

Monday Notes (on Tuesday)
July 5, 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 July 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.

Missionary Sunday: This Sunday, at all the Masses, Fr. Anthony Bautista of the Religious Institute of the Alagad ni Maria (Disciples of Mary) will be sharing his missionary experience. His mission apostolate is to the young people in the Philippines who are confronted with serious challenges of addiction, materialism, violence and abuse. We are invited to take part in the worldwide mission of our church through our prayers and donations, and to receive the full graces of the Eucharist offered for us by this missionary priest. Catholics have traditionally extended their love and generosity to the missions of the world through the Propagation of Faith Appeal, which we will be responding to this week. Please be generous.

Seeds of Justice Network: Interested in social justice activities in our area? Visit 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: THE ALL THINGS NEW PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM THANKS YOU FOR YOUR WONDERFUL INPUT FOR THE LAST QUESTIONS ON THE PARISH REPORT. ALSO, WE WILL BEGIN SENDING YOU A WEEKLY SHARING OF THE INFORMATION THE STRATEGIC PLANNING OFFICE HAS SENT TO THE LEADERSHIP TEAM ABOUT OUR PARISH, ABOUT OUR PLANNING AREA, ETC. SO THAT YOU WILL HAVE THE SAME DATA WE HAVE. WE WILL INCLUDE THE SUMMARY OF YOUR RESPONSES TO THE LAST QUESTION ON THE PARISH REPORT. ON JULY 31, WE WILL SEND YOU A WRITTEN REPORT OF OUR DISCIPLE MAKER SURVEY RESULTS.

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 on the table in the chapel, or contact Diane diane@stcronan.org.

Vacation Bible School: St. Vincent DePaul Parish is hosting a Vacation Bible School for ALL South City parishes and YOU are invited to participate!

When & Where: August 1-5 from 9am - noon at St. Frances Cabrini Academy

Who: ANY child from PK3-5th grade is welcome to attend.

Cost is \$25/child, but FREE if a parent, grandparent, or sibling volunteers!

We need volunteers of all ages to help make this happen! Whether you're getting ready for 6th grade, enjoying your retirement, or anywhere in-between - we would LOVE to have you!

Learn more about VBS, available volunteer opportunities, and register to attend or volunteer at: <https://www.stvstl.org/vbs22> We hope to see you there!

Please contact Jess Adams, St. Vincent's Coordinator of Family Faith Formation, with questions! jess.adams@stvstl.org

St. Angela Merici Parish in Florissant is celebrating 60 years as a parish on July 18 with 6:00 Mass, followed by dinner. For further information, please see the flyer attached.

Katy Trail Marian Pilgrimage will take place October 10-14. For information visit their website at: www.katytrailpilgrimage.com

Apostolic Letter: Pope Francis has written an Apostolic Letter entitled Desiderio Desideravi, 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

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 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

Day-Long Women's Retreat: The Women's Retreat has been postponed due to the excessive heat. Donna Moramarco, Kim Madden, and Mary Middendorf are in the planning stages. Express your interest in attending by emailing 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, July 15. 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

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

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; 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, Sr. Lynne's friend, Jan Berberich, SSND; Blanca; Barb Sopp's friend, Joe Sinibaldi; Tim Herzel; Al Sprehe., Donna Zuroweste; Bob Barnicle.

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. Please do not reply to this email, because we don't want the names going to everyone. We will reach out to them.

Homily:

I was happy to see the Gospel of the sending of the seventy-two for today. It's about the advanced mission of evangelization in which Jesus was sending these people. I was happy because we struggled to answer the evangelization questions in the "All Things New"

questionnaire and how we measure our success. Fr. Jack helped us to realize that the way those questions approached Evangelization wasn't the way we see it at St. Cronan's, or the way St. Paul VI wrote about it in his Encyclical. Paul VI made it clear that evangelization isn't about Catechism and counting converts; it is a very complex encounter that is intricately linked to the progress and well-being of people. So in our typical St. Cronan way, we first re-defined evangelization and then answered the questions accordingly.

When I saw this Gospel, I thought, "this is going to be a great chance to reflect on the instructions of Jesus on evangelization and how he sees it. There are a number of interesting ideas from Jesus as he sent out the 72, and I'd like to reflect on a couple of these, but first let's look at the context. Last week, Jesus cautioned his listeners, who were all set to follow him, about the cost of discipleship, and they end up walking away. In today's Gospel, we see that he has found 72 people who are willing to pay the cost of discipleship and are ready to go out and do advanced work for him, in spite of the challenge that this is going to be. "I send you out as lambs among wolves." It's very likely that there were women among these volunteers. We know this because in Luke's Gospel he refers to this group that follows the apostles, and each time he mentions that there are women among them. With this in mind, let's look to what Jesus says to this little band as he sends them out two-by-two. One thing he tells them is what to say first to the residents of the homes to which they go: "Peace be to this house." This was a common greeting, but with Jesus it meant that in evangelization the first thing that was brought was not the Catechism, but peace.

When I was a young teacher, I taught at fever pitch. My students hung on every word I said and everything I did. I had an amazing mentor who told me that I was an excellent teacher, but the most important thing I can give these students is not math, or English, or science. "You have no idea what they came from when they arrive at the classroom that morning. You might give them content and even a better understanding, but if you don't leave them with the peace of God, you have failed them as a Christian educator." Not only did I tone down my teaching, but I went through my log book at the end of the day, going through each name and reflecting on what peace I was able to give them to take home. I still do this at the end of the day. I reflect on how I left the checker at the store, dealing with a long line of complaining customers, or the receptionist in the Dr.'s office, who just dealt with a major problem, or the woman juggling three children at the pharmacy, or the people I sat with in the waiting room when I waited for my friend for chemo, whose infusion took my whole day. This is how we do evangelization today. It's how we leave people with an experience of God that they can remember. And every day we have a chance to evangelize someone in this way. It touches their sense of well-being in the evangelistic vision of Paul VI.

The second thing that struck me about Jesus' instructions to his would-be evangelizers is what he tells them to say to those they visit: "The Kingdom of God is very near to you." They say this to the houses that offer them food and shelter and hospitality. They were told to say something very similar to those who turned them away: "The Kingdom of God has come very near to you," allowing them to finish the thought: "but you missed it." This is one of the ways that the Disciple-maker survey showed that we evangelize very effectively at St. Cronan. We receive everyone who want to share in our community. Some of you mentioned in the answer to the last question on the report that we welcome those who have been rejected and hurt by other church experiences. I am convinced that the reign of God is very near to us in the welcome and non-judgmental openness we extend to everyone. Whatever our future is as a parish when we get through All Things New, I'm very grateful to have been a part of this evangelistic openness for the last 9 years. Fr. Jack told the All Things New team as we grappled with the evangelization questions that he has been evangelized by St. Cronan, and I would say the

same thing. St. Cronan is the clearest place where I have encountered God and I have received Jesus in all of the places I have been.

Also attached is Sr. Chabanel's Pastoral Reflection.

Blessings!

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