



St. Cronan Catholic Church Feast of the Epiphany January 2, 2022

Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 p.m.

Wednesdays – 8:00 a.m.

Masks are required for all Masses to keep our unvaccinated children safe

Recorded Mass will take place the first Sunday of each month and will be available January 2. It can be accessed on our website: <http://www.stcronan.org/>

Live-streaming continues at the 10:00 am Mass. PLEASE BE ON TIME! Masses will be live streamed at 10:00. Live-streamed masses are available on our Facebook page any time after the 10:00 Mass, <https://www.facebook.com/StCronan>

Administrators Wish List: Please see the list in the Chapel and thanks for your generosity!

Marianist Retreat Center Women's Retreat: Ordinary Faithfulness: a retreat for women. This Women's Retreat will be held at the beautiful Marianist Retreat and Conference Center beginning with dinner on Friday evening, January 7, 2022 and ending before Noon on Sunday, January 9, 2022. Please see the flyer in the Chapel for more information.

St. Martha's Drop-in Center: Opening January 3, Monday-Friday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., no appointment necessary. All services free of charge. Advocates will be available during the drop-in hours to provide services and support to anyone impacted by domestic violence. Please see the information in the Chapel for details.

Prayers Please

Bill Barrett, Mary Truetken, Laurel Hayes, Laurel Hayes' parents, Jerry and Nancy, Bill's brother in law, Dave Rose, Bill's friend, Jim Forest, Robert Nathe's Mother, Eileen, Colleen Wallace's godson, Lachlan, Michelle Frank, Jennifer Lyle and Krista Rakers, Marilyn Leong, Jessica, Nick Ambrose, Al Sprehe, Phil Milner, Leslie Conway, Mike's grandson, Jack, Madonna Kuciejczyk-Kernan, Jim Gorman, Andrew Viraugh's Father, Sharon Orlet's sister, Betty, Nancy Buck, Nancy Buck's daughter, Jeanne, Barry Buchek's wife, Mary, Kathy Bayless, Dom and Marcy Soda's daughter, Maria, Tom Kuciejczyk-Kernan's

brother, Steve, Tom and Madonna's grandchildren, Matteo and Eleanora, Warren and Bonnie Wimmer's son, John.

Coffee and Donuts continues on Zoom and is a great time to catch up with the community. The meeting ID is 810 7478 0423, password: cronan

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, January 21. Please feel free to bring your own signs. If you have questions, please contact Trish Curtis: trishquita1952@gmail.com

Baked Bread for Masses: If you were previously a part of this ministry, or enjoy baking and would like to be part of the ministry, please contact Bill Barrett, barrettb@webster.edu or Diane, (314) 941-4933, diane@stcronan.org

Food Pantry Volunteer Opportunities: **Driver** for food pick up at St. Gerard Majella, Kirkwood, on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 11:00 a.m. **Volunteers** to unload the food when it arrives at St. Cronan at 11:30 a.m. **Volunteers** to help with Homebound food delivery the 3rd Sunday of each month after the 10:00 Mass. We really appreciate your consideration of these needs. Kathy Hunn, Director~St. Cronan Church Food Pantry~314-704-9934 or kathyfoodpantry@gmail.com

SVdP Giving Tree: St. Cronan St. Vincent de Paul Society has their tree in the Church Chapel with envelopes attached for monetary donations to support their work throughout the year. This is one of SVdP's major fund raisers. If you would like to give online, you can through our website and the "donate" button. Just indicate that your donation is for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Thank you for your generosity.

Christmas Decorations: We will be taking down the Christmas Decorations after the 10:00 Mass on Sunday, January 9, the Baptism of the Lord. Please plan to stay if you can help.

Pastoral Reflection
Epiphany

“Show me the Way” by Styx is a regular on my playlist and often part of my prayer time. I find it comforting and challenging because I consistently seem to be searching for deeper understanding and greater meaning every day of my life’s journey. I can’t be satisfied with superficial answers or milquetoast worldviews.

This song came to mind today as I reflected on the Gentile Magi setting out, guided by a star, to find the newborn king of the Jews. T.S. Eliot in his poem “The Journey of the Magi” suggests their journey was one of hardship and deprivation, of longing for the comforts and warmth of home, and “with the voices singing in our ears, saying that this was all folly.” Finally, they find the child, not in a palace, but in a stable. A strange king-to-be. Reflecting on their experience years later, they muse on whether this was a Birth or a Death. They returned to their places, their kingdoms, “But no longer at ease here, in the old dispensation with an alien people clutching their gods.” They have been transformed – a kind of death. In spite of no longer fitting into their old world, the narrator says, “I should be glad of another death.”

Both the song and the poem speak to me of those incredible times when we have met God. We have no response but silence and awe. We may be walking on a trail, reading a book, praying in church, cooking supper, being drawn into a work of art, swimming, or gazing into the ocean. The setting or activity is not the cause. We become aware of God present to us in this time and place. The difficulties and struggles of our present every-day journey cease to be part of our consciousness. And we come away transformed, no longer able to simply return to the life before God’s encounter with us. A part of us has died and the new life, while it may be uncomfortable and disconcerting, calls for a deeper and genuine response to the God who found us and is calling us anew.

We listen to Matthew’s account of the Magi searching for the Christ-child. But the real story is that their search and our search is the under-story. The real story is that God who became human finds us, loves us, and calls us to love one another and all of creation.

May this feast of the Epiphany be a time for each of us to recall the epiphanies, the being found by God, in our own lives.

Note: St. Joseph Sr. Mary M. McGlone has an excellent article on this feast in the current NCR. If you want to read it on-line, you can go to National Catholic Reporter, menu, columns, Sunday Resources, or copy this into your browser: <https://www.ncronline.org/sunday-resource/jan-2-2022-epiphany-lord>

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