

**Monday Notes (on Tuesday)
September 7, 2021**

Mass Schedule

5:00 p.m. Saturday
8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Sunday

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/>

The Mass on October 2-3 will be recorded and available on our Website on Saturday afternoon. That Mass will be uploaded to our Website: <http://www.stcronan.org>
If anyone might be available to read on Thursday, September 30, at 9:30 a.m. for the recorded Mass, please contact Diane, diane@stcronan.org or (314) 941-4933.

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.

Homily Correction: If you watched the recorded Mass this past weekend, Fr. Jack wants to correct the information concerning the Church in Fulton, MO that he mentioned. The church, St. Mary the Virgin, was located in England and had been firebombed by the Germans. It was later brought to Fulton brick by brick and reconstructed.

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.

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.

Help Wanted: In addition to the volunteer opportunities listed above, we can use greeters for 10:00 Mass to welcome new people who may be joining us for the first time. We can also use people to live-stream the 10:00 Mass. 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, diane@stcronan.org or Christine Lakey, christine.lakey@yahoo.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 attached.

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.

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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, Mary Truetken, and Mary Proot's friend, Jessica, who are battling Cancer. Robert Nathe's Mother, Eileen, is recovering from a stroke. Colleen Wallace's godson, Lachlan, also needs prayers. Please continue your prayers for the following people: Diane Calcaterra, Krista and Jennifer in your prayers, Sandra Ward and her Sister, The Anderson Family: Mary, Janet, Robert Keith, Daimayan, and Sasha. Martha Stegmaier, Shelly Kurtz's sister, Marilyn Leong, Laurel's mother and father, Nancy and Jerry Hayes, Joe Fairless.

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

We mourn the loss of Nick Ambrose's father, Tony, Fr. Jack's cousin, and Fr. Bob Liss, all of whom passed away last week. Please keep them and their families in your comforting 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. Jean's service will be live-streamed on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/StCronan/>

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=Qnllc3dTanRwYnFVcjQ3VGxTZTh5UT09>

Meeting ID: 882 8870 7756 Passcode: cronan

I will also send the invitation on Saturday.

This week is about renewal and restoration. Isaiah consoles the exiled Jews, giving them hope. He talks about restoring creation. The renewal of one's spirit has an affect on creation. Just hearing facts about the environment won't change hearts to do something, we need to renew spirits to make changes. In the Gospel, the deaf-mute is renewed. We need to open our minds and thoughts in Christ. In Fulton, MO, there is a church that was firebombed by the Germans in England, then brought to Fulton piece by piece and restored. Next to the church is a sculpture called the Breakthrough, which is part of the Berlin Wall. There was a breakthrough of the wall, but also of hearts. We must pray for those breakthroughs – of hearts, of society, of the Church. (Fr. Jack's homily)

Be strong. Fear not! Here is your God...who comes to save you. Isaiah's listeners were in Exile. How did they take his message? Probably with skepticism. In today's world we hear of new crises every few days, the most recent being Texas legislators setting up a bounty system in which neighbors turn in neighbors. This happened in Communist countries and in Nazi Germany – how can it happen here? This is another fear injected into society, into our lives. How can we come together as one?

Where is God now? Mark gives the example in the Gospel of the man who is deaf and mute. During the healing, Jesus groaned, but a better translation might be that he cried out from the bottom of his heart with compassion.

So we ask God, what does this mean for me/for us? Am I unable to hear the Word of God right now? Am I afraid of hearing, of speaking?

God says: "Be strong, fear not. You can't take on every issue yourself, but as a community, you can work toward being co-creator of a world reborn in love and compassion. I am calling you to be made In my image, to be Love Giving Everything in the time and place where I have put you. You will live and act in profound hope." (Sr. Lynne's homily)

God Bless!

Diane