

## **Monday Notes**

### **July 19, 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 this week, 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/>

The Mass on August 1 will be recorded and available on our Website under "Recorded Masses."

**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.

**Uganda Missions:** This Sunday, July 25, we will have a visiting missionary from Uganda. Please be generous.

**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](mailto: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. Sign ups will no longer be required for these Masses. We are suspending the 5:30 Monday Mass due to lack of attendance.

**Air Quality Rally is taking place** this Saturday, July 24, 9:00 – 11:00 am at the McKinley Bridge Roadside Park, Main Street and Cedar Street, Venice, IL 62090. To register to attend, please click here: [Air Quality Rally \(canva.com\)](https://www.canva.com)

**Abortion Healing Ministry:** The Archdiocese has established a new network that encompasses all of the healing ministries in one roof. If you or someone you know needs help to heal from an abortion, please share this information with them: phone: (314) 406-3815, email: [hopehealing@archstl.org](mailto:hopehealing@archstl.org). There is a scheduled retreat in August. For further information, please see the attached flyer.

**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, August 20. Please feel free to bring your own signs. If you have questions, please contact Trish Curtis: [trishquita1952@gmail.com](mailto:trishquita1952@gmail.com), or Kim Madden: [kim.madden514@gmail.com](mailto: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.

<b>2021 Published Goal</b>	<b>\$14,560</b>
<b>Challenge Goal</b>	<b>\$18,271</b>
<b>New Donor Goal</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Total to Date</b>	<b>\$19,372</b>
<b>New donors to Date</b>	<b>12</b>

**Wills:** Please remember Saint Cronan's in your will. Title is St. Cronan's Catholic Church-1202 South Boyle Ave.- St. Louis, MO 63110. Our Federal I.D.# 43-0653457

**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.

### **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, visit: [www.bridgesfoundation.org](http://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 and Martha Stegmaier are recovering from surgery. If you can help with food and support for these ladies, please contact Eileen Heidenheimer, [earthmother49@hotmail.com](mailto:earthmother49@hotmail.com)

As Fr. Gerry has shared, Fr. Thomas and his country of Uganda, have been hit hard by the Virus.

Funeral Services for Judy Miniace, who went to God last Wednesday, will be held on August 3. Details will follow as they become available.

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](mailto: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 Sunday's readings, Jeremiah called out shepherds who were dividing and distracting people. Shepherds need rest, retreat and recovery so their compassion might be sustained. Not many bishops these days take a day of rest. When they don't rest, they tend to lose compassion and emphasize orthodoxy. For example, the Bishops are considering withholding communion for Joe Biden. This comes from Paul, who exhorts us to (1) conform fully to Christ, (2) human frailty is deep and broad, but God's mercy also abounds, and (3) if one has great evil that person is not able to receive communion (theology of withholding). There are 27 intrinsic evils, including racism. We all come into this deeply, from racism to immoral warfare to arms proliferation. We all are part of these evils. The Eucharist is not a prize for the perfect, but a medicine and nourishment for the weak (Pope Paul). When we judge people as unworthy, we need to think to turn to ourselves. Thank God that the Eucharist is a sacrament of healing. Christ is for everyone. (From Fr. Jack's homily)

In case you missed it, Madonna Kucieczyk-Kernan's Pastoral Reflection from this week is attached.

God Bless!

Diane