

## **Monday Notes October 4, 2021**

### **Mass Schedule**

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

Masses on October 10-31 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 November 6-7 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, November 4, at 9:30 a.m. for the recorded Mass, please contact Diane, [diane@stcronan.org](mailto:diane@stcronan.org) or (314) 941-4933.

**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).

**USHERS:** A big Thank-you to all of you who stepped up at 10:00 Mass last Sunday. We had a full house with the social distancing and seating went very smoothly thanks to your work! Please consider keeping it up! We still need several ushers this coming Sunday at the 10:00 Mass to assist people to find socially distanced seating. You will need to be at Mass by 9:50 and plan to stay in the back of church until about 10:15 to assist late-comers to find seating. Contact Diane: [diane@stcronan.org](mailto:diane@stcronan.org) or (314) 941-4933 if you can help this Sunday. Usher instructions are attached. THANKS!

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:** We need lectors for the 5:00 and 8:00 Masses, so if you attend either of these and can participate in these ministries, please contact Diane. Lector instructions are attached.

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

**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](mailto: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. And, of course, Ushers! 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 Gozdziwski, [diane@stcronan.org](mailto:diane@stcronan.org) or Christine Lakey, [christine.lakey@yahoo.com](mailto:christine.lakey@yahoo.com). You can also sign up on the sheets in the vestibule.

**Parish Council:** The Parish Council will be looking for new members starting in January. If you are interested in joining this august group, please look at the biographies in the booklet in the back of church, and consider talking to a current Parish Council Member. You can also observe a meeting via Zoom, if you like.

**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.

We are looking for a convener for our Contemporary Issues small group. Descriptions of all the groups are attached. If you are interested in joining this vivacious group of people, please contact Heather Hageman at [hhageman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hhageman@sbcglobal.net).

**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](mailto: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.

**East St. Louis Race Wars:** Fr. Joseph Brown will talk about the East St. Louis Race War Massacre at St. Alphonsus Rock Church on Sunday, November 7, 12-1 p.m. Please see the attached flyer for details.

**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](mailto:trishquita1952@gmail.com), or Kim Madden: [kim.madden514@gmail.com](mailto: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, Daimeyan, and Sasha. Martha Stegmaier, Michelle Frank, Shelly Kurtz's sister, Marilyn Leong, Laurel Hayes and her mother Nancy Hayes, Joe Fairless, Nick Ambrose.

**Food for Bill and Laurel:** With Laurel still coping with her broken foot and Bill battling with Chemo, it seems the time is come for our Community to step up and help them with food. There are many spaces open for October. We are using the calendar set up by Laurel’s church.

Just go to <https://www.carecalendar.org/>. Our ID is 299440. Our passcode is 5500. This should take you to B & L's calendar. September will still be showing - just click on October above the calendar. You will see red squares with the word "Meals." Click on the date you want, then fill out your info- name, e-mail, and phone number. Then hit "sign up." That's it! You will receive an e-mail reminder from the calendar the day before the date you chose. Thank you! If you have any questions, you can e-mail Eileen Heidenheimer, [earthmother49@hotmail.com](mailto:earthmother49@hotmail.com), or text, or call (314-660-6551).

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.

**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=QnlIc3dTanRwYnFVcjQ3VGxTZTh5UT09>

Meeting ID: 882 8870 7756 Passcode: cronan

I will also send the invitation on Saturday.

Fr. Jack discussed the history of divorce and remarriage and the changes the Church has gone through to reconcile law with common sense. Now there is a formal process called the "internal forum," which takes place between the person and God, with an informed spiritual guide. It requires prayer, reflection, and a deep dive into conscience. It is not a flippant decision. Tomorrow is the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. The pivotal moment in his life was when he embraced the leper. As long a division in the Church remains, many people continue to feel like outcasts. Francis would embrace the outcast. We need to reach out to those who don't feel the Church includes them. (from Fr. Jack's homily)

October 4 is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. He actually passed from death to life on October 3, which is when the Franciscans celebrate his transition. Francis' health had been failing for years. Two years before his death, he received the wounds of Christ in a vision. This is when he began to dictate the "Canticle of the Sun," in which Francis praises creation itself that leads us back to the Most High God. Francis would send his brothers to sing the Canticle in town squares. His verse on forgiveness even led people in disagreement to reconcile. Francis' goal was to live the Gospel. When the Gospel tells the Disciples to take nothing with them, Francis decided that was what he would do. His Brothers and Clare's Sisters embraced this Gospel. When hundreds of married and single folks wanted to join him, he set up a secular Franciscan order. Francis continually learned from all his followers and encouraged them to live by the Gospel.

Regarding marriage, the authentic understanding of marriage continues to develop in the Church.

There is an internal forum, in which a person can experience the mercy of God and receive Communion without a legal process. Pope Francis, in his "Joy of Love" encourages the use of Internal Forum in the right circumstances. Our understanding of marriage continues to evolve. We all know loving couples outside churches who are told they can't participate because of who they love.

When will we welcome them fully?

St. Francis lived close to the edge of institutions and never gave up. He never lost sight of the Gospel of Christ. As he lay dying, he said, "I have done what was mine to do. May Christ show you yours." May Christ show us ours. Praise and bless my Lord and give thanks and serve him with great humility. (from Bill Barrett's homily)

The Canticle of the Sun (Canticle of the Creatures) by St. Francis is attached. Also attached is Fr. Jack's Pastoral Reflection.

God Bless!  
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