

## Monday Notes August 8, 2022

### Mass Schedule

5:00 p.m. Saturday

8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Sunday

8:00 a.m. Wednesday (There will be no 8:00 Mass on Wednesday, August 10)

The Masses for August will be live-streamed at 10:00 on Sundays and posted on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/StCronan/>

There will be a recorded Mass for the first weekend in September. This Mass will be posted Saturday afternoon, September 3, on our website: <https://www.stcronan.org/>

Masks are suggested for all Masses.

**Seeds of Justice Network:** Interested in social justice activities in our area? Visit [www.seedsofjusticenetwork.org](http://www.seedsofjusticenetwork.org) or use the QR code below to sign up for the Seeds of Justice Network newsletter! The weekly email features a justice-focused article of the week, a listing of local events, and a few national events & trainings.



### All Things New:

**Young Adult Survey:** Young adults, ages 18-39, single or married, with or without children, are invited to take the young adult survey through September 12. Take this opportunity to inform the church of St. Louis about your experience, hopes and needs.

<https://allthingsnew.archstl.org/Ways-to-Engage/Young-Adult-Survey>

Connect to young adults: <https://stlyoungadults.com/>

**All Things New Questions:** This morning, Mary sent out two questions that the leadership team is asking us to answer regarding "evangelization." The questions are:

Questions for Parishioners:

Based on what you have heard so far about your parish and Archdiocesan Disciple Maker's Index results, as well as some of the demographic, financial and sacramental data regarding your parish, we would like you to respond to the following two questions (Please print legibly):

- What do you think are the top priorities for evangelization in your parish that should be invested in moving forward? (i.e. youth ministry, family ministry, young adult ministry, marriage ministry, etc...)

- What do you think are the top priorities/opportunities for your parish to provide outreach in your community? (i.e. food pantry, services projects, St. Vincent de Paul, etc...)

Please send your replies to Mary at [mary@stcronan.org](mailto:mary@stcronan.org) no later than August 15.

**St. Cronan Anti-Bias/Anti-Racism Survey:** The St. Cronan Parish Council would like you to complete a survey regarding our work toward becoming an anti-racist parish. For further information, please read Andrew Viragh's letter, which is attached. The Survey can be accessed here: [ABAR Survey](#)

**History of St. Cronan's:** The Archives Committee will present the first 53 years of St. Cronan's history through a series of posters that will hang for one month on the north and south walls of the church, plus a table with displays in the back of the church. This will begin on Saturday and Sunday, August 6th and 7th. Any questions, please see Bill Blow or Al Sprehe.

**Sock Angel Campaign:** Starting this Sunday, you will have the opportunity to contribute to the St. Peter Claver Sock Angel campaign by providing adult-sized socks to be distributed to St. Louis homeless people in September. A bin and a sign will be in the chapel to receive your socks. Please see the attached flyer for further information.

**St. Pius V Anti-racism & Equity Working Group is sponsoring** The Slavery, History, Memory, and Reconciliation Project with Fr. Jeff Harrison, SJ, a workshop presented on Sunday, Sept. 18, 3:00-4:30 p.m. at St. Pius V Singler Hall. For further information, please see the flyer attached.

**Archdiocesan Wedding Jubilee Mass** will be celebrated Sunday, October 9, at 2:30 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica. Archbishop Rozanski will preside. This Mass is for married couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 years of marriage in 2022. Please register by September 9: [archstl.org/jubilee](http://archstl.org/jubilee) or call (314) 792-7171

**Small Group Classes:** JustFaith Ministries is offering several small-group opportunities starting this fall. If you are interested in any of these, please click the link for further information and registration.  
<https://justfaith.org/fall-2022-national-small-groups/>

**Welcome Neighbor Dinner** will be held at St. Margaret of Scotland, 3854 Flad Ave. on Friday, September 23, at 6:30 pm. Cost: \$35 per person. For the menu and details, please see the attached flyer. To register, please click here: .

**MAKING A DIFFERENCE** If you're looking for a way to make a positive difference in the lives of immigrant or refugee families in the St. Louis area, read on....IHELP (Immigrant Home English Learning Program) and the former ETP (English Tutoring Project) are merging time and talent to teach English in the homes of immigrant and refugee families. More volunteers are needed two days a week for one-hour sessions, during the day or in the evening. Training and materials will be provided. If you are curious and would like to know more, please contact Christina Rumbold at 314.390.5706, or send in a volunteer application on the website at <http://ihelpstl.org/volunteers>.

**Middle School Youth Minister — Immaculate Conception Dardenne Prairie** Immaculate Conception is searching for an individual with a heart to lead middle schoolers to Jesus. The middle school youth minister is a full-time, 40 hours a week employee, with benefits, who will work with parish middle school schoolers (6th-8th grade) to grow their relationship with Jesus Christ, commitment to holiness and lifelong discipleship, and involvement in the life of the Church. Primary responsibilities will include building up middle school youth group, relational ministry, organizing retreats, and creating and developing offerings for middle schoolers to grow in their faith. Interested applicants should email a cover letter and resume to John Leger at [john.leger@icdparish.org](mailto:john.leger@icdparish.org) by August 26, 2022. Salary based upon qualifications and experience.

**Children's Faith Formation:** If you have school-age children, K-12, and are looking for a religious education program, please consider St. Cronan. Classes meet once per month, with family activities in the interim. It guides the entire family in growth of their faith and love of God and each other. Registration forms are attached and are on the table in the chapel, or contact Diane [diane@stcronan.org](mailto:diane@stcronan.org).

**Katy Trail Marian Pilgrimage** will take place October 10-14. For information visit their website at: [www.katytrailpilgrimage.com](http://www.katytrailpilgrimage.com)

**Apostolic Letter:** Pope Francis has written an Apostolic Letter entitled [Desiderio Desideravi](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/20220629-lettera-ap-desiderio-desideravi.html), on the liturgical formation of the People of God. To read the letter, visit this website: [https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\\_letters/documents/20220629-lettera-ap-desiderio-desideravi.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/20220629-lettera-ap-desiderio-desideravi.html)

**Live Meetings:** We are opening up for live meetings. If your committee or organization would like to meet live in the Coffee and Donut room or conference room at the Parish Center, please contact Mary, [mary@stcronan.org](mailto:mary@stcronan.org) to schedule your date and time.

**COFFEE AND DONUTS IS BACK.** Please join us for Fellowship and community in the COFFEE AND DONUT ROOM after the 10:00 Mass on Sundays. Many thanks to Maggie Hart-Mahon and Dorothy Strathman-Lucy for organizing. People mentioned that they missed having it last week - If you are interested in taking the fourth weekend each month to host, or even the fifth weekend when it occurs, please contact Maggie: [ofccomp17@gmail.com](mailto:ofccomp17@gmail.com)

**Black Lives Matter Vigil**, takes place the third Friday of the Month at the corner of Manchester and Kingshighway, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. The next vigil will take place on Friday, August 19. Please join us!

**City Greens Market** would like to partner with the St. Cronan Community in providing fresh, quality food to our neighbors. The Grove's neighborhood nonprofit grocery store, the market is located just up the street at 4260 Manchester. Our mission is to provide access to fresh, quality and affordable food to our neighbors; to promote healthy living in the community; to provide a safe and welcoming space for neighbors to interact; and to support local farmers as part of our extended community. We offer fresh fruits and vegetables, bulk grains and flours, staple goods like beans and pastas and soups, frozen foods, and a variety of quality and humanely raised meats, eggs, and dairy products. While anyone is welcome to shop with us, our members get a 30% discount on all food. And anyone - member or not - who purchases food with their EBT card at City Greens Market can take advantage of the Double Up Food Bucks program to increase their purchasing power - if they purchase at least \$25 of produce, they can get up to

\$25 of produce for free. Fresh food, healthy choices, and a united and empowered community. That's our commitment. Please come check us out! [www.stlcitygreens.org](http://www.stlcitygreens.org)

**Marianist Retreat Center Summer Schedule:** This summer, the Marianist Retreat and Conference Center, located in Eureka, MO, is offering three unique retreat opportunities, and you are cordially invited! These and all summer events can be found at: <https://marianistretreat.com/blog/summertime-events-2022/>

**Transformational Journey:** A Pilgrimage to the Edmund Pettus Bridge, the National Voting Rights Museum in Selma, the National Memorial for Peace & Justice and the Legacy Museum in Montgomery, Alabama is being planned for Thursday, October 20 – Sunday, October 23. Save the dates – more details will follow as they are finalized. A community member who now lives in Florida, Jenny Marquardt, recently wrote that she has visited these sites, and the journey is truly transformational.

**Compassionate St. Louis:** St. Cronan has become a member of this movement to help make our city a more compassionate place. You will be seeing their logo on our bulletins and signs. For further information, please visit their website: <https://www.compassionate-stl.org/about-us>

**Wills:** Please remember Saint Cronan's in your will. Title is St. Cronan's Catholic Church-1202 South Boyle Ave.- St. Louis, MO 63110. Our Federal I.D.# 43-0653457

#### July 2022 Collection

General Fund	\$ 23,807.79
Food Pantry	1,285.00
Cardinal Glennon	200.00
Capital Campaign	445.00
Fundraising-Baseball	440.00
Mission Appeal	1,438.50
SVDP	245.00
Uganda	50.00
Building Repair	165.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 28,076.29</b>

Dear ones: please check through the prayer list, and if there is anyone who has recovered and can be removed, please let Diane know. Of course, we will keep anyone in need of prayers, but the list is getting rather extensive and we wanted to update. If I have taken someone off that should still be on, please don't hesitate to tell me. Thanks!

**Prayers Please:** Kathy Bayless; Barry Buchek's wife, Mary; Trish Curtis' mother and brother; David Gaillardetz' father, Richard; Nick and Shirley Ambrose's daughter, Brigid Costello; Shelly Kurtz; Varrietta Anthony; Teresa Sullivan's friend, Caroline Bucci; Kathy Stock's niece, Jill; Fr. Jack's brother, Mike; Natalie Johnson and the Johnson family; Diane Calcaterra; Sr. Lynne's friend, Jan Berberich, SSND; Barb Sopp's friend, Joe Sinibaldi; Bob Barnicle; Paul Schmitt. Nick and Shirley Ambrose's cousin, Tammy Bayes.

If you know of anyone who is feeling disconnected from our Community or has left, please let me know by clicking here: [diane@stcronan.org](mailto:diane@stcronan.org). Please do not reply to this email, because we don't want the names going to everyone. We will reach out to them.

**Homily:** The message from the Gospel today is “Be Prepared.” There was a time when I was not prepared, a couple of years ago, before COVID. I was having cataract surgery and one of the attending nurses was a former parishioner, who told everyone I was a priest. Pre-COVID, I didn’t know what a forehead thermometer was, so when she used it on me, I asked “what’s that?” She replied, “I’m checking for impure thoughts.” I was not prepared for that – I went into surgery very red-faced. On a more serious vein, yesterday we remembered the bombing of Hiroshima and a few days later, Nagasaki, where 200,000 people were killed by our weapons of mass destruction, our atomic bombs. No one in the world was prepared for that, especially the Japanese. We were not prepared for the moral blowback of that from killing all those innocent civilian Japanese, and we’re still dealing with that morally. We were not prepared, and it would have been nice if we had had some sort of preparation for such a massive extermination.

The first reading today gives an example for preparedness. In Wisdom, they’re talking about Passover. That Passover prepared the Hebrews for the Exodus. They had to eat in a certain way, get ready in a certain way, and get out of there. If they hadn’t, maybe the Egyptians would have caught up with them. So there was that preparedness for one of the greatest events in the Old Testament. Even today, there is much preparedness. Take sports today. You can’t be good at sports unless as a little kid you attend an academy in gymnastics, or soccer or other sport. You’re taken away from your parents and you spend your life getting trained. I’m not sure I agree with all that, but that’s serious preparation, and some don’t even get that far. In 1999, my pastoral associate was in charge of décor for Pope John Paul II’s visit. There were four venues, and she had this huge binder, going to all these meetings, just to prepare the décor – nothing else. There was so much going on behind the scenes that nobody knew about to prepare for that great honor of welcoming the Pope to St. Louis. So there are times when we need those preparations.

There are times when we can’t humanly be prepared, but God can prepare us. You know, Abraham couldn’t humanly prepare for his vocation because he was the first one to know this God. God said “go,” and he didn’t know where to go, but God, through that spark of faith, was preparing the way for him by that faith. That’s what we need when we have those moments when we can’t be prepared. A few years ago I went to see Bishop Carlson to ask to be relieved of my duties at Catholic Charities to return to being a pastor. He gave me some choices that included St. Cronan and he told me Fr. Kleba is retiring. So I made an appointment to see Gerry, and I said, “Gerry, I understand you’re retiring.” And he said, “No, I’m not.” I was not prepared for that. I had faith, and I don’t know what the Holy Spirit told him, but he decided to retire. So I couldn’t prepare for that answer, but God was at work in that. I spent 12 years in the seminary preparing to be a priest and it prepared me for some things, but not all of them. We never learned in the seminary how to listen to people or talk to people, instead of just telling them what to do. But God prepared me because I worked for my dad at his service station and he taught me how to serve people and be responsible to people, and that carried over into my priesthood. The seminary didn’t prepare me, but God did. A few years after I was ordained, I was asked to teach high school with my two hours of education credits. They were serving the lowest performing students from 60 parishes, and I got them as sophomores. I had 15 kids in that class, the best class I ever had, but obviously I wasn’t prepared for that, but I had been working with the mentally challenged for 12 years, which helped me with these students. So God prepares us if we have faith. That’s the message today. Prepare as much as you can, otherwise you’re going to fall anyway, but then have faith. Things come up in life that we’re not prepared for, but if we have that faith of Abraham, then we can go forward. The disciples were not prepared for the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, but there was that spark of faith and they were transfigured into true servants of God and of others. May we ask God for that kind of faith, for that kind of faithful preparedness. (from Fr. Jack’s homily)

Also attached is Diane's Pastoral Reflection.

Blessings!

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