

Monday Notes
May 24, 2021

The St. Cronan Health Task Force met last week to discuss the changes in protocols by the CDC and how that might affect further opening of the Church and Masses. The full report is attached. We will continue to wear masks, especially indoors. Look for an anonymous survey later this week – we would like to find out the percentage of people vaccinated in the parish, as this may help us determine future changes. Masses will continue to be offered either recorded or live-streamed to accommodate those not comfortable meeting in person.

In-person Meetings – Groups who would like to meet at church in person are welcome to do so, as long as social distancing of 3 ft is observed and masks are worn for inside meetings. If you would like to hold a meeting for your committee, please contact the office (314) 289-9384 to schedule. If you meet outside, you do not need to wear masks.

Mass Information

Sunday Masses are now at 8:00 am and 10:00 am. You no longer need to sign up for the 8:00 Mass – there seems to be plenty of room. Please continue to sign up for the 10:00 Mass. Even though we are opening up to 40 households this week, we still need to make sure. The sign-up will be available on Wednesday.

If you sign up for 10:00 Sunday Mass, 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. Initially, we will have a sign-up, just to get an idea of who is coming, but later we can drop it. We should be ok for social distancing.

Live-streaming will begin June 13 at the 10:00 am Mass. PLEASE BE ON TIME! We can't have people sitting at home waiting for us to start. Cronan time doesn't count for live-streaming! Also, please note that the recorded Masses will not be available on Saturday evenings when we livestream. Recorded Masses will take place for the weekend of June 6, and then the weekend of July 4, and the first Sunday of each month. All other Masses will be live-streamed at 10:00.

Daily Masses: Masses are available on Mondays at 5:30 pm and Wednesday at 8:00 am. Here is the sign up for this Wednesday.

Wednesday, 5-26:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084bafaf23a0f49-8amwednesday1>

Masses for next week will be posted on Wednesday.

ACA Update: We are nearly to our published goal! 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!

2021 Published Goal	\$14,560
Challenge Goal	\$18,271
New Donor Goal	14
Total to Date	\$13,509

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. Robert Nathe's Mother, Eileen, recently had a stroke. Colleen Wallace's godson, Lachlan also needs prayers.

Welcome to Judith and Charles Sokie's new baby girl. She will be baptized on Saturday.

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: If you would like information, please visit their website:

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

Here is a link to their website: <https://discerningdeacons.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 30 at 11:30. Here is the zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89038420314?pwd=V3ByZVZOOb0M0NHBTENyOFVIZTR3QT09>

Meeting ID: 890 3842 0314 Passcode: cronan

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

We are planning to start Coffee and Donuts at Church in the near future – with real coffee and donuts! Stay tuned!

The Fire of the Spirit culminates this Easter Season as we celebrate the Birth of the Church. Pentecost is all about how the Apostles attacked the banality of evil. Evil wants to appear common, to make us think wrong is right. This happened on January 6. The United States is pride of our foreign aid. However, most of it goes toward military aid for Israel and the Saudis. In the Church, we see the banality of evil in the lack of transparency during the Abuse crisis. We need an Advocate who guides us to the truth and expose evil for what it is. May the Holy Spirit guide us so we are bursting with better ways. (From Fr. Jack's homily)

Stay well!

Diane