

Monday Notes
July 12, 2021

Mass Information

Sunday Masses are at 5:00 pm Saturday and at 8:00 am and 10:00 am Sunday. You no longer need to sign up for Masses – there seems to be plenty of room. The 10:00 Mass will be live-streamed for the next two weeks, and posted on our Facebook page. The live-streamed Mass can be watched during the 10:00 Mass and any time after. You can access it here: <https://www.facebook.com/StCronan/>

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 me know which Mass you attend and whether you will lector, minister, or both.

Daily Masses: Mass is available on Wednesdays at 8:00 am, but will not be held this Wednesday, July 14, because Fr. Jack is out of town. Sign ups will no longer be required for these Masses. We are suspending the 5:30 Monday Mass due to lack of attendance.

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.

Help Wanted – I sent out a list of volunteer opportunities for ministries in our Church Community. They also are attached. Please respond if you are able.

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 have surpassed our Challenge Goal! Thank you for your generosity! If you haven't yet given, you have until August to do so. We are looking for 2 folks who have not given previously to ACA to give now. Just \$5 will help us reach our New Donor Goal. This is important because we receive chances to win \$5,000 grants with each goal we reach. If you can help, please visit the website and follow the instructions or call Mary at (314) 289-9384.

2021 Published Goal	\$14,560
Challenge Goal	\$18,271
New Donor Goal	14
Total to Date	\$19,037
New donors to Date	12

Amazon Smile

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 are attached.

Teachers needed. If you have an interest in teaching our First Reconciliation class (3rd grade), please contact Diane at diane@stcronan.org. I have one volunteer, but he would like someone to coordinate with him.

Bridges Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius in Everyday Life

Are you looking for a deeper prayer life and a closer relationship with God? If so, please consider the "Bridges Retreat in Everyday Life," based on the 450+ year-old Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola. This nine-month retreat is designed and adapted for persons in all walks of life. The retreat consists of daily prayer and journaling (experiencing discernment, contemplation, meditation), in addition to weekly or monthly small group meetings and weekly time with a prayer companion who listens to your experiences and provides oral and written guidance through the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

The retreat runs September into May and coincides with the Church's liturgical calendar. The retreat begins in September 2021, and information sessions (like the retreat) will be offered at five Greater St. Louis-area sites on various days and times this summer, as well as a virtual "Zoom" session. For more details about the retreat and information session_schedule, visit: www.bridgesfoundation.org. or contact Steve Givens, executive director, 314-401-2072.

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. Diane Calcaterra is recovering from surgery and Martha Stegmaier will have knee replacement surgery this Thursday. As Fr. Gerry has shared, Fr. Thomas and his country of Uganda, have been hit hard by the Virus.

Judy Miniace has returned home and is in a BJC hospice program. Her address is: 4543 Tower Grove Place, 63110. Prayers, cards, and notes are appreciated. She is unable to talk on the phone. We will keep you posted about visits.

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 **LIVE** on Sundays after the 10:00 Mass. We ask that you try to maintain 3 ft. social distancing while eating and wear a mask when you are not at a table.

If you cannot attend in person, you are welcome to attend the Zoom meeting. Here is the zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89912847699?pwd=dEpRUkU2R3ditieHI3V010aVBLdz09>

Meeting ID: 899 1284 7699 Passcode: cronan

Please note: this is a new link for the next 7 weeks.

For those of you who have been attending Coffee and Donuts on Zoom, please let me know if you would like to continue doing so. I can set up the zoom meeting so that you can visit with each other. I know it didn't work well to be connected to the live group – it was too noisy.

In today's readings, God summons and then sends the chosen ones. The Latin root for "summon" is to "give a hint." From Abraham on, God has given hints and, when the hints are taken, the persons are sent to accomplish God's will. Fr. Jack had hints concerning a family illness and ultimately was sent to St. Cronan. Getting God's hints is more important than obeying the commandments, although the commandments help us to hear the hints. We need to be ready to listen to God's hints for how to use our gifts and to seek the courage to be sent to do God's will in our lives. (From Fr. Jack's homily)

In case you missed it, Bill Barrett's Pastoral Reflection from this week is attached.

God Bless!

Diane