



St. Cronan Catholic Church

32nd Sunday, Ordinary Time

November 6-7, 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

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/>

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>

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, Martha Stegmaier, Diane Calcaterra, Jennifer Lyle and Krista Rakers, Marilyn Leong, Jessica, Nick Ambrose, , Al Sprehe, Phil Milner, Fr. Gerry's nephew, Steven Buelتمان, Leslie Conway, Mike's grandson, Jack, Madonna Kuciejczyk-Kernan, Jim Gorman

Annual Collection for Sisters and Order Priests and Brothers takes place this weekend. This is the one time of the year when can express our gratitude for the numerous sisters, brothers, and priests of orders who have contributed to our education and health over the last years. As Sr. Lynne said, many are in need of elderly care these days and this is the only retirement money many of the orders receive to care for them. The envelopes are in the pews. Also, please read Sr. Chabanel's Pastoral Reflection on the reverse side. Envelopes are in the pews. Please be generous.

All Saints Memorial Please bring your pictures of departed loved ones to place on our Table of Saints in the Chapel. The pictures will remain until the end of November.

St. Cronan Advent Reflection Book Our Advent Reflection booklet is a collection of reflections on the Readings throughout the Advent Season, and is the one chance for our community to share reflections with one another. If you would like to write one, please contact

Diane G – (314) 941-4933, and she will add you to the Calendar. . You can find the readings at USCCB.org Please choose your date by November 11. Reflections are due by November 21. Questions? Contact Diane: 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 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, November 19. Please feel free to bring your own signs. If you have questions, please contact Trish Curtis: trishquita1952@gmail.com

East St. Louis Race Wars: Fr. Joseph Brown will talk about the East St. Louis Race War Massacre at St. Alphonsus Rock Church on Sunday, November 7, 12-1 p.m.

Black Catholic History: Celebrating Our Ancestors Join Winnie Sullivan as she journeys back to our city's founding to honor the lives and contributions of Africa American Catholics and others of our ancestors who , early on, sought racial equity in our church. Sunday, November 7, 3:00-4:30 pm via Zoom. Registration at St. Pius V website.

Month of Grace + Prayer: An Advent Retreat in Everyday Life Get ready for Christmas by praying on your own 20 minutes each day and meeting one-on-one with a spiritual companion one hour each week for four consecutive weeks. Starts November 21. All meetings will be virtual (Zoom or phone if you prefer). Weekly meeting times set around your schedule. This is an individually directed retreat tailored to your own deep desires. Committed couples also have the option to participate as a couple. This is an ecumenical ministry, with all adults are welcome regardless of denomination or affiliation. For more information, visit www.momentsofgraceandprayer.org and to register contact Clarence Heller at clarenceheller@gmail.com

PASTORAL REFLECTION FOR NOVEMBER 7, 2021
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time and Racial Justice Sunday
This widow has put in more than all the others.

The world's need is as large as the oceans, and unless you're running the Gates Foundation, you probably feel your contribution to that need is pretty inconsequential. You send in your five dollars to feed the hungry. You make COVID masks for those who can't afford to buy them. You gather supplies for refugees from Haiti or Afghanistan. And still there are raging fires devouring neighborhoods, hurricanes and floods blowing and washing hundreds of people out of their homes, thousands of homeless, and COVID break through cases everywhere. It's so overwhelming that we wonder what difference it makes whether we act or not?

But Mother Teresa once said that even in a city where millions are dying on the sidewalk, we have a duty to pick up just one. We do what we can. The prophet Elijah, who in this week's first reading has run away from threats and prayed for death when the going got tough, is pretty amazing in other ways. He fully accepts that God can take a handful of flour and a dab of oil and keep a family alive indefinitely. If, like the widows of today's first reading and Gospel, we can share what little we have, we have only to remember what Jesus did with five loaves and two fish. And who can measure what the gift of just a dab of hope, courage or friendship can do when God is present to multiply it in the giving?

This week end (and for the week or two that follows) we have the annual collection for Sisters and Order Priests and Brothers, and it is one place where you CAN make a big difference! While most Catholics think that the Church takes care of Religious when they retire, this is a myth. There are retirement programs in place for diocesan priests, but not for religious who have served the Church most of their lives for very little recompense. In my early days, we received about \$40 per month, and I have never received a professional salary. Most sisters at one time or another have been in positions where they waited until the lay employees in their schools and hospitals were paid; and then if there was enough, the sisters received their "stipends". Sometimes there was not enough. Consequently, we were not able to accumulate much reserve and many religious orders have come to retirement years underfunded. This one and only collection is managed by the National Religious Retirement Office . Part of it is returned to the religious communities according to how many sisters, priests or brothers served for how many years in a given diocese. The rest of it is made available in grant funds for which religious communities can apply for needs that they cannot fund on their own. In some dioceses, because it is so generous, part of this collection is taken out and held back for diocesan priests before the rest is sent in to the NRRO, but I can assure you this does not happen in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. We receive all of your gifts, and we are very grateful.
Sr. Chabanel Mathison, O.S.U.

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