

## Monday Notes August 29, 2022

### Mass Schedule

5:00 p.m. Saturday

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

8:00 a.m. Wednesday (There IS Mass this Wednesday, August 31, at 10:00)

(There will be NO 8:00 Wednesday Mass on September 7 and 14 – Fr. Jack is out of town)

There will be a recorded Mass for the first weekend in September. Mass will be recorded on Tuesday, August 30 at 9:30. This Mass will be posted Saturday afternoon, September 3, on our website: <https://www.stcronan.org/>

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

If anyone might be available on Tuesday to read for the recorded Mass, please contact Diane.

Masks are suggested for all Masses.

Starting next week, Mary is off to Europe and Fr. Jack is taking a 2-week vacation. Please keep Diane in your prayers as she holds down the fort! If anyone would be available to spell me by answering the office phone during that time, please let me know – I can use the help!

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**Willie's Fund:** Our custodian, Willie Knighten, passed away suddenly a few weeks ago. If you would like to contribute to a trust fund for his daughter, Nina, who lost her mother last November and will be a senior in high school, please send checks to St. Cronan with "Willie" in the memo. You can also contribute on this site: <https://stcronan.square.site>

**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/>

**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](#)

**National Collection for the Catholic University of America** will take place next weekend. Envelopes are available in the pews. By giving to the collection, you are supporting future Catholic leaders who are being formed by an exceptional, faith-rooted education. Please be generous.

**Thank you from Cardinal Glennon Hospital:** We donated \$910.00 to Cardinal Glennon this year. Thank you so much for your generosity.

**History of St. Cronan's:** I have posted the pictures of the posters on CronanTalk and on our Website. To access the pictures on CronanTalk, you need to click on the blue link, then click "open Zip extractor". Once that is open, you can view the posters, or download them to your computer. Here is the link: [St. Cronan's History Vol 1.zip](#) Any questions, please see Bill Blow or Al Sprehe.

**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: . Some of us from St. Cronan are attending, so please consider joining us.

**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>.

**The Word Among Us:** This daily meditation book is available free of charge in the Chapel. Feel free to take one for September.

**MCU events:** To prepare our leaders to have a powerful presence with school officials, boards, and commissions, MCU is hosting a training on Thursday, September 8, 7-8:30 p.m. We will be assisted by our allies from the Sierra Club of Missouri, Great Rivers Environmental Law, and the WATER Institute at St. Louis University. Register now [HERE](#) for this training if you want to increase understanding and skills.

The next **big event** for us is **Our Values, Our Voices, Our Votes**, a candidate forum with those running to be the next senator from the 24<sup>th</sup> Missouri Senate District. (Note: Sen. Jill Schupp is termed out. The map has been redrawn and is more competitive now. Every senator from the St. Louis Region matters on multiple MCU priority issues.) Please see the attached flyer for more information.

**Katy Trail Marian Pilgrimage:** Craving spiritual growth? Asking God to lead you down the right path? or perhaps you're... Yearning for fellowship? Longing for more prayer time? **If you answered yes to any or all of these questions (or if we just grabbed your attention), try being led to Him through Her! Please consider joining us for a Katy Trail Marian Pilgrimage informational meeting:** Thursday, September 15th at 6:45 PM at **St. John the Baptist-Gildehaus Catholic Church Rectory 5567 Gildehaus Road, Villa Ridge, MO 63089 Phone: 636-583-2488 ...we hope to see you there!** And remember, if you're asking God to guide your footsteps, be willing to move your feet! **For more information, please visit our website at [KatyTrailPilgrimage.com](http://KatyTrailPilgrimage.com) or send us an email at [MarianPilgrimage77@gmail.com](mailto:MarianPilgrimage77@gmail.com)**

**National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows QPR Suicide Prevention Training**  
Wednesday, September 7, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Shrine's Guild Center (near Shrine Church)  
Learn how to recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to "question, persuade, and refer" someone to help. Registration is required due to space limitations.  
Candlelight Vigil for Those Lost to Suicide\*\* Wednesday, September 7, 7:30 – 8:00 p.m. – Shrine's Lourdes Grotto Registration: QPR training/Candlelight Vigil at [SNOWS.ORG/Vigil](http://SNOWS.ORG/Vigil) or call 618-394-6281.

**National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Guild Center** *A History of Sin: From Adam – Augustine* Presenter: Mark Etling, Ph.D. Saturdays, August 31, September 3, 10 & 17, 10 a.m. – 12 Noon At first glance it may seem odd to think that sin has a history - but it does. The saga of sin is a long journey with many twists and turns. In this series we'll see that there are several different meanings of sin in the Old Testament. And we'll trace the evolution of sin through some of the important theologians of the early Church. Join us for the history of sin from Adam to Augustine. Cost: \$40 for series; \$10 per session For more information, call 618-394-6281. Register online at <https://snows.org/ministries/spiritual-programs/>

**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, September 16. Please join us!

**City Greens Market** would like to partner with the St. Cronan Community in providing fresh, quality food to our neighbors. We had a great time visiting last Sunday. Hopefully, some of our community will consider becoming members. 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/>

**Being Who You Are, Perfectly Well:** An LBGTQIA+ Catholics, Families and Friends Retreat will take place November 18-20 at the Mercy Retreat Center. For further details visit this link: <https://marianistsjc.net/lgbtq-retreat>

**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

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; Tim and Else Hirzel's great nephew, Cameron Russell; Mary Proot's daughter, Jennifer Trim, and baby.

Some updates: Mary Buchek's cancer is under control, according to scans, but she is in the hospital, having a lot of pain and mobility issues. Barry will have a knee replacement August 27. Please keep the Buchek family in your prayers.

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 theme for today is humility. So I was trying to think of, "Who's the most humble person I know?" and I couldn't think of anybody. Because humble people aren't noticed – they don't stand out. And yet, Scripture says today, it's the humble person who finds God. May we seek the humble way. One of the characteristics of humility is being able to distinguish between right and wrong vs. good and evil, and not equate right with good or wrong with evil, but rather make that distinction. Otherwise we might be prone to self-righteousness because I place myself on the good and you on the evil if I equate it. So right and wrong has to do with decisions, actions and choices that have some kind of moral backdrop, but good and evil has to do with the deepest part of a person. It's not about decisions or actions, it's about who I am. And so to move to that humble way, to always recognize that difference. In the Scriptures, we see as examples, in John's Gospel – the woman caught in adultery. Wrong, but Jesus doesn't hold her as evil, he embraces her heart, something deeper than the action. Zaccheus, the tax collector, whose job was sinful because he took money from his own people, but Jesus called on him for dinner. Or the parable of the Prodigal Son, who did everything wrong, but his father couldn't wait to love him. So that distinction between right and wrong, good and evil. Don't equate right with good and wrong with evil. Examples in life, in our church. You know for centuries we believed it was right to have slaves and it was ok to demean slaves because they didn't think they had a soul, but they're human beings. Three of our bishops has slaves, they thought it was right. Thankfully we eventually came to our senses and people in their deepest self, have Christ. Again for centuries we said suicide is wrong. We wouldn't even bury people in the church who committed suicide. Now we do, why? Because there is probably not free consent, or some mental deficiency there – that deepest self is still good, no matter what the action. Divorced people – it was into the 1970's that the Church excommunicated those who were divorced – they said it was wrong. We don't do that now, because the person is good and there are all sorts of reasons for divorce. Or the way we treat the LBGTQIA community, shunning them, saying they're evil. There's right and wrong, there is good and evil. We embrace all with the deepest part. Thirty years or so ago, a pastor was not allowed to have girl servers. Some that did were removed from their parish. Thank God that this may be wrong from the Church, but these people deserve to be around the table. Jesus shows us that way, that humble way. May we choose that way. It's the way of Gospel love, and not just the way of doctrines or moral prescriptions, but to get to the deepest self so we don't equate right with good and wrong with evil. The deepest self needs to be loved and cherished. Bishop Stowe said just the other day, we bless armaments but we won't bless some couples. We've got to keep thinking about the humble way so we can all join around the table and be blessed. (from Fr. Jack's homily)

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Also attached is Loren Gaillardetz's Pastoral Reflection.

Blessings!

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