

Monday Notes August 23, 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 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.

Collection for Haiti: This Sunday, we will be taking a second collection for the People of Haiti, who have suffered tremendous loss from the recent earthquake and hurricane, while still suffering devastation from a previous hurricane and political unrest. The funds collected in this special appeal will become part of the Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund and will be used to support the efforts of Catholic Charities USA and/or Catholic Relief Services, the office relief agencies of the U.S. Catholic Church. For more information, please see the letter from Archbishop Rozanski, which is attached.

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. We need people for the 5:00 and 8:00 Masses, so if you attend either of these and can participate in these ministries, please contact Diane.

Ushers: Please consider serving as an usher at the Mass you attend. Before Mass, we need you to be available to take people to free pews, especially at the 10:00 Mass, as it gets more crowded. Additional usher's instructions are posted in the Chapel, near the little table. During Mass, 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. Sunday, August 29 will be the last date to drop off socks. These will be distributed to homeless shelters in the area.

Catholic University: Next weekend, September 4-5, the Archdiocese will take up the National Collection for the Catholic University of America. Envelopes are on the table by the South door. For more information, see this link: collection.catholic.edu

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.

Football Fundraiser: St. Cronan is partnering with St. John’s Church in Imperial for a Football Booster. For \$25, you receive three codes that are tied to Football Teams in the coming season. Each week, St. John’s pays out money to people whose teams have reached their point criteria. You are assigned the codes, and St. John’s automatically sends the check, so you don’t even have to like football to participate. Tickets are available at Church after Masses, in the Church Office, (314) 289-9384, and through Helen Heilich, Hheilich31@yahoo.com St. Cronan gets a cut for every ticket sold and you have a chance to win every week during the 18-week football season. Cash or check accepted, make checks payable to: St. John’s Church.

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. We will be gathering Friday, September 17. 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

Children’s Faith Formation 2021-2022. Classes begin August 29 at 9:00 a.m. We will meet in class groups outside. Masks are required. Please bring chairs. 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. 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!

Prayers please: Please continue to pray for Bill Barrett, and Mary Truetken, who are battling Cancer. 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. Please keep Krista and Jennifer in your prayers. Nick Ambrose fell over the weekend, please pray. Also, please pray for Sandra Ward and her Sister, The Anderson Family: Mary, Janet, Robert Keith, Daimayan, and Sasha.

Laurel Hayes, Bill Barrett's wife, broke her foot and had surgery last week. She must stay off her foot for 2 weeks and is facing further surgery in December. Laurel was supposed to start a practicum today, but with plates in her foot, she has had to take a semester off. On top of this, she is caring for Bill and worrying about her parents. Please send her healing prayer and a note or email to uplift her, if you can. Her address is: 304 Selma Ave., 63119, laurel.hayes@sbcglobal.net

Joe Fairless is home from the hospital with a broken back. Please keep him and Janice in your prayers.

Memorial Services: 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

Thanks to the Moonlight Ramble bike event in the Grove last Saturday, we collected \$7.50 in Jesus' cup. There was also this inspiration:

“If the Lord was a man, his hands would be with the children in the street,
His heart would land in the bowls they use to beg,
His voice would whisper songs to sooth,
And his lips would touch their weary heads.”

-Indigo

The readings this Sunday were about Choice. Joshua and his family chose to serve the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, as did the Hebrews he addressed. The Gospel tells us that Jesus gives us Spirit and Life. We prefer to hold on to old ways, but those ways may no longer contain Spirit and Life. Behold the Spirit and Life in the Gospels: Matthew does not hold onto the gold coins when he sees Jesus; Joanna doesn't hold onto fear below the Cross, Zacchaeus comes down from the Sycamore tree to invite Jesus into his home. If we hold onto something too tightly, it will hurt eventually. We behold Spirit and Life in Mother Teresa's eyes, and in the Eucharist. Let us make choices so that people behold the Spirit and Life in our own eyes. This reminds us of Good Friday: Behold the Wood of the Cross – it changed everything! (From Fr. Jack's homily)

Johnny Zokovitch's Pastoral Reflection is attached.

God Bless!

Diane