

**Monday Notes (on Tuesday)  
June 7, 2022**

**Mass Schedule**

5:00 p.m. Saturday  
8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Sunday  
8:00 a.m. Wednesday

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

Masks are suggested for all Masses.

The Mass on July 3 will be recorded and available on our Website on Saturday afternoon. That Mass will be uploaded to our Website: [www.stcronan.org](http://www.stcronan.org)  
If anyone is available to lector for the recorded Mass on Thursday, June 30 at 9:30 a.m., please contact Diane [diane@stcronan.org](mailto:diane@stcronan.org)

**ACA update:** We have made our goal, and are just \$4,800 away from our challenge goal, and 1 new donor away from our new donor goal. Thank you for your generosity!

**All Things New:** Sr. Chabanel and our leadership team is asking us to help answer one of the 64 questions that will be included in our next report to the Archdiocese. The question is:  
**64) What else is important for the Archdiocese and the Catholic Leadership Institute, which is directing this planning process, to know about St. Cronan that might not be covered in our responses to the other questions and the Disciple Maker Index survey results?**

Please sit with this question and send a one-to-two paragraph response to Sr. Chabanel, ([chabanelm@gmail.com](mailto:chabanelm@gmail.com)) by June 18. The team will then summarize these responses and include them in the report going to the Archdiocese on June 24.

Sr. Chabanel's complete notice is attached, if you would like further information.

**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)

**Are You Called to be a Sister?** The Sisters of St. Joseph Vocation Team invites women interested in religious life to join them at a weekend event June 10-12, 2022. For more information contact [vocation@csjlife.org](mailto:vocation@csjlife.org) or see the flyer attached.

**North City Deanery** is holding a Revival for "A Synodal Church: That All May be One," June 6 and 7 at 6:30 p.m. (praise and worship at 6:15) at St. Matthew the Apostle Church, 2715 N.

Sarah, 63113, with Revivalist Rev. Canon A. Gerard Jordan. Sign up: <http://evite.me/XmAR1KfFGp> Please see the attached flyer for further information.

**Day-Long Women's Retreat:** Mark your Calendars! **Women's Day Long Retreat** planned for **Saturday, June 25, 2022**. Tentative time from **8:30am to 4:30pm**. **In person and outdoors** - Centrally located near Hampton and Hwy 44. Theme and **details to follow**. Donna Moramarco, Kim Madden, and Mary Middendorf are in the planning stages. Express your interest in attending by emailing [mary.middendorf@gmail.com](mailto:mary.middendorf@gmail.com) as soon as possible. Space is limited. We are in need of a tent to provide shade at the retreat. If any one has a tent we could borrow, please contact Mary.

**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, June 17. 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.

**Mid-life Singles:** Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at King's House Retreat Center, Belleville, IL (20 min from downtown St. Louis), on June 3-5, 2022. Cost is \$215 including meals and a single room. Visit [www.ReflectRetreat.com](http://www.ReflectRetreat.com), e-mail [reflect.stlouis@gmail.com](mailto:reflect.stlouis@gmail.com), or call (314) 283-0044 for details.

**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

**Prayers Please:** Laurel Hayes; Laurel Hayes' parents Jerry and Nancy; Robert Nathe's Mother, Eileen; Colleen Wallace's godson, Lachlan; Michelle Frank; Jennifer Lyle and Krista Rakers; Jessica; Nick Ambrose; Al Sprehe; Phil Milner; Mike's grandson, Jack; Jim Gorman; Andrew Viraugh's Father; Sharon Orlet's sister, Betty; Nancy Buck's daughter, Jeanne; Kathy Bayless; Tom Kuciejczyk-Kernan's brother, Steve; Barry Buchek's wife, Mary; Trish Curtis' mother and brother; Gavin Barrett-Hayes; Barb Sopp's cousin, Patty Struckhoff; Marie and Roland Martir's granddaughter, Madi, and great-grandson; David Gaillardetz' father, Richard; Fr. Gerry's classmate, Fr. Pat O'Laughlin; Nick and Shirley Ambrose's daughter, Brigid Costello; Shelly Kurtz; Dorothy Lucey's brother, Leo Strathman; 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; Nancy Buck; Nancy Buck's daughter, Nancy Hall.

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 Reflection:**

One of the most important things to attend to when preparing a homily is the Gospel Acclamation. Today's acclamation reads "Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love." On this Feast of Pentecost we see Jesus appearing to his disciples and asking his disciples and us to receive the Holy Spirit, and in turn he sent them in peace to forgive. We need this message today, the world needs this message today. We are called to enlighten the world with Jesus' peace and forgiveness and we need the Holy Spirit to guide us. It can be tempting in this time of discord, difference and disorder, for misunderstandings to abound and to feel despair that so much is not in our control. The messages in today's readings shine hope and direction upon what we can change with the Holy Spirit. In the first reading we encounter the miraculous scene of people from every nation under heaven hearing God's message in their own language. Their question is, "How does each of us hear them?" This is an important message. How do they hear them speaking in their own tongues? There is an important book that many people refer to. It is called "The Five Love Languages," by Dr. Gary Chapman, and although it began as instruction for couples to build lasting love, it has developed into a message for singles, for teens, and for children. The premise is that if you learn your primary language of love; the categories are acts of service, words of affirmation, following time, receiving gifts and physical touch; you can develop further in your relationships. Knowing who we are and what we need and how we primarily feel love are important things from God. The question is, how do we hear the needs of others? How are we hearing them speak in their own tongues? When I hear people refer to their language of love, it is often that they are able to refer to their own needs, but reaching out to understand those we want to relate to, or how their language of love influences them, or how to best relate to those who, in essence, speak a different language. How does each of us hear them? How do we reach out so that we may understand and hear in both radical and different ways. We are equipped and we are given a roadmap. We are told in the second reading that to each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. We are both individuals and one in Christ. We need to both honor our individuality, our unique gifts and needs, and we also need to honor and celebrate all that unites us – different languages but the same Spirit. The Language Christ gives is a language uniquely for ourselves as well as a language spoken and understood by all. A language we are asked to live and speak with and for others that are

different from us, who challenge us and who are essential for us becoming one in the Body of Christ. Come, Holy Spirit. Come and help us in our world to speak this language of love. I was struck by the line in the Gospel message that follows Jesus saying, "Peace be with you." We hear, he showed them his hands and his side. After this revealing, the disciples rejoiced. He showed to them the signs of his suffering and this is how they came to know him. It is ironic in my experience as Chaplain, and in your experiences, too, that we often shun and anguish the suffering that comes into our lives, yet as we share this suffering with others, open ourselves to the vulnerability that it offers and allow others to accompany us in the raw and tender moments suffering brings into our lives, we, like Jesus, become more fully known and recognized for who we are. Perhaps this is how we learn the language of the spirit, by following St. Francis in seeking less to be understood than to understand, through looking not to be heard but to hear the love and the suffering of those who are being sent, like us, to receive the Holy Spirit and have our sins forgiven. The Holy Spirit has been shown to us today to have the power to be understood by all. May we embrace that the peace that Christ offers comes from being willing to hear the stories of suffering and love from others and may we share in the unity that we are given in Christ's story and in the Spirit he sends to journey with us. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the lives of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love. (From Teresa Sullivan's homily)

We celebrate the culmination of the Easter Season with the Feast of Pentecost. Pentecost was a Jewish feast that took place 50 days after Passover in which the Jews celebrated the giving of the law to Moses. For us it is the giving of the Holy Spirit. It's a dangerous thing to play with fire. I remember asking my Mom when I was in college if we had a fire in our little cabin when I was two. She was astonished I remembered. Until I was in college, I could never touch matches. That's what happens with fire. The fire of the Holy Spirit can be dangerous. Look what happened to the Apostles. They were in the upper room, fearful and afraid that they might be discovered and associated with Jesus. Then, all of a sudden, something happened and they came out and were not afraid and proclaimed their love of Jesus and their love of God. So we see what happened to the next Apostle, Paul. Paul was not in favor of the Christians, but the Spirit got a hold of him and Paul's life changed dramatically. He went all over the Mediterranean preaching about Jesus and the love of God. It's a dangerous thing, the fire of the Holy Spirit, but maybe it's a dangerous thing that our world needs. Our world needs that spirit so there might be an incredible source of goodness, justice, truth, and beauty that come forth to meet the tremendous needs of our world at this time. So maybe we need the dangerous fire of the Holy Spirit. I believe Pope Francis has the Holy Spirit in many ways. Most recently he elevated Bishop McElroy, of the diocese of San Diego, to Cardinal. This was a surprise because the Archbishop of the largest diocese in the U.S., and Bishop McElroy's superior, was passed over. Bishop McElroy was elevated because of his beliefs. He tried to stand up for the Holy Father's way of looking at Justice. He used his fire of the Holy Spirit to point out the vilification that is occurring inside the Church – how some organizations vilify other Christians and events. We need unification, not vilification. The Spirit is alive and dangerous. Our world needs voices like Pope Francis and Bishop McElroy so that we might get to the root of Gospel Values. The fire of the Spirit is a great source of the truth, beauty and justice our world desperately needs. May we be open to the fire of the Spirit. (From Fr. Jack's homily)

Also attached is the Pastoral Reflection for Pentecost from Sr. Chabanel, a "Pentecost Prayer".

Blessings!

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