

Monday Notes

September 13, 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.

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: We are in need of ushers, especially at the 10:00 Mass, so 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, which are attached, for further details. Please let Diane or Fr. Jack know if you can fulfill this ministry when you attend Mass. The ushers instructions are attached.

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

Mum Sales: St. Cronan is again selling Mums as a fundraiser. There are many colors and 2 sizes. The link for ordering Mums is also on our Facebook Page and Website. Mums will be available for pickup Saturday, September 25, 9:30-12:30. If this is not convenient, please contact the office (314) 289- 9384. Mums will be available for pick-up after the Masses on Sept. 25, if necessary, or in the office during that week. To order, visit: bit.ly/StCronan or see the attached flyer for further information.

National Migration Week will be celebrated beginning Sunday, Sept. 19. St. Margaret of Scotland Living Justice Ministries is offering a zoom program on migrants and refugees on

Sept 20, featuring speakers from Catholic Charities St. Francis Community Services, International Institute, MICA-project and a volunteer at Catholic Charities shelter in Laredo, TX. They will share about their work and offer ideas for those who would like to know more about how we can help refugees and migrants coming in from Afghanistan and our southern border. Part of the discussion will be the Catholic Accompaniment and Reflection Experience (CARE), which connects Catholic volunteers with undocumented immigrants in need of accompaniment and emotional and spiritual support. Please see the attached flyer for further information.

Tower Grove Pride Fest will take place Saturday, September 25, 11:00 am to 7:00 p.m. in Tower Grove Park. St. Cronan will have a booth and we are in need of volunteers to be in the booth for 1-hour shifts to talk about St. Cronan with people who attend. There will be pens, brochures and cards to distribute. If you can help, please sign up in the back of Church, or on this Google link: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1RCjGq3DAjrKgQZrs3IPHUObtQ1V06g4YkaTrr1zmLFo/edit?usp=sharing> or contact Diane – diane@stcronan.org and she will put you on the list.

ACA final report: A message from Director of The Annual Catholic Appeal:
“Thank you for your work in making the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal such a success! Because of the efforts of our pastors, parish life coordinators, parishes, and parish volunteers, the Appeal was able to raise over \$15.9 million from more than 38,000 households! I am grateful for your role in this success.”
Brian Niebrugge, Executive Director, Stewardship and the Annual Catholic Appeal

Our final numbers:

2021 Published Goal	\$14,560
Challenge Goal	\$18,271
New Donor Goal	14
Total to Date	\$20,052
Total Parishioners	243
Returned to Date	76
# New Donors	16

Thank you so much for your generosity!

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 Gozdzialski, diane@stcronan.org or Christine Lakey, christine.lakey@yahoo.com. You can also sign up on the sheets in the vestibule.

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.

Mass Counts: Every year, the Archdiocese requires us to count the number of people attending Masses on the weekends of Oct. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17. In light of the Strategic Plan, it is important that we have as accurate a count as possible, and that everyone who can do so either attends Mass or watches the recording/live-stream those weekends (we can count views).

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 this 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, Daimeyan, and Sasha. Martha Stegmaier, Michelle Frank, Shelly Kurtz’s sister, Marilyn Leong, Laurel’s mother and father, Nancy and Jerry Hayes, Joe Fairless.

Rest in Peace: It is with sadness that we mourn the loss of former friends and parishioners: Telma Ramirez and Mary Wuller.

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.

On the anniversary of the tragedy of 9/11, we hear the stories of different people and of course share our own stories, but it is important not to get locked in a 9/11 capsule. God does not want us to opt out of life, nor should we define our life by our job or activities. The Old Testament reading contains one of 4 "Suffering Servant" psalms. In all of these, the suffering servant persevered and dug into life. Jesus reminds us that even with suffering you give life, just as the Messiah does. When we suffer, we need to be ready for the next move in life. A man who loved sports was paralyzed and became good at wheelchair basketball. St. Jane Frances de Chantal lost her husband in a hunting accident and has a very difficult time getting over it. She connected with St. Francis de Sales' love for God and others. She visited the man who accidentally killed her husband and reconciled with him and started the Visitation religious order to serve others. She weathered Cardinal and Bishop objections to being out of cloister, and was able to continue her calling. There are two things we must do to continue our lives in the face of tragedy or adversity:

1. Put yourself in a position to have a connection with a person of God
2. Because of our love of God, we must continue to serve others, because what is faith without Good works? (from Fr. Jack's homily)

God Bless!

Diane