



St. Cronan Catholic Church

24th Sunday, Ordinary Time

September 11-12, 2021

Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 p.m. Wednesdays – 8:00 a.m. Masks are required for all Masses to keep our unvaccinated children safe.

Live-streaming continues at the 10:00 am Mass this Sunday and the other Sundays of the month. PLEASE BE ON TIME! Masses will be live-streamed at 10:00. Live-streamed masses are available on our Facebook page any time after the 10:00 Mass,
<https://www.facebook.com/StCronan>

Recorded Mass will take place the first Sunday of each month and will be available October 3-4. It can be accessed on our website:
<http://www.stcronan.org/>

Prayers Please

Bill Barrett, Mary Truetken, Laurel Hayes' parents, Jerry and Nancy, Bill's brother in law, Dave Rose, Bill's friend, Jim Forest, Robert Nathe's Mother, Eileen, Colleen Wallace's godson, Lachlan, Michelle Frank, Martha Stegmaier, Diane Calcaterra, Jennifer Lyle and Krista Rakers, Laurel Hayes, Marilyn Leong, Jessica.

The Memorial service for Jean Abbott, CSJ will take place at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, September 18, 2021. Light refreshments will follow the prayer service.

Everyone is welcome, so feel free to share this invitation widely. Because of Covid restrictions, it is important that everyone RSVP, so that we can keep all participants safe. RSVP to

marybethgallagher1066@gmail.com, telling us the number of people in your party. Please join us in celebrating the life of this beautiful woman. The service will be live-streamed and can be viewed on our Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/StCronan/>

Directory Update: If you have had changes to your address, phone number, or email, please contact Mary at mary@stcronan.org, (314) 289-9384.

Wills: Please remember Saint Cronan's in your will. Title is St. Cronan's Catholic Church- 1202 South Boyle Ave St. Louis, MO 63138. Our Federal ID.#43-0653457

Coffee and Donuts has been suspended due to increased Corona virus threats. It continues on Zoom and is a great time to catch up with the community. The meeting ID is 899 1284 7699, password – cronan.

Black Lives Matter Vigil: The St. Cronan Social Justice Committee is hosting a Vigil as a way of atoning for past racism. It will be held every third Friday evening of the month - 5:00 -6:00 pm at the corner of Kingshighway and Manchester. Next month's will be Friday, September 17. Please feel free to bring your own signs. If you have questions, please contact Trish Curtis: trishquita1952@gmail.com

St. Francis Center request for items for refugees:

Join in their summer initiative, Abriendo Puertas, that is helping 25 newly-arrived families from the Southern U.S. Border start a new life here! We already have 8 families' needs sponsored - including beds, furniture, hygiene essentials, and household items - but need your help to assist at least 17 more households before Sept. 6th! You can visit this page to contribute towards a family's needs, purchase items from the registry, or lend a hand with volunteering: <https://sfcstl.org/puertas/>
Let's come together and welcome our new neighbors!

Help Wanted: As things open up, there are several opportunities for St. Cronan Community members to volunteer to help, especially as you attend Mass each weekend. We are in need of Lectors for the 5:00 and 8:00 Masses, and we need Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers for the 10:00 Mass. Ushers are very important, as we are needing to direct people to pews when the church is crowded. We can use greeters for 10:00 Mass to welcome new people who may be joining us for the first time. Please consider fulfilling any of these positions. It's a great way to get to know our Community. The only requirement is the ability to come to church about 15 minutes early on Sunday. We happily train you! If you would like further information, please contact Diane Gozdziński or Christine Lakey., or sign up in the Vestibule.

Pride Fest Will take place on Saturday, September 25. St. Cronan will have a booth all day. If you can help by being in the booth for an hour and answering questions about us, welcoming people to check us out, please sign up in the Vestibule or contact David Gaillardetz, davidgaillardetz@gmail.com

Small Groups for Adult Faith: For those of you new to St. Cronan, or those who have been members for ages, the St. Cronan Small Groups are continuing or gearing up to begin again in the Fall. If you are interested in participating in a small group of community members, please see the descriptions and contact information below:

Small Group Descriptions

The **St. Cronan Book Discussion Small Group** will read a group-chosen book and discuss it monthly on topics such as, but not limited to, spirituality, social justice, theology, and contemplative practices. The discussion will be free-flowing and not directed by one leader. The group's purpose will be, through literary pieces, to deepen our experience of church, community, and connection with one another. While the group's roots are in pandemic isolation, it will continue long past this time.

Your convener is Christine Lakey at christine.lakey@yahoo.com.
Current meeting time: Wednesdays, 5:00 pm

Sunday Reading Reflections This St. Cronan group will have an emphasis on discussing upcoming Sunday readings and/or weekday daily readings as a format to develop connections with the liturgy, the Gospel and one another. Members of this group might share their own personal reflections and life experiences as well as authored reflections on the readings to gain understanding, meaning and a sense of community as we share the Word and our lives together.

Your convener is Teresa Sullivan at tsullivan731@gmail.com
Current meeting time: 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:30

Contemporary Issues Small Group The focus of this small group is the intersection of faith and current social justice issues. The intent is to explore how to truly "walk the talk" of the social justice teachings of the Catholic Church and inequities among us. Specific direction will be determined by the collective group - please join us!

Your convener is Heather Hageman at hhageman@sbcglobal.net
Current meeting time: 1st and 2nd Monday of the month, 7:15-8:15

Contemplative Prayer Small Group While we will be doing some sharing and interacting when we gather, sharing what may be happening in our lives, things we want to hold in prayer as we sit quietly together, or even how this kind of prayer is going for us, the focus of this group will be experiencing the strength of DOING quiet

sitting prayer together in community with others. Some members of the group may already have learned a contemplative prayer style they prefer. For those for whom this would be a new experience, Sr. Chabanel will teach or review a couple of options that are very simple and require very little instruction with more time given to doing it together at each meeting than teaching about it. We may also have a little sharing between times of sitting quietly about what we experience as we pray in this way. Those wanting lots of discussion and interaction would probably prefer another group. Those belonging to other groups for reading and discussion and wanting to experience the strength of this kind of prayer together in a small community, possibly making it a regular practice in your personal lives or supporting a practice you already have, may want to try it.

Your convener is Sister Chabanel, 314 614 2316 or chabanelm@gmail.com
Meeting Time: 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the Month 7:30

Fellowship Group The Fellowship Group will convene as a chance for conversation and sharing. There will be no set agenda, at least initially. The purpose of the group will be to stay connected with members of the St. Cronan Community and to share what is happening in our lives during this COVID time and beyond. We can decide on topics, or keep it free-form – it will be up to the group.

Your convener is Diane Gozdziński (314) 941-4933 or diane@stcronan.org
Meeting Time: 1st Thursday of Month: 7:00

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the convener of the group of interest, or Diane – diane@stcronan.org

Food for Bill and Laurel With Laurel unable to walk on her broken food and Bill battling with Chemo, it seems the time is come for our Community to step up and help them with food. Eileen Heidenheimer is organizing our effort, and will soon have a calendar ready for people to sign up for dates. We will keep you posted.

Pastoral Reflection
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Today's readings focus on being rebuked and suffering as Jesus suffered. Jesus tells us we must take up our own cross to be true followers. Isaiah tells us that we have God's help when we are cursed by others for our beliefs, and Paul tells us that, while faith is great, it doesn't go very far if it isn't shown to the world through our works. These bring to mind the Beatitude: "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Mt. 5:10, NRSV)

On this, the twentieth anniversary of 9/11, we pause to remember all of those people who were killed that day, in the planes, in the twin towers, in the Pentagon, and in Pennsylvania. We remember the first responders who ran toward those disasters to give aid, even at the peril of their own lives. We remember all who loved them, who daily take up their crosses of suffering and grieving, even as the rest of the world continues. And, yes, we even remember those hijackers, who believed they were acting on their own faith when they committed suicide, taking all of those people with them.

Perhaps that last one is the hardest. This is when we want to rebuke and revile those men, because their actions, to us, were horrendous. However, these are the people we need most to forgive. We can't stand in judgment of what they did, because we can't look into their hearts. Of course, murder is wrong, but we aren't in a position to condemn anyone – that's God's job. Our government is ridiculed and persecuted for not predicting the massacres that day, and continues to be rebuked for pulling out of Afghanistan in such a way that so many allies are now in danger. We carry this cross with those families each day, and we continue to pray for peace throughout the world. As Jesus tells us, "deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow me." When we accomplish this, we know God is with us.



Never Forget

Diane Gozdzialski
Pastoral Associate