

Monday Notes
June 2, 2021

Percentage of Vaccinated Community Members

Thanks to all who have completed the anonymous survey to help us get an idea of the percentage of the community are vaccinated. If you have not yet completed it, please do so. The more who respond, the more accurate our information. Here is the link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/769R2GT>

We hope to publish the results next week, so please complete it this week if at all possible.

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 we can accommodate numbers. 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 start on June 12. There will be no sign-up for this mass, as we will meet in Church instead of the Chapel. 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 work for live-streaming! Also, please note that the recorded Masses will not be available on Saturday evenings when we live-stream. Recorded Masses will take place the weekend of July 4, and the first Sunday of each month. All other Masses will be live-streamed at 10:00.

If you would prefer to watch Mass before 10:00 on Sunday, please contact Diane, diane@stcronan.org, 314-94-4933. We may be able to work something out.

Daily Masses: Masses are available on Mondays at 5:30 pm and Wednesday at 8:00 am. Sign ups will no longer be required for these Masses.

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 June 18, just in time to celebrate Juneteenth! 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

Juneteenth, the day that marks the end of slavery, is Saturday, June 19th. It is important that all Americans to understand the significance of this day. We celebrate Juneteenth as a critical moment in the African-American struggle for freedom from slavery as well as the enduring structures of racism in a country that at times seems intent on forgetting its sins. We encourage all Catholics to learn about Juneteenth and to make it a moment of action against the persisting realities of racism.

Servant of God, Sr. Thea Bowman, talked about the importance of telling the “*true truth*.” Honoring this day is one way to do that. Further information is attached.

ACA Update: WooHoo! We made 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	\$15,114
New donors to Date	8

Amazon Smile

So far we have had 7 parishioners sign up for Amazon Smile. Thank you to all who have done this. It is a free and easy way to raise a little money for St. Cronan....Just remember when you log into your Amazon account to use the [SMILE.Amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) website address. You should see St. Cronan's name on your account homepage. Contact me if you have any questions.

Sign up for AmazonSmile and select St Cronan Catholic Church as your preferred charity at smile.amazon.com/ch/43-0653457 . Remember to shop for deals at smile.amazon.com, or with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon app, and AmazonSmile will donate to us at no cost to you."

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), the First Reconciliation Class (3rd 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: mary.middendorf@gmail.com A flyer is attached.

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.

Ron Garascia, Diane Calcaterra's Friend, passed away last Monday. Our prayers go out to Ron's family and friends, especially Diane.

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, June 13 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!

Jesus takes bread, a common food and says “this is my whole person.” He takes the wine and tells us “this is my blood,” and blood is a life force. We need to be like the whole person of Christ, who spent his life as a suffering servant. Jesus called Peter “satan” when he tried to put Jesus on a pedestal. We need to put on the living Christ and walk the walk to Calvary. How willing are we to pay the price when the demand is costly but priceless? (Fr. Gerry's homily)

Even before the Pandemic, when we experienced catastrophic events in our lives, we needed or wanted to make changes. The catastrophes in the past year opened our eyes to be in relationship. They provide opportunities to shift our priorities and discover new habits. Jesus makes all things new through his Body and Blood. Through it we are cleansed, but why must the cleansing be so bloody and harsh? We can be pushed beyond limits, such as in childbirth, to understand how we are being called to change. We seek help from God to give birth to something more special. Don't take the Eucharist for granted. The New Covenant with Jesus is born and reborn. Those who are called receive the promise of eternal inheritance. We are being called. What do we need to die from in order to claims our

Covenant with Jesus? What is making us us happy on reflecting the harsh but beautiful reality we are about to receive. (from Teresa Sullivan's homily).

God Bless!

Diane