



# St. Cronan Catholic Church

## 28th Sunday, Ordinary Time

### October 9-10, 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 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 November .6. 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, Nick Ambrose

**Food for Bill and Laurel** With Laurel still coping with her broken foot and Bill battling with Chemo, it seems the time is come for our Community to step up and help them with food. There are many spaces open for October. We are using the calendar set up by Laurel's church. Just go to carecalendar.org. Our ID is 299440. Our passcode is 5500. This should take you to B & L's calendar. You will see red squares with the word "Meals." Click on the date you want, then fill out your info- name, e-mail, and phone number. Then hit "sign up." That's it! You will receive an e-mail reminder from the calendar the day before the date you chose. Thank you! If you have any questions, you can e-mail Eileen Heidenheimer, earthmother49@hotmail.com, or text, or call (314-660-6551).

**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

**Mass Counts:** Every year, the Archdiocese requires us to count the number of people attending Masses on the weekends of Oct. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17. In light of the Strategic Plan, it is important that we have as accurate a count as possible. Please come or watch!

**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

**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 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 as part of your adult faith growth, please contact Diane at diane@stcronan.org or 324-941-4933 and she will provide information.

**Ecumenical Prayer – Care for Creation** Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski, Archdiocese of St. Louis and Bishop Susan Candea, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will co-preside an outdoor ecumenical prayer emphasizing our shared commitment to care for the Earth and acknowledging the damage done to vulnerable communities by neglect of our common home. Our hosts for the prayer request that all attendees be vaccinated. Masking & social distancing required. WHEN: 3PM Sunday Oct 24

WHERE: The Garden at Our Lady of the Holy Cross  
8115 Church Road  
St. Louis, MO 63147

For more Information:

Call James Fowlkes-Comminellis 314-792-7177

**Pastoral Reflection**  
**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
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In our first years of formation as School Sisters of Notre Dame, Mark's story of the man who asked Jesus what he needed to do to inherit eternal life was interpreted to assure us that we had chosen the life style this man had refused. Our choice as Women Religious showed that we had made the "right choice" while the man in the Gospel had failed. We had given up everything to follow Jesus. That interpretation of this passage is certainly inadequate from a hermeneutical standpoint. But beyond that, by my third month in formation, I questioned its veracity. What had I given up? As I looked at family and friends, I realized that I had more security and earthly riches than many of them had. Our lives were simple, but we did not lack essentials.

This passage has continued to make me uncomfortable. So, I tried to avoid thinking about it. I was able to get a good education. I had what I needed for teaching. When I lost employment, I did not have to be unduly worried about food, shelter, and other necessities while I looked for another position. I live in a very small apartment, not very luxurious, but I have more than I need. I take a lot for granted.

This passage continues to make me uncomfortable. When I left leadership as a Provincial Councilor in the St. Louis province in 2011, I gave up a lot: a large sunny office (most of my professional life as a Director of Religious Education was done from a medium-sized closet), administrative assistants and other employees, a corporate credit card, knowledge of the internal workings of the province, a special connection with Sisters, a close relationship with other members of the leadership team, and similar "blessings." But I remember saying I could let go of all of that, but I would not let go of my smart phone. That was a non-negotiable. A friend asked if I was choosing between Jesus and my phone. I thought about that. My response was, does it have to be either/or. I tend to prefer to see things as both/and. I kept the phone – and Jesus – in my life.

While this passage in Mark still causes me discomfort (we have so much more than most people in the world), I hear Jesus calling us *in this time and place* to examine what we do and what we have that keeps us from responding to Jesus' challenge. Can we put to good use what is available to us, but still keep Jesus clearly and firmly in the center of our lives? If what we are doing or what we have, gets in the way of faithfully living the Gospel call to love and compassionately care for all creation, including each person we meet, then we must let it go. Letting go and following Jesus is what matters, *is all that matters*. We can continue to pray for one another that we respond *freely* to Jesus' call, "Come follow me."

*Lynne Schmidt, SSND*