

Monday Notes

August 9, 2021

Mass Schedule

5:00 p.m. Saturday

8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Sunday

The 10:00 Mass will be live-streamed August 15, 22, 29. These Masses will be available on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/StCronan/> The Mass on September 4-5 will be recorded and available on our Website on Saturday afternoon. That Mass can be found on our Website: <http://www.stcronan.org>

Masks are required for all Masses. This is to protect our unvaccinated children.

If you are attending Mass alone, please be aware of others who might need a place to sit, and move to the center of the pew, if possible. We can sit 3 single people in a pew and maintain social distance, but some have mentioned that people on the ends of pews are blocking possible seats for others who come later.

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers: Diane is putting schedules together for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers for the Sunday Masses. If you would like to be included, please contact her at diane@stcronan.org Let her know which Mass you attend and whether you will lector, minister, or both.

Ushers: Please consider serving as an usher at the Mass you attend. Usher's instructions are posted in the Chapel, near the little table. Basically you take up the collection, prepare the offertory procession, and bring the money collected to the altar at the time of the offertory procession. See the instructions for further details. Please let Diane or Fr. Jack know if you can fulfill this ministry when you attend Mass.

Daily Masses: Mass is available on Wednesdays at 8:00 am.

Sock Angels: We are collecting clean, new socks for the Knights and Ladies' Auxiliary of St. Peter Claver. Please place the socks in the box in the Chapel through the month of August. These will be distributed to homeless shelters in the area.

Abortion Healing Ministry: The Archdiocese has established a new network that encompasses all of the healing ministries in one roof. If you or someone you know needs help to heal from an abortion, please share this information with them: phone: (314) 406-3815, email: hopehealing@archstl.org. There is a scheduled retreat in August. For further information, please see the attached flyer.

In-person Meetings – With the surge of the Delta Variant of Covid, we would prefer that groups not meet in person if at all possible. Meeting outside with masks would be an option.

Directory Updates – This Fall may be a good time to check your information on the St. Cronan Directory. You can access it by going to our website, <http://www.stcronan.org/>

and clicking “online directory.” If you don’t know the password, ask Diane or contact Mary in the office (314) 289-9384. It is very easy. Once you have checked your information, just call or email Mary, mary@stcronan.org and let her know any changes. The directory is very secure, and is the best way for us to contact you and for the community to contact each other.

Thank you: We received a thank-you letter from the Sisters of St. Joseph for our contributions to their ministry at the Border. The letter will be shared on Cronan Talk this week. Thank you for your generosity.

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, August 20. Please feel free to bring your own signs. If you have questions, please contact Trish Curtis: trishquita1952@gmail.com, or Kim Madden: kim.madden514@gmail.com

Wills: Please remember Saint Cronan’s in your will. Title is St. Cronan’s Catholic Church- 1202 South Boyle Ave.- St. Louis, MO 63110. Our Federal I.D.# 43-0653457

Enrolling Now - Children’s Faith Formation 2021-2022. If you have school-aged children (K-8th grade) and are looking for a community in which they can learn about their faith and make the sacraments, please consider joining St. Cronan’s Children’s Faith Formation program. Additional information and a registration form are attached. Classes will begin August 29 at 9:00 a.m., so please enroll soon so I know how many books to order. If you don’t have time to fill out the registration form, just let me know you are interested at diane@stcronan.org so I can order books. THANKS!

Bridges Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius in Everyday Life

Are you looking for a deeper prayer life and a closer relationship with God? If so, please consider the “Bridges Retreat in Everyday Life,” based on the 450+ year-old Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola. This nine-month retreat is designed and adapted for persons in all walks of life. The retreat consists of daily prayer and journaling (experiencing discernment, contemplation, meditation), in addition to weekly or monthly small group meetings and weekly time with a prayer companion who listens to your experiences and provides oral and written guidance through the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

The retreat runs September into May and coincides with the Church’s liturgical calendar. The retreat begins in September 2021, and information sessions (like the retreat) will be offered at five Greater St. Louis-area sites on various days and times this summer, as well as a virtual “Zoom” session. For more details about the retreat and information session_schedule, visit: www.bridgesfoundation.org. or contact Steve Givens, executive director, 314-401-2072.

Prayers please: Please continue to pray for Bill Barret, and Mary Truetken, who are battling Cancer.. Bill's wife, Laurel broke her foot, so please keep them both in your prayers. Please see Bill's note about possible ways to help them. Laurel Hayes' mother, Nancy, is in the hospital and her father, Jerry, needs our prayers. Robert Nathe's Mother, Eileen, is recovering from a stroke. Colleen Wallace's godson, Lachlan, also needs prayers. Diane Calcaterra and Martha Stegmaier are recovering from surgery, and are improving each day. If you can help with food and support for these ladies, please contact Eileen Heidenheimer, earthmother49@hotmail.com Also please keep Krista and Jennifer in your prayers.

Welcome back to Kim and Dan Madden, who were in Laredo, Texas, helping with immigration.

Memorial Services: The memorial Service for Madonna and Janet Kuciejczyk's sister, Bonnie, will be held August 21, at St. Cronan. Gathering is at 10:00 am, Eucharist at 11:00, and outside luncheon is at 12:30.

Jean Abbott, CSJ, was a beloved member of the St. Cronan's community. You may also be familiar with her work as founder and director of the Center for Survivors of Torture and War Trauma for many years. Please join us in celebrating the life of this beautiful woman 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.

If you know of anyone who is feeling disconnected from our Community or has left, please let me know by clicking here: diane@stcronan.org. Please do not reply to this email, because we don't want the names going to everyone. We will reach out to them.

Coffee and Donuts has been suspended due to the Corona surge. Please join us for Fellowship and community on Zoom, starting at 11:45, to allow people time to return home after Mass. Here is the zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89912847699?pwd=dEpRUkU2R3ditieHI3V010aVBLdz09>

Meeting ID: 899 1284 7699 Passcode: cronan

The second reading tells us to imitate God – what a tall order! Yet we saw a great example of this when Simone Biles recognized her own limits and in humility stepped down and coached and encouraged her own teammates. We are nourished by the Bread of Life when people recognize our God-given talents. (Fr. Gerry's homily at 5:00 Mass)

Elijah won a contest against the pagan prophets, and Jezebel put a contract out on him. Elijah escaped, but was in despair and wanted to die, but God wouldn't let him. God fed him and Elijah walked to Mt. Horeb, where he met God in the silence. This weekend is the anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, where 200,000 people were killed by our weapons of mass destruction. Pope Francis shared a picture of a boy with his dead baby brother strapped to his back. The boy took his dead brother to the crematorium after the bombing and stood at attention as the soldiers cremated him. We should not forget the horror of war. All of us face suffering and celebration. Jesus knew what it was like to suffer and to celebrate. May we believe that when we come before the Altar we have the bread of life to get through to eternal life. We need to ask God to help us become that bread of life for others. (From Fr. Jack's homily)

God Bless!

Diane