

Monday Notes (on Tuesday)
May 18, 2021

Mass Information

Sunday Masses are now at 8:00 am and 10:00 am. We will continue to record Masses and post them on the website. We will begin live-streaming on June 13. You will continue to sign up for the 8 and 10 Masses – Sign ups are below. The limit at this time is 25 households for 8:00 am and 35 households for 10 am. Please continue to wear masks. The health committee is meeting this week, so we will keep you informed of further changes.

Sunday, 5/23, 8:00 a.m.: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084bafaf23a0f49-8001>

Sunday, 5/23, 10:00 a.m.: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084bafaf23a0f49-10001>

If you sign up for one of the Sunday Masses, please come – you are taking a slot that someone else may want. If you find you cannot make it at the last minute, you can take yourself off the sign up, or you can text Diane at (314) 941-4933. Fr. Jack determines how many hosts to consecrate from the sign-ups, so it's important we have as accurate a count as possible.

Saturday evening Masses will be held starting June 12. We will have the sign-up the week before. Masses will be held in the Church rather than the Chapel.

Pentecost Sunday is May 23. If you can, please wear red. We have readers of languages for the 10:00 am Mass. If there are people attending the 8:00 Mass who could read a portion of the 2nd reading in another language, please contact Diane at diane@stcronan.org and let me know. I've attached the reading so you can see what languages we have used, but if you speak another language, that can be inserted as well.

We will again be recording the Sunday Mass each Thursday until June 13. After that date, the first Sunday in each month will be recorded, so we can hear homilies from our Community of Preachers at the Sunday Masses. If you would like to lector for the recording, please let Diane know. We usually record at 9:30, so please plan to arrive around 9:15.

Daily Masses: Masses are available on Mondays at 5:30 pm and Wednesday at 8:00 am.

Here are the sign ups for this week:

Wednesday, 5-19:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084bafaf23a0f49-8amwednesday>

Masses for next week will be posted on Wednesday.

ACA Update: We have a great start! Please keep up the good work. The Archdiocese has been very generous with grants in the past, but we must make our Challenge goal for that to continue. Thanks!

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| 2021 Published Goal | \$14,560 |
| Challenge Goal | \$18,271 |
| New Donor Goal | 14 |
| Total to Date | \$11,305 |

I've attached the message from our ACA co-chairs for an added boost. Please be generous!

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 is attached.

We are looking for **Teachers** for the First Communion Class (2nd Grade) and the 5-6 graders. If you have an interest in teaching these wonderful students, please contact Diane. Our classes are small, we provide materials for students and catechists, and can help you with planning, if you need help. We like to emphasize the social justice values of St. Cronan, and the students love discussion, so you will find the time goes quickly. We normally meet the first Sunday of the Month, starting in September, around 9:00 am (between the 8:00 and 10:00 Masses). We usually plan one or two service projects throughout the year as a group.

Mindfulness Classes: Mary Middendorf is planning on starting some mindfulness classes soon. These classes are via zoom, and are can be life-changing, awakening you to a new way of experiencing life. If you are interested, please contact Mary at: marymiddendorf@gmail.com

Prayers please: Please continue to pray for Bill Barret, and Mary Truetken, who are battling Cancer.. Laurel Hayes' parents, Nancy and Jerry, need our prayers. Laurel has gone to visit her mother, who is very ill.

Funeral Mass for Don DeHart will take place on Monday, May 24 at 11:00 am. Unfortunately, it is limited to family members only, but we will live-stream the service for those from St. Cronan who would like to attend. It will be on St. Cronan's Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/StCronan/> Visitation will take place on Sunday afternoon, 2-6 pm at Kutis Funeral Home. For more information, here is the obituary: <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/stltoday/name/donald-dehart-obituary?pid=198672111>

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 May 21. We will have some electric candles and a banner. Please feel free to bring your own signs and lights. If you have questions, please contact Trish Curtis: trishquita1952@gmail.com, or Kim Madden: kim.madden514@gmail.com

Pax Christi is offering new study circles on **Black Lives Matter and the Catholic Church** beginning May 24 at 7:00. You do not have to attend the sessions on Monday evenings to join – you can view the panel discussion recordings later. If you would like to join, please see the information below. I would suggest you register as an individual, and then let me know if you would like to be in St. Cronan's study circle. That way you will receive all the links for the Pax Christi panels. We can determine the times for our own discussions after those presentations.

<https://paxchristiusa.org/2021/04/13/registration-now-open-for-our-next-study-circle-on-olga-seguras-new-book-birth-of-a-movement-black-lives-matter-and-the-catholic-church/>

Discerning Deacons: Pope Francis has called for us to discern the need and desire of lay people and religious to ordain women deacons in the Catholic Church. It is very encouraging. The group is asking people to meet around the country and organize listening/discernment sessions to reflect on this issue and gather the fruits of the discussion to send back to them. They, in turn, will deliver the information to the Vatican. Their training for hosting these sessions is Sunday, May 23 (Pentecost Sunday) from 2-6 p.m. CT. Further information on the purpose and plan can be seen here:

https://discerningdeacons.slack.com/files/U01KU08F2N6/F01QFRQHRUN/discerning_deacons_project.pdf

Here is a link to their website: <https://discerningdeacons.org>

If you would like more information, please call or email me and I'll be happy to share what I know. I am planning to attend the training, but would love some company in this endeavor, especially people who are passionate and would be willing to work with me to host some sessions diane@stcronan.org

Adult Faith: The St. Cronan Small Groups have started. If you would like to participate, please contact the office and we will provide further information (314) 289-9384, or diane@stcronan.org.

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 continues on Sunday, May 2 at 11:30. Here is the zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81979361716?pwd=Z3ISa1dHeDhURitNTXIPScyNIRXQT09>

Meeting ID: 819 7936 1716 Passcode: cronan

I will email it on Saturday so it's higher in your email stream.

The Ascension is a mystery and mystery should confound us. Sometimes read commentaries and theology doesn't capture the mystery adequately. However, the mystery of the Ascension can be seen in the Ascension painting by Salvador Dali. (see the painting below). In Dali's painting, we see a nucleus with a sunflower inside. The sunflower always turns toward the Son. The nucleus is a unifying spirit of everything. Jesus hands hold the contradictions of life. The Dove is the spirit of our long contradictions. It's ok to have contradictions, but can you hold them? We can't tell in the picture which way Jesus is going – this could be his return. The biggest point are the feet, which are dirty, asking us to get our feet dirty like Christ did. May we hold these contradictions in the spirit of the Ascension. (From Fr. Jack's homily)

As things begin to open up, God grant us patience to continue caution and keep us safe.

Stay well!

Diane