



St. Cronan Catholic Church

25th Sunday, Ordinary Time

September 18-19, 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 October 3-4. It can be accessed on our website:

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

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, Marilyn Leong, Jessica.

Catholic Migration Week St. Margaret of Scotland is having an informative discussion with local organizations on Migration at our border and from Afghanistan with ways you might get involved. It takes place this Monday, Sept. 20 at 7:00 via zoom. Please see the flier in the Chapel or in Monday Notes for further information.

Tower Grove Pride Fest takes place on Saturday, September 25, 11:00-7:00. St. Cronan will have a booth to share our presence with those attending. If you can spend an hour in the booth welcoming people to check us out, please sign up in the vestibule or contact David Gaillardetz:, davidgaillardetz@gmail.com or diane@stcronan.org

MICA Project Trivia Night takes place virtually on September 25 at 7:00. The MICA Project aids immigrants from our border and Afghanistan with legal support and needs this fund raising effort to be a huge success. If you would like to register as an individual or a team, please visit:

<http://www.mica-project.org/2021-trivia-registration.html>

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

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.

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, October 15 Please feel free to bring your own signs. If you have questions, please contact Trish Curtis: trishquita1952@gmail.com

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://sfcstl.org/puertas/> Let's come together and welcome our new neighbors!

Help Wanted: As things open up, there are several opportunities for St. Cronan Community members to volunteer to help, especially as you attend Mass each weekend. We are in need of Lectors for the 5:00 and 8:00 Masses, and we need Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers for the 10:00 Mass. Ushers are very important, as we are needing to direct people to pews when the church is crowded. We can use greeters for 10:00 Mass to welcome new people who may be joining us for the first time. Please consider fulfilling any of these positions. It's a great way to get to know our Community. The only requirement is the ability to come to church about 15 minutes early on Sunday. We happily train you! If you would like further information, please contact Diane Gozdziński or Christine Lakey., or sign up in the Vestibule.

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: 3rd Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30 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

Food for Bill and Laurel With Laurel unable to walk on her broken food and Bill battling with Chemo, it seems the time is come for our Community to step up and help them with food. Eileen Heidenheimer is organizing our effort, and will soon have a calendar ready for people to sign up for dates. We will keep you posted.

St. Cronan Church Annual Mum Sale

order yours today at:

bit.ly/StCronan

Orders will be available for pickup:

Saturday Sept 25

9:30am – 12:30pm

in front of St. Cronan at

1202 S. Boyle Ave.

Pastoral Reflection

September 18-19, 2021

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

For ten weeks this summer I soaked up lessons on living in God's reign from my two year old grandson. What a gift to see through the eyes of wonder, delight, gratitude, and present moment awareness. Matteo often reminded me, "Don't worry Busia.*" Sometimes he'd reassure me as he was roaring like a lion and I was reacting in fear. (Everyone should know lions know won't hurt their Grandmas.) Sometimes he'd reassure me as I was worried about some future possible trouble that his present moment wisdom knew was a waste of this present moment. "Don't worry Busia." Recently Matteo (aka Dumper) and his Dziaja* (aka Scooper) were sweeping up dirt from our camper floor and dumping it in the trash can. Scooper got excited and accidently dumped. Scooper apologized to Dumper for doing his job. Matteo responded. "That's OK Dziaja. It happens sometimes."

Matteo waves hello and good-bye to the birds he sees, reminding me that the plants and animals are our sisters and brothers. In contrast to the disciples vying for status, Matteo knows we are family with all of creation. We are all part of the circle. This living in God's reign.

Just as Matteo, so fresh from God, knows the heart of God, the same is true of all the world's children. May we nurture the children in our families, our neighborhoods and our world, and advocate for the food, shelter, health, education and peace they need, so that their gifts can flourish for the good of all.

Madonna Kuciejczyk-Kernan

*Busia is the Polish affectionate term for Grandma

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My husband Tom had the following insight about this reading.

Jesus is trying to get his disciples to grasp how inverted is reality compared to how we tend to see things with our ego eyes. In the beginning of this Gospel we hear the One carrying all of creation into fullness say that he's going to be put to death, to be seemingly destroyed. But then in His resurrection it will be revealed that He and His way have prevailed. As the story continues Jesus counters their ego assertion of self- importance, teaching them that it's upside-down, inside-out, or totally backwards from what they're thinking. First you have to serve everyone else. The child is one without power, importance, or rank. Jesus is teaching them that that is how he will come to them and not just him but the One who sent him.

So how does this teaching apply to us and our lives? It tells us that when we follow our ego impulses toward self-importance above others, we head in the mistaken direction; the ultimate lasting value of our lives simply has nothing to do with that. God comes to us, and we come into our fullness, by letting that go to focus on simply acting justly, loving tenderly, and walking humbly.

Tom Kuciejczyk-Kernan

