



St. Cronan Catholic Church

Feast of Christ the Healer

November 20-21, 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

Recorded Mass will take place the first Sunday of each month and will be available December 4th. It can be accessed on our website:

<http://www.stcronan.org/>

Live-streaming continues at the 10:00 am Mass 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>

Anointing of the Sick will take place today at all Masses.

Prayers Please

Bill Barrett, Mary Truetken, Laurel Hayes, 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, Marilyn Leong, Jessica, Nick Ambrose, Al Sprehe, Phil Milner, Fr. Gerry's nephew, Steven Buelتمان, Leslie Conway, Mike's grandson, Jack, Madonna Kuciejczyk-Kernan, Jim Gorman, Andrew Viraugh's Father, Sharon Orlet's sister, Betty, Nancy Buck's daughter.

St. Cronan Advent Reflection Book Our Advent Reflection booklet is a collection of reflections on the Readings throughout the Advent Season, and is the one chance for our community to share reflections with one another. We still have 7 dates available. Please sign up on the calendar in the Chapel, or contact Diane G – (314) 941-4933, and she will add you to the Calendar.

You can find the readings at USCCB.org. Reflections are due by November 21. Questions?

Contact Diane: diane@stcronan.org

Coffee and Donuts continues on Zoom and is a great time to catch up with the community. The meeting ID is 810 7478 0423, 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, December 16. Please feel free to bring your own signs. If you have questions, please contact Trish Curtis: trishquita1952@gmail.com

Month of Grace + Prayer: An Advent Retreat in Everyday Life Get ready for Christmas by praying on your own 20 minutes each day and meeting one-on-one with a spiritual companion one hour each week for four consecutive weeks. Starts November 21. All meetings will be virtual (Zoom or phone if you prefer). Weekly meeting times set around your schedule. This is an individually directed retreat tailored to your own deep desires. Committed couples also have the option to participate as a couple. This is an ecumenical ministry, with all adults are welcome regardless of denomination or affiliation. For more information, visit www.momentsofgraceandprayer.org and to register contact Clarence Heller at clarenceheller@gmail.com

Marianist Retreat Center is holding an Advent Retreat. "Voices in the Wilderness: A Call to Re-Engage" Friday, December 10 through Sunday, December 12 at the Marianist Retreat Center. Cost is \$243/person for program, meals and accommodations. To register, copy this address in your browser: <https://marianistretreat.com/events/voices-in-the-wilderness-advent-retreat-2021>

Catholic Campaign for Human Development: On Sunday, November 21st, our diocese will take up the national collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), which is the domestic anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops. CCHD works to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ "... to bring good news to the poor ... release to captives ... sight to the blind, and let the oppressed go free." (Luke 4:18) Please be generous.

St. Cronan St. Vincent de Paul Adopt-A-Family As in past years, we hope to offer our neighbors in need some Christmas gifts for the holidays. If you would like to participate in adopting a family for Christmas this year, please sign up in the church vestibule, or call Kathleen Johnson, (314) 822-7517 or email johnsonkath2@gmail.com and let her know the size of family you prefer.

Poinsettia Sale: St. Cronan is again selling poinsettias as a fund raiser. These flowers are so much bigger and prettier than what you find in the box stores.

We are selling:

6" Pot (16" -17" tall 5-7 blooms) in Red or White = \$22

8" Pot (20" -22" tall 12-15 blooms) in Red or White = \$30

10" GIANT Pot (28" -30"+ tall 16-20 blooms) in Red Only = \$40

Each poinsettia includes a gold pot cover.

Orders may be placed until noon on Tuesday 11/30. All orders should be placed online if possible. Look for the online information on Cronantalk later this week. Customers may call the Office, (314) 289-9384, to place an order if they can't do it online, but must either provide a credit card so we could place the order online for them or pay via check. Customer Pickup at St. Cronan on Saturday 12/4 from 10 AM - 1 PM. People could pick up after Sunday Mass if necessary.

Pastoral Reflection for November 21st Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

The story goes that there was once a king whose ascendancy to the throne followed the reign of a true despot, one who had built his kingdom on the backs of the poor. The new king wanted to reconcile the painful tension between the throne and the people. He wanted to find a way to ritualize this reconciliation. He called all the people together in his courtyard and told them what he hoped to do -- he wanted to celebrate the transformation of this new reign by coming to the home of the poorest among them, sitting at his or her table and having dinner with him/her. He asked them to choose the person with whom he could complete this ritual, and after some deliberation, they chose a poor widow who was the wife of a deceased coal miner. She lived in a little shack in the woods. Overwhelmed, she asked him to give her two weeks to prepare and then she would invite him to dinner.

Two weeks came and went, and there was no invitation. He sent a messenger to her home to ask her about his dinner invitation but she was never there. He instructed them to hide near her home and follow her to see where she was going every day. They came back to report to him that she had gathered the town's people and they were all deep in the woods building a huge castle.

"They'll never finish it!" they said, but when it was finished, she planned to invite the king to dinner. He gathered all the people again and said, "I know what you are doing, and I'm not angry, but I'm deeply disappointed. You have taken from me the possibility of completing this ritual of reconciliation with you. I wanted to be with you where YOU are, but you chose to be with me where you think I am.

Jesus never wanted to be king. It was a title people tried to thrust on him but which he resisted from the first day of his public ministry. He wanted to be one of us, to be with us where we are-- in our fragile and scandal-filled church, in our sometimes chaotic homes, and with our flawed but loving families. Let us invite him to be with us where we are. The king we celebrate today is not a symbol of power and status but a compassionate and caring brother, one we have come to celebrate at St. Cronan each year at this time as Christ the HEALER.

Sister Chabanel Mathison, O.S.U.