

Pastoral Reflection

First Sunday of Lent

Forgetting is one of the chief ways that our minds edit reality. What is remote, or too challenging, or too frightening, or too painful is routinely forgotten, edited out of existence. A difficult childhood, a disastrous marriage, a broken trust, a betrayal, a lost friendship, a struggle with addiction are all fodder for the dark side of the mind.

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Lent is a time to re-call the past so we can re-think the future. Otherwise we will continue to make the same mistakes. We forget who we are - God's beloved. God can handle what we try to forget. Lent beckons us to move past the surface and unearth what is pulling us down. That is called living the Paschal Mystery. Let's

From Hospitality/Welcoming Committee:

- We will have a Ministry of the Month at masses. Ministry leaders will be speaking the first week of each month during the announcements to inform you about each ministry.
- Let's start wearing name tags again to get to know each other better. If you don't find yours, inform Mary Ward at mary@stcronan.org.
- We are in need of additional greeters to come 10 minutes prior to mass and spread the St. Cronan hearty welcome to all! If new people arrive, we especially reach out and provide them with a Welcome Packet which can be found in yellow envelopes on the back table. Thank you in advance if you offer for this very fulfilling Ministry! Contact Christine Lakey if you are interested at christine.lakey@yahoo.com.



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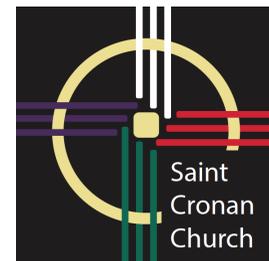
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give God a chance to lead us past those buried hurts. But we can't skip to Easter without revealing and accepting our brokenness. Let's head into the desert. There will be an oasis!

—Fr. Jack Schuler



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February 26, 2023

Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 pm.

Wednesdays – 8:00 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment

The Masses for February Masses for February will be live-streamed at 10:00 on Sundays and posted on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/StCronan/>

Black Lives Matter Vigil, takes place the third Friday of the Month at the corner of Manchester and Kingshighway, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. The next vigil will take place on Friday, March 17. Please join us!

St. Cronan Men's Retreat The St. Cronan Men's Retreat will be live and in person this year. The retreat will be held April 28 - 30 (Friday evening to Sunday noon) at the Griesedieck farm, which is about 75 miles north of mid-town St. Louis. All men of the parish are invited. Please contact Rocky Sieben by e-mail if you are interested or have questions. rockysieben@sbcglobal.net More information will be forthcoming in the coming weeks.

St. Cronan Women's Retreat The 2023 Women's Retreat at the Griesedieck Farm will take place April 21-23. There will be a minimal cost and ride shares will be arranged through the sign-up (coming soon). Feel free to attend the first planning meeting this Sunday, Feb. 5, after the 10 a.m. Mass at Coffee and Donuts. More to come soon!



Bulletin: Please submit all items for the weekly bulletin to mary@stcronan.org. If you want your blurb in Monday Notes, too, please copy diane@stcronan.org. Bulletin deadline is Wednesday by noon.

Parish Ministries: If you would like to add your talents to any of our ministries, and meet a great bunch of people, please call the church office or visit our website www.stcronan.org for information. *You are always welcome!*



Prayers Please: Kathy Bayless; Trish Curtis' brother; David Gaillardetz' father, Richard; Nick and Shirley Ambrose's daughter, Brigid Costello; Varrietta Anthony; Fr. Jack's brother, Mike; Natalie Johnson and the Johnson family; Diane Calcaterra; Sr. Lynne's friend, Jan Berberich, SSND; Barb Sopp's friend, Joe Sinibaldi; Bob Barnicle; Paul Schmitt; Tim and Else Hirzel's great nephew, Cameron Russell; Kathy Hunn's niece, Lisa; Sr. Cathy's friends, Inga Casillo, Don Costello, Mike Bowen[DG1], Michelle O'Rourke, Kate Genovese; Judy Gallagher; Barry Buchek's friends, Jim Bruno and Jim's daughter Courtney; Mary Truetkin; Marie and Roland Martir's granddaughters, Carrie and Maddie, and friend, Craig; Janice Shayne's cousin, Jane Torretta; Jacob Whitworth; John Gozdziwski; Wilma Hunt and family, friends of Sandra Ward; Michael Mason; former SVDP hauler; Michael Peterson; Linda and Jeff Caul's daughter, Kelly; Al Sprehe's wife, Maggie; Eileen Heidenheimer's Brother-in-Law; Joe Connolly. *Please let the office staff know if your loved one should be removed from the prayer list.*

Narcan Outreach Program:

St. Cronan Church has Narcan, the life-saving medication to combat opiate overdoses, available at no cost. St. Cronan Church Social Justice Committee, in partnership with the Missouri Institute of Mental Health (MIMH) and The University of Missouri- St. Louis, sponsored this program. The program will offer complimentary boxes of Narcan including substance abuse and mental health resources and education, available in the Parish Office or from MidTown..

Narcan Nasal Spray Instructions:

- **How to Use Video:** <https://youtu.be/WnjgrRNMfKM>
- **Narcan Nasal Spray:** <https://www.narcan.com/>

Educational Resources:

- **Chad Sabora TEDx Talk:**
U.S. DRUG POLICY AND THE DESTRUCTION THAT FOLLOWS |
TEDxGatewayArchSalon
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2PdZ75qtHOU>
- **Addiction Science:** www.mimhaddisci.org
- **Missouri's State Opioid Response:** www.noMOdeaths.org
- **Expanding Naloxone Access and Community Training (ENACT):** www.enact-mo.org

Mass Protocols: The last two years have taught us to be conscious of each other's health and to care for the least among us: those who have compromised immune systems. To that end, masks continue to be recommended, although not required at Mass. Please keep in mind that we are in close proximity in church for at least one hour, which is ample time to catch the Covid or Flu virus. The CDC has indicated that COVID is not spread by touch or physical contact, so it is perfectly alright to hold hands during the Our Father and to extend the Exchange of Peace around you as you wish, provided people are comfortable holding or shaking hands or hugging. We are holding off the practice of going around the Altar during the Consecration in respect for Fr. Jack, who must be without a mask during those prayers. As we are able to open the Church in the Spring, we will revisit this practice. Thank you for your understanding.



Lenten Resources: This Lenten Season, we are focusing on personal and communal change and how we can grow closer to God by deepening our prayer life and our commitment to community and as community. We are very grateful to Johnny Zokovich for donating 100 copies of Pax Christi's Lenten Reflection Book, "Witnesses on the Way: Reflections for Lent 2023". These can be found on the tables in the Chapel and are free

Lenten Prayer Service Join the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 4 at the Carondelet Motherhouse for their Lenten prayer service In the Wilderness: Seeking God's Way. Please consider joining our community for a morning of songs, readings and prayers followed by a continental breakfast and an opportunity to act for justice. This prayer service is free, but registration is required by Feb. 27. Register at csj.org/events/lent-prayer-service. time to this worthy endeavor, please contact Dorothy Lucey, (314) 803-1858.

Journey Together as Church: All Catholics have a role to play in changing the culture of the Church. We had a wonderful, spiritual sharing on clericalism on Sunday. We will share the report with you as soon as everything is collated and integrated. **Thanks to all who participated!**

The collaborative **Immigrant and Refugee Ministry** of Saints Pius V, John the Baptist, Anthony of Padua, Cronan, Margaret of Scotland and Vincent de Paul parishes is seeking a Coordinator for its Immigrant and Refugee Ministry (IRM.) Based at St. Pius V, this is a full time position and requires some evening and weekend work. Read the mission of the IRM and a job description at <https://www.stpiusv.org/church-s-social-mission>. Please send cover letter, resume and salary requirements to ruthrehresman@yahoo.com by March 15.