



St. Cronan Catholic Church

22nd Sunday, Ordinary Time

August 28-29, 2021

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.

Live-streaming continues at the 10:00 am Mass this Sunday and the other Sundays of the month. 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>

Recorded Mass will take place the first Sunday of each month and will be available September 4-5. It can be accessed on our website:

<http://www.stcronan.org/>

Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers Now that Masses are opening up, we are in need of Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. There are instructions for ushers posted in the Chapel, and anyone attending the Mass can fulfill this ministry. If you are interested in these ministries, please contact Diane diane@stcronan.org

Haiti Relief: A second collection will be taken for Haiti this Sunday. The money will go to the Bishops' relief fund and forwarded to Agencies in Haiti.

Prayers Please

Bill Barrett, Mary Truetken, 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, Martha Stegmaier, Diane Calcaterra, Jennifer Lyle and Krista Rakers, Laurel Hayes. Nick Ambrose's father, Tony Ambrose, is on Hospice and is fading quickly. He is 98 years old.

The Memorial service for Jean Abbott, CSJ will take place at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, September 18, 2021. Light refreshments will follow the prayer service.

Everyone is welcome, so feel free to share this invitation widely. Because of Covid restrictions, it is important that everyone RSVP, so that we can keep all participants safe. RSVP to

marybethgallagher1066@gmail.com, telling us the number of people in your party. Please join us in celebrating the life of this beautiful woman.

Directory Update: If you have had changes to your address, phone number, or email, please contact Mary at mary@stcronan.org, (314) 289-9384.

Wills: Please remember Saint Cronan's in your will. Title is St. Cronan's Catholic Church- 1202 South Boyle Ave St. Louis, MO 63138. Our Federal ID.#43-0653457

Children's Faith Formation 2021-2022. Classes start August 29. Please contact Diane if you have children who are interested. diane@stcronan.org

Coffee and Donuts has been suspended due to increased Corona virus threats. It continues on Zoom and is a great time to catch up with the community. The meeting ID is 899 1284 7699, password – cronan.

Sock Angel Campaign: St. Cronan has been asked to participate in the Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies' Auxiliary Sock Angel Campaign. The Campaign runs through this weekend. Please drop off new socks in the box in Church and these will be distributed in October to 6 organizations in St. Louis who serve the homeless. Find More Information on their Website: www.sockangel.org. and www.kofpc.org

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, September 17. Please feel free to bring your own signs. If you have questions, please contact Trish Curtis: trishquita1952@gmail.com

Football Fundraiser: St. Cronan is partnering with St. John's Church in Imperial for a Football Booster. For \$25, you receive three codes that are tied to Football Teams in the coming season. Each week, St. John's pays out money to people whose teams have reached their point criteria. You are assigned the codes, and St. John's automatically sends the check, so you don't even have to like football to participate. Tickets are available at Church after Masses, in the Church Office, (314) 289-9384, and through Helen Heilich, Hheilich31@yahoo.com St. Cronan gets a cut for every ticket sold and you have a chance to win every week during the 18-week football season. Cash or check accepted, make checks payable to: St. John's Church. This weekend is the last chance to purchase.

St. Francis Center request for items for refugees:

Join in their summer initiative, Abriendo Puertas, that is helping 25 newly-arrived families from the Southern U.S. Border start a new life here! We already have 8 families' needs sponsored - including beds, furniture, hygiene essentials, and household items - but need your help to assist at least 17 more households before Sept. 6th! You can visit this page to contribute towards a family's needs, purchase items from the registry, or lend a hand with volunteering: <https://sfcsstl.org/puertas/>
Let's come together and welcome our new neighbors!

Small Groups for Adult Faith: For those of you new to St. Cronan, or those who have been members for ages, the St. Cronan Small Groups are continuing or gearing up to begin again in the Fall. If you are interested in participating in a small group of community members, please see the descriptions and contact information below:

Small Group Descriptions

The **St. Cronan Book Discussion Small Group** will read a group-chosen book and discuss it monthly on topics such as, but not limited to, spirituality, social justice, theology, and contemplative practices. The discussion will be free-flowing and not directed by one leader. The group's purpose will be, through literary pieces, to deepen our experience of church, community, and connection with one another. While the group's roots are in pandemic isolation, it will continue long past this time.

Your convener is Christine Lakey at christine.lakey@yahoo.com.
Current meeting time: Wednesdays, 5:00 pm

Sunday Reading Reflections This St. Cronan group will have an emphasis on discussing upcoming Sunday readings and/or weekday daily readings as a format to develop connections with the liturgy, the Gospel and one another. Members of this group might share their own personal reflections and life experiences as well as authored reflections on the readings to gain understanding, meaning and a sense of community as we share the Word and our lives together.

Your convener is Teresa Sullivan at tsullivan731@gmail.com
Current meeting time: 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:30

Contemporary Issues Small Group The focus of this small group is the intersection of faith and current social justice issues. The intent is to explore how to truly "walk the talk" of the social justice teachings of the Catholic Church and inequities among us. Specific direction will be determined by the collective group - please join us!

Your convener is Heather Hageman at hhageman@sbcglobal.net

Current meeting time: 1st and 2nd Monday of the month, 7:15-8:15

Contemplative Prayer Small Group While we will be doing some sharing and interacting when we gather, sharing what may be happening in our lives, things we want to hold in prayer as we sit quietly together, or even how this kind of prayer is going for us, the focus of this group will be experiencing the strength of DOING quiet sitting prayer together in community with others. Some members of the group may already have learned a contemplative prayer style they prefer. For those for whom this would be a new experience, Sr. Chabanel will teach or review a couple of options that are very simple and require very little instruction with more time given to doing it together at each meeting than teaching about it. We may also have a little sharing between times of sitting quietly about what we experience as we pray in this way. Those wanting lots of discussion and interaction would probably prefer another group. Those belonging to other groups for reading and discussion and wanting to experience the strength of this kind of prayer together in a small community, possibly making it a regular practice in your personal lives or supporting a practice you already have, may want to try it.

Your convener is Sister Chabanel, 314 614 2316 or chabanelm@gmail.com
Meeting Time: 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the Month 7:30

Fellowship Group The Fellowship Group will convene as a chance for conversation and sharing. There will be no set agenda, at least initially. The purpose of the group will be to stay connected with members of the St. Cronan Community and to share what is happening in our lives during this COVID time and beyond. We can decide on topics, or keep it free-form – it will be up to the group.

Your convener is Diane Gozdziński (314) 941-4933 or diane@stcronan.org
Meeting Time: 1st Thursday of Month: 7:00

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the convener of the group of interest, or Diane – diane@stcronan.org

Kathy Bayless is biking in the MS 150 for the 38th year. This bike ride benefits people living with Multiple Sclerosis. If you would like to donate for Kathy's pledge, please make your check payable to MS Society and give it to Kathy this weekend or next, mail your check to her at 847 Tuxedo Blvd., 63119, or register online at [Gateway Area | National Multiple Sclerosis Society \(\[nationalmssociety.org\]\(http://nationalmssociety.org\)\)](http://GatewayArea|NationalMultipleSclerosisSociety(nationalmssociety.org)

Pastoral Reflection

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“Bring forth the city of God...
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As I prayed the closing song with all of you at St. Cronan's last week, I began to articulate the tensions I feel as I prepare this reflection.

In the first reading Moses calls Israel to observe God's statutes so they may “enter in and take possession of the land” God gave their ancestors. My mind and heart goes to the people of Afghanistan who must leave their homeland and those unable to leave when their homeland is taken from them. Like many of you, I ache when I hear about those families facing death because they acted in what they thought would save their homeland and their people. I cry out, “where is God?” knowing that God is not the source nor cause of this crisis. My country is. And I am a part of what is being done because it is my country.

The Gospel reminds me of so many people choosing to remain unvaccinated. The Pharisees, as Mark portrays them, were fixated on externals and self-absorbed in their own view of righteousness. How many people have I heard say they would not get vaccinated because it was a violation of their freedom and it was their body, so no one could tell them they had to get the shot. They expressed no concern about their children, other family members, or the greater community. They failed to recognize that a global pandemic affects all of us, and all of us must work to control the virus or suffer continued deaths here and around the globe. This self-absorption is so far from the radical kinship to which God calls us – radical kinship with all people and with the rest of creation.

The book of Genesis tells us, “God created humankind in God's own image.” This calls us to reflect on who God is. Then we can begin to understand who we are. Steven Bevans, SVD, in a recent presentation on the Triune God reminds us that “God is what God does.” Bevans said:

What this means is that, as we see God at work in Jesus, inspired by the Spirit, we get an understanding of who God is in God's deepest reality—working to realize the divine dream of “radical kinship” among all peoples, and with the whole of creation. This working for community reveals the secret of what God is in God's self: a community, a relationship of radical equality, dialogue, and sharing...that will realize God's dream for creation. How God works in the world for “radical kinship,” through Jesus of Nazareth, through the Holy Spirit, is...God in Godself being community of radical equality and diversity in unity. God is what God does: “At the heart of holy mystery is not monarchy but communion; not absolute rule, but threefold *koinonia*.” (Elizabeth Johnson, *She Who Is*, 216) Trinity is the mystery of Love Giving Everything, calling us to do the same with one another.

The two examples I mentioned in the beginning of this reflection challenge me/us to see as God sees, to love as God loves. The gift of compassion is union with God's compassion. Can I, can we, love as God loves? Because of the Triune God we respond together, communally, in deep relationship with one another and God to live radical kinship and to

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