



# St. Cronan Catholic Church

## 33rd Sunday, Ordinary Time

### November 14-15, 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 December 4<sup>th</sup>. 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, Andrew Viraugh's Father

**Annual Collection for Sisters and Order Priests and Brothers** If you have not yet given, please place your donation in an envelope and place in the collection.

**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 TODAY. If we don't get enough people participating, we may need to candle. Reflections are due by November 21. Questions? Contact Diane: [diane@stcronan.org](mailto:diane@stcronan.org)

**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, November 19. Please feel free to bring your own signs. If you have questions, please contact Trish Curtis: [trishquita1952@gmail.com](mailto:trishquita1952@gmail.com)

**JustFaith presentation:** Tom Ulrich will be speaking on A Spirituality for Social Justice Ministry in a Faith Community via zoom on Thursday, November 18, 7:00 EDT (6:00 our time). To register, place this address into your browser window: <https://justfaith.org/november-18-webinar-with-tom-ulrich/>

**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](http://www.momentsofgraceandprayer.org) and to register contact Clarence Heller at [clarenceheller@gmail.com](mailto:clarenceheller@gmail.com)

**Marianist Retreat Center** is holding an Advent Retreat. "Voices in the Wilderness: A Call to Re-Engage" Friday, December 10 through Sunday, December 12 at the Marianist Retreat Center. Cost is \$243/person for program, meals and accommodations. To register, copy this address in your browser: <https://marianistretreat.com/events/voices-in-the-wilderness-advent-retreat-2021>

**Job Opening:** There is an Immediate opening for a Part Time Housekeeping position at the beautiful Marianist Retreat & Conference Center in Eureka. Schedule will include afternoons and weekend. If you are interested, please email Jen Duncan at: [jennifer@marianistretreat.com](mailto:jennifer@marianistretreat.com)

**Pastoral Reflection**  
**November 13-14**  
**33<sup>d</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

We are nearing the end of the Church year, and our readings today reflect the “End of Times.” This is the time when we will be united with the Communion of Saints as Jesus calls all of us to him in the Glory of God, united in the Spirit. Does this fill us with excitement because we are a community called to God’s work, or do we feel somehow lacking as we see the state of the world today and wonder what we can do to bring about God’s reign?

I’ve been praying a lot about the Communion of Saints this month, as we honor our ancestors. One of the questions that comes to my mind is whether there will be persons in that communion of saints that I have not loved as I should. Will I meet the people I have failed to love in my life with joy, or trepidation? Is there time to repair the relationships? Is there time to reach out in love and hope that my efforts are enough? Jesus tells us, “we know not the time.” What if some of the relationships aren’t ours to repair? What if we know that some failed relationships require time, and a reconsideration on someone else’s part? Many of you know that my Granddaughters have come to live with us. My daughter told them to leave because they weren’t showing their step-father, whom they fear, enough respect. Now, somehow, in my daughter’s mind, I’ve become the villain.

Even though I try hard these day to live as Christ commands and to follow his teachings, especially for social justice, I sometimes find myself doubting if I’m good enough. Right now, it’s very difficult to listen to some of the things my daughter accuses me of, and not wonder if I’m the one who is not loving enough, or not being a good mother to her as I try to take care of my grand girls. It amazes me how hurtful someone can be when you believe you have treated them with unconditional love. So I keep loving my daughter and the grand girls, and I keep praying that somehow Jesus is with her and her husband. With God, all things are possible, so I pray this is possible, too.

Do you look at the second coming as a time of fear or joy? Since we know not when the end will happen, it seems that how we choose to live our lives in the present will determine the answer to that question. If we choose to journey with Jesus in our day to day lives, we can live in confidence that the end times will be times of great joy and faith, whenever we are called to Him. If we live in Jesus’ love and service every day, we will know that being called to a new life with Him is a call to a deeper presence with him, one that can only be entered with eternal joy and faith. We will enter the Communion of Saints, embracing all we encounter with the unconditional love of Christ.

Next week, we will celebrate the Feast of Christ the Healer, with the anointing of the sick at each Mass, so that we can enter into the Advent Season with healthy bodies, minds, and hearts, devoted in our love for Jesus and for each other. As we await with love and anticipation the first coming of Christ, let us not forget our preparation for the second coming of Christ, whenever Christ comes for us and we become part of the Communion of Saints.

*Diane Gozdzialski*

