

Monday Notes

August 30, 2021

Mass Schedule

5:00 p.m. Saturday

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

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>
If anyone might be available to read on this Thursday, September 2, at 9:30 a.m. for the recorded Mass, please contact Diane, diane@stcronan.org or (314) 941-4933.

Masses on September 12-26 will be live-streamed at 10:00 am. These Masses will be available on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/StCronan/>

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: If you missed the collection this past weekend, you can still give to 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 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. If you would still like to contribute, please put the money in an envelope marked "Haiti", or indicate "Haiti" on your check.

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.

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. If your group needs a zoom connection, please contact Diane at diane@stcronan.org and she can set it up for you.

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.

The Archdiocese is launching a strategic plan for all of the parishes. The meeting is October 8, but if you want to stay updated on what is happening, you need to be able to get parish emails via Cronan Talk. Please check with Mary to be placed on Cronan Talk.

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://sfcsstl.org/puertas/> Let's come together and welcome our new neighbors!

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 attached.

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

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 is recovering from surgery, and is 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 , Rbert Keith, Daimayan, and Sasha. Martha Stegmaier is in the hospital with congestive heart failure.

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/88288707756?pwd=QnlIc3dTanRwYnFVcjQ3VGxTZTh5UT09>

Meeting ID: 882 8870 7756 Passcode: cronan

This is a new link – please do not use the one from last week – it won't work. I will also send the invitation on Saturday.

Fr. Jack recently finished the book Saints Behaving Badly and shared the fact that many of the saints were flawed human beings before they took on their saintly behaviors. One way that Fr. Jack disagreed with the author is when the author said the saints performed good works to atone for their sins. Good deeds flow from God, not us. We have to look why we are doing good deeds. How do we know our good deeds are flowing from God? Here are some ways: no one knows you are doing the good deed; you feel a knot in your stomach while you are thinking about the good deed; your good deed is rejected, and it's ok; your are inconvenienced by the good deed; or the good deed is spontaneous: you drop everything and do it right away. These things should be in place with every good deed, instead of performing good deeds that make us feel good, include selfish motives. (Fr. Jack's homily)

Sr. Lynne Schmidt's Pastoral Reflection is attached.

God Bless!

Diane