical at this time not only to continue to provide assistance with electric bills but also to be prepared for the many Laclede gas bills during the winter.

PARISH COUNCIL: The three year appointment of four members of the Parish Council will be completed in December 2011. Those four members need to be replaced {Bill Blow, Maggie Hart-Mahon, Tina Nathe and Barb Sopp}. Please consider volunteering to serve on the Parish Council. Today, more than ever, St. Cronan needs dedicated, intelligent, insightful people to insure that St. Cronan remains a vibrant, caring parish. There are **Nomination Forms in the back of church**. If you are unable to serve on the Council, consider recommending a qualified person willing to serve on the Parish Council.

December 25 Bulletin issue: Announcements are to be sent to J.S. Paluch on or before Friday, December 16. We kindly ask that you submit your announcements for Dec. 25 ASAP! Thanks!

The 6-week NAMI Basics course is being rescheduled for Spring 2012.*

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