

Monday Notes

September 20, 2021

Mass Schedule

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

Masses on September 12-26 will be live-streamed at 10:00 am. These Masses will be available on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/StCronan/>

The Mass on October 2-3 will be recorded and available on our Website on Saturday afternoon. That Mass will be uploaded to our Website: <http://www.stcronan.org>
If anyone might be available to read on Thursday, September 30, at 9:30 a.m. for the recorded Mass, please contact Diane, diane@stcronan.org or (314) 941-4933.

Masks are required for all Masses. This is to protect our unvaccinated children.

If you are attending Mass alone, please be aware of others who might need a place to sit, and move to the center of the pew, if possible. We can sit 3 single people in a pew and maintain social distance, but some have mentioned that people on the ends of pews are blocking possible seats for others who come later.

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers: Diane is putting schedules together for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers for the Sunday Masses. If you would like to be included, please contact her at diane@stcronan.org Let her know which Mass you attend and whether you will lector, minister, or both. We need people for the 5:00 and 8:00 Masses, so if you attend either of these and can participate in these ministries, please contact Diane.

Ushers: We are in need of ushers, especially at the 10:00 Mass, so please consider serving as an usher at the Mass you attend. Before Mass, we need you to be available to take people to free pews, especially at the 10:00 Mass, as it gets more crowded. Additional usher's instructions are posted in the Chapel, near the little table. During Mass, you take up the collection, prepare the offertory procession, and bring the money collected to the altar at the time of the offertory procession. See the instructions, which are attached, for further details. Please let Diane or Fr. Jack know if you can fulfill this ministry when you attend Mass. The ushers instructions are attached.

Daily Masses: Mass is available on Wednesdays at 8:00 am.

Mum Sales: St. Cronan is again selling Mums as a fundraiser. There are many colors and 2 sizes. The link for ordering Mums is also on our Facebook Page and Website. Mums will be available for pickup Saturday, September 25, 9:30-12:30. If this is not convenient, please contact the office (314) 289- 9384. Mums will be available for pick-up after the Masses on Sept. 26, if necessary, or in the office during that week. To order, visit: bit.ly/StCronan or see the attached flyer for further information.

National Migration Week is being celebrated this week. St. Margaret of Scotland Living Justice Ministries is offering a zoom program on migrants and refugees on Sept 20, 7:00-8:30

featuring speakers from Catholic Charities St. Francis Community Services, International Institute, MICA-project and a volunteer at Catholic Charities shelter in Laredo, TX. They will share about their work and offer ideas for those who would like to know more about how we can help refugees and migrants coming in from Afghanistan and our southern border. Part of the discussion will be the Catholic Accompaniment and Reflection Experience (CARE), which connects Catholic volunteers with undocumented immigrants in need of accompaniment and emotional and spiritual support. Please register at:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/168309529333>

Kim Madden shared this article concerning migration: [Copy of TowardAnEverWiderWe.pdf](#)

Tower Grove Pride Fest will take place Saturday, September 25, 11:00 am to 7:00 p.m. in Tower Grove Park. St. Cronan will have a booth and we are in need of volunteers to be in the booth for 1-hour shifts to talk about St. Cronan with people who attend. There will be pens, brochures and cards to distribute. If you can help, please register on this Google link: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1RCjGq3DAjrKgQZrs3IPHUObtQ1V06g4YkaTrr1zmLFo/edit?usp=sharing> or contact Diane – diane@stcronan.org and she will put you on the list.

MICA Project Trivia Night takes place virtually on September 25 at 7:00. The MICA Project aids immigrants from our border and Afghanistan with legal support and needs this fund raising effort to be a huge success. If you would like to register as an individual or a team, please visit: <http://www.mica-project.org/2021-trivia-registration.html>

Ecumenical Prayer & Volunteer Clean Up Join Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski and Bishop Nelson Watts of the Church of God in Christ (COGIC) in prayer and service for our communities on the grounds of New Jerusalem Cathedral (COGIC). New Jerusalem Cathedral was the former Catholic parish, Most Holy Name of Jesus. This building has been vandalized, robbed and stripped of its infrastructure. A volunteer clean-up will follow the prayer service. Volunteers will stack chairs, clean up the grounds and clean up the inside of the sanctuary. If you plan to volunteer, please register at the link or by calling the number below. Look forward to seeing you there! Please note that we will follow local COVID-19 guidelines and regulations to insure the safety of all. WHEN: Saturday, October 2, 2021 Ecumenical Prayer 9 – 10am Volunteer Clean Up 10 – 12pm WHERE: New Jerusalem Cathedral COGIC, 2047 E. Grand Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63107 PLEASE SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER <https://forms.gle/sRuGiniYKoDoQFcu8> or Call James Fowlkes-Comninellis 314-792-7177

St. Anthony Indoor Flea Market: 3133 Meramec At Michigan Saturday, October 2, 2021, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm, Disability Accessible - Concessions on site

In-person Meetings – With the surge of the Delta Variant of Covid, we would prefer that groups not meet in person if at all possible. Meeting outside with masks would be an option. If your group needs a zoom connection, please contact Diane at diane@stcronan.org and she can set it up for you.

Help Wanted: In addition to the volunteer opportunities listed above, we can use greeters for 10:00 Mass to welcome new people who may be joining us for the first time. We can also use people to live-stream the 10:00 Mass. Please consider fulfilling any of these positions. It's a great way to get to know our Community. The only requirement is the ability to come to church about 15 minutes early on Sunday. We happily train you! If you would like further

information, please contact Diane Gozdziński, diane@stcronan.org or Christine Lakey, christine.lakey@yahoo.com. You can also sign up on the sheets in the vestibule.

Small Groups for Adult Faith: For those of you new to St. Cronan, or those who have been members for ages, the St. Cronan Small Groups are continuing or gearing up to begin again in the Fall. If you are interested in participating in a small group of community members, please see the descriptions and contact information attached.

Directory Updates – This Fall may be a good time to check your information on the St. Cronan Directory. You can access it by going to our website, <http://www.stcronan.org/> and clicking “online directory.” If you don’t know the password, ask Diane or contact Mary in the office (314) 289-9384. It is very easy. Once you have checked your information, just call or email Mary, mary@stcronan.org and let her know any changes. The directory is very secure, and is the best way for us to contact you and for the community to contact each other.

The Archdiocese is launching a **strategic plan** for all of the parishes. The meeting is October 8, but if you want to stay updated on what is happening, you need to be able to get parish emails via Cronan Talk. Please check with Mary to be placed on Cronan Talk.

Mass Counts: Every year, the Archdiocese requires us to count the number of people attending Masses on the weekends of Oct. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17. In light of the Strategic Plan, it is important that we have as accurate a count as possible, and that everyone who can do so either attends Mass or watches the recording/live-stream those weekends (we can count views).

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. We will be gathering Friday, October 21. Please feel free to bring your own signs. If you have questions, please contact Trish Curtis: trishquita1952@gmail.com, or Kim Madden: kim.madden514@gmail.com

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: Please continue to pray for Bill Barrett, Mary Truetken, and Mary Proot's friend, Jessica, who are battling Cancer. Robert Nathe's Mother, Eileen, is recovering from a stroke. Colleen Wallace's godson, Lachlan, also needs prayers. Please continue your prayers for the following people: Diane Calcaterra, Krista and Jennifer, Sandra Ward and her Sister, The Anderson Family: Mary, Janet, Robert Keith, Daimyan, and Sasha. Martha Stegmaier, Michelle Frank, Shelly Kurtz's sister, Marilyn Leong, Laurel Hayes and her mother Nancy Hayes, Joe Fairless, Nick Ambrose.

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.

Coffee and Donuts has been suspended due to the Corona surge. Please join us for Fellowship and community on Zoom, starting at 11:45, to allow people time to return home after Mass. Here is the zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88288707756?pwd=Qnllc3dTanRwYnFVcjQ3VGxTZTh5UT09>

Meeting ID: 882 8870 7756 Passcode: cronan

I will also send the invitation on Saturday.

Fr. Jack mentioned that just ones are being beset. Today, those just ones are the health care workers who have been on the front lines for so long. He invited Teresa Sullivan, a Chaplain at SLU Hospital, to tell us about them. Teresa works with the Cardiovascular ICU, helping some of the sick of the sickest. Because of Covid restrictions, patients are often by themselves and the staff find themselves caring for both their bodies and spirits. There is a sense over the last few months of passion fatigue. With each new patient, the stories seep into your own lives. For example, last week, in a 20-bed ICU, 3 patients died of Covid, all under 50 years old. It is very hard to walk alongside these families. Many of these patients are placed on ECMO machines, which oxygenates the blood outside the body. It is really difficult to comfort the patients through the glass, and comfort their families via phone. Virtual visits can be of some comfort, but are very difficult. It is a privileged space, but a heavy burden when you see people placed on ventilators, not knowing if breathing tube will ever be removed. Caregivers across the country are dealing with this on a daily basis. It is very traumatic. The staff becomes worn out with the heaviness and intensity of the challenge of so much loss. Teresa asked for continued support and prayers as these health care workers continue to care for the sick and dying and work together to help heal each other. Please pray that vocations are continually renewed, that workers find help to process what is happening, and for all in need of God's grace. (Teresa Sullivan)

God Bless!

Diane