

Monday Notes
June 21, 2021

Percentage of Vaccinated Community Members

113 Households Responded with a total of 240 People

Number Vaccinated: 92%
Number Unvaccinated: 8%
Attend Mass Masked: 92% yes, 8% no/unsure
Attend Mass Unmasked: 73% yes, 15% no, 11% unsure
Unvaccinated Children Attend: 5% yes, 5% no, 4% yes, if masked, 85% NA
Attend Coffee and Donuts: 29% outside, 4% inside, 7% neither, 58% either

These data have been given to the Health Task Force and the Parish Council. We will share further actions as they become available.

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

Confirmation will take place on Sunday, June 27 at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Please pray for and congratulate our Confirmandi: Lucy Baum Scholle, Gabriel Baum Scholle, Gus Dilorenzo, and Gabriel Sullivan. Msgr. Dennis Stehle will join us to confirm our students. Please brush up on the Creed, because he will say it. (Breaking Bread, p. 8) We have taken slots for the Confirmation families, so please sign up for what is available and come if you can. The Mass will be live-streamed so our Community can support our kids – they waited a year and a half to be confirmed just so their Community could join them in the Celebration!

A Celebration will be held after the Confirmation Mass so we can congratulate our Confirmandi as a community. This is our first **Coffee and Donuts** since the Pandemic!

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, 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 continue. 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.

Masks are required for all Masses. This is to protect our unvaccinated children.

Live-streaming continues 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: Mass is available on Wednesdays at 8:00 am. Sign ups will no longer be required for these Masses. We are suspending the 5:30 Monday Mass due to lack of attendance.

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 Friday, July 16. 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

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. We're getting close! Thanks!

2021 Published Goal	\$14,560
Challenge Goal	\$18,271
New Donor Goal	14
Total to Date	\$17,577
New donors to Date	11

Amazon Smile

Thank you to all who have signed up for Amazon Smile. 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 Mary in the office if you have any questions. We are not encouraging you to shop on Amazon, but if you order something anyway, we'd like you to consider the donation AmazonSmile will give to St. Cronan.

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 a **Teacher** for the First Reconciliation Class (3rd grade). 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.

Larry Kostal passed away on May 28th. Please keep Janet, his wife, and their family in your prayers. The Memorial Mass will be August 6, with visitation at 10 am, Memorial Mass at 11 am, and luncheon at 12:30 pm. The luncheon will probably be a pot-luck. We will contact you closer to the date to see if you can contribute.

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 **LIVE** on Sunday, June 27 after the 10:00 Mass to help our Confirmandi celebrate their confirmation. If you cannot attend in person, you are welcome to attend the Zoom meeting. 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.

In the first reading, we have Job dealing with the Mystery of Suffering, which is considered high wisdom. Job was not patient. When his neighbors told him to just confess his sins to God, he claimed he had nothing to confess. What does it mean to accept suffering? This is not resignation. There is a process to deal with suffering. Step 1 is complaint. "I don't deserve this, I'm a righteous person." Step 2 is Bewilderment. "Why did this happen to me?" Step 3 is Confrontation. Job actually took God to court and prosecuted God. As the defendant, God answers in Job 38, in the Whirlwind Speech. "Where were you when I

created the universe?" This puts suffering into the perspective of the entire cosmos, and Job responds, "I have dealt with things beyond me," or too great for him to understand. The 4th Step is to concede to God in acceptance, which is not resignation. People can encounter tremendous suffering, yet not lose their own integrity and sense of peace. Be inspired by the way Jesus suffered. Do you still have faith? The answer is, "I'm getting there." (From Fr. Jack's homily)

God Bless!

Diane