

Monday Notes
October 17, 2022

Mass Schedule

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

We are still counting people at the weekend Masses for the Archdiocese – please come and bring your friends!

There will be a Mass at 8:00 on Tuesday, November 1, at 8:00 in honor of All Saints' Day.

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

The Mass for Sunday, November 6, will be recorded and posted on our website on Saturday, November 5: <https://www.stcronan.org/> If anyone is available to read for the recorded Mass on November 3 at 8:30 (please note time change) please contact Diane diane@stcronan.org

World Mission Sunday: Next week, we join Catholics around the world for the celebration of World Mission Sunday. We are called to offer our prayers and financial help for the Church's missionary work in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands and parts of Latin America and Europe. Please be generous in next week's second collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for the Missions. Envelopes are on the tables near the entrances to Church.

Special Collection for those recovering from the devastation of Hurricane Ian took place last weekend, October 15-16. The funds collected in this special appeal will become part of the Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund and will be used to support the efforts of Catholic Charities USA and/or Catholic Relief Services, the official relief agencies of the U.S. Catholic Church, to support the Church and humanitarian needs arising from this and any future disasters. If you still want to support this worthy cause, please place your donation in an envelope marked "hurricane relief" or place the intention in your check memo line.

Collection for Retired Religious will take place November 6 in a second collection. Envelopes are available on the tables by the entrances to Church. For further information, please see the Archbishop's letter attached.

Masks are suggested for all Masses.

All Things New:

Our St. Cronan listening sessions are scheduled for November 1st and 3rd in the evening. Mark your calendars! Parishioners must register to attend one of them. The following link will allow you to register and will also provide a parish workbook with information on our parish. We will have an assembly in October to prepare us for the sessions, so it is very important that you read the material and register for the listening

sessions. <https://allthingsnew.archstl.org/Ways-to-Engage/Listening-Sessions> For further information, please see the information attached.

Parish Assembly will take place on Sunday, October 23 in the Coffee and Donuts room. Food will be provided. Please plan to attend as we prepare for the listening sessions. Please see the flyer attached for details and instructions. **Childcare** will be available during the Assembly. Come with an open mind and open heart!

Memorial for our Saints Our Candle-lighting memorial service for those who have been buried from St. Cronan this year will take place on Sunday, October 30 at the 10:00 Mass. All Saints cards will be in the Chapel for those who have lost loved ones this year who had services at other churches. Please write their name on the card and place it in the basket. These will be placed on the Altar for the month of November.

Welcome! We welcome two new part-time employees to our team here at St. Cronan. Mary Solomon has taken over the housekeeping duties and will work evenings. Mary has been doing a fantastic job since she began in September keeping our facilities clean. Kahari Knighten (Willie's nephew) joined us last week and will be doing heavier work maintaining the buildings and grounds.

Blessing Bags Children's Faith Formation will be assembling Blessing Bags this year for us to give the homeless we meet at street corners. We will be collecting items for the next four Sundays and assembling the bags on November 13, after the 10:00 Mass. A list of suggested items is attached. Please help us by donating any of these items. There will be a bin in the back of Church for your donations. Once the bags are assembled, we will have them available in Church for you to take and distribute.

High School Students: The Archdiocesan Office of Peace and Justice will be hosting a youth event on October 23rd, 4:30-8:00 at the Rigali Center titled, "Choose Life: Abolish the Death Penalty". This event will include mass, dinner, and education for high school students. Please see the flyer attached.

Public Forum on TIFs and Tax Abatement: October 24, 6:30-8:30 pm, Adams School, 1311 Tower Grove Avenue. For further information, please see the attached flyer.

Interfaith Partnership of St. Louis Annual Celebration Join Archbishop Rozanski and Interfaith Partnership of Greater St. Louis in celebrating our vibrant interfaith community as we share dialogue, hospitality and a lively cultural program! Thursday, Oct 27 @ 5:30-8pm Lambert international Airport Terminal 1, Aero Event space. For further information, please see the flyer attached or call 314-918-2541

Debbie's 8th annual Walk for Hunger, Saturday, October 29, 9 am to Noon at Francis Park in St. Louis Hills at the Nottingham main entrance. Proceeds from this event will benefit Dorothy's Hauling Ministry and our own food pantry. For further details, please see the attached flyer.

Beyond Sunday Impact Report for fall 2022 This report shows all the good that has occurred to date throughout the archdiocese, and specifically in St. Cronan, due to the generosity of so many. The report is attached.

St. Francis Xavier College Church is holding a three-part exploration of the racial history of College Church, integral to the story of the founding and development of the city of St. Louis, the Archdiocese, the Society of Jesus and St. Louis University. Upcoming sessions will occur on Oct. 16 and Nov. 20. Please see the flyer attached.

Parish Mission November 14-17, 7pm each night, at St. Justin Martyr Catholic Church, 11910 Eddie & Park Rd., Sunset Hills. Our "God's Mercy" Mission with speaker, Fr. Kevin MacDonald, C.S.S.R. Refreshments to follow each evening. Tuesday evening will offer the opportunity for Reconciliation. Call 314-843-8482 for more info.

St. Louis Black History Bus Tour: Fr. Gerry has been leading these tours on select Saturday mornings for members of the Archdiocese. If there is an interest at St. Cronan's, we will schedule one in the near future. The tour would leave St. Cronan's parking lot on a Saturday at 9:30 a.m. and return to St. Cronan at 1:00 p.m., with an opportunity to eat lunch and discuss with Fr. Gerry at the Parish Center after. For information, please contact Paul.loida@bayer.com ; Berniesalmons@aol.com ; tulsabillw@gmail.com Please see the attached flyer for details.

The Reclamation Center of the Archdiocese of St. Louis is holding an open house Wednesday October 26 and Monday November 7, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For further information, please see the flyer attached.

Foundations of Mindfulness

This class is designed to teach you the basics of mindfulness in a caring and supportive environment. Each week we will discuss a particular mindfulness topic, explore a variety of practices, including mindfulness meditation, body scan, and mindful movement to name a few, and gain support in establishing a daily practice. Note: This is a shorter version of another class I have taught entitled *Practicing Mindfulness: Tapping into Peace and Well-Being* which was a 6-week, two hour/week class. This 4-week class will meet every Tuesday starting November 1 and ending November 22 (11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 11/22). Meetings take place from 1:00-2:30pm on Zoom (link will be sent upon registration). Cost: \$60 by check or Venmo: @Mary-Middendorf-2. *No one will be turned away for lack of funds.* Minimum participants 6, maximum 12. Please email Mary at allmindfulnessmatters@gmail.com or call her at 314-781-1444.

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

St. Louis Friends of Bethlehem The Friends of Bethlehem will have a Fair Trade Sale at St. Cronan's the weekend of November 5-6. Be prepared to get Christmas Presents

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>

Additional Retreats:

"Navigating the Holidays with Mindfulness", Saturday, November 5, 8:30-3:00 PM. \$75. This program will be led by Coke Hennessy, a certified mindfulness teacher. Bring mindful awareness and compassion to your celebration of the holidays this year. Lunch is provided and an overnight option is available. More information and registration at www.mercycenterstl.org

"Finding God at the Movies: A Midweek Retreat," November 15-16, \$100 commuter; \$160 overnight. This program will be led by Danielle Witt, SSND, an adjunct spiritual director at Mercy Center. Participants will watch two critically acclaimed movies with the intent of identifying how the experience of grace changed the characters' lives. More information and

registration at www.mercycenterstl.org

“Allowing Christ to Become Flesh in Us: An Advent Day of Prayer”, Saturday, December 17, 9:00 AM-3:30 PM, \$75 commuter; \$145 overnight. This program will be led by Danielle Witt, SSND, an adjunct spiritual director at Mercy Center. How do we give birth to the Son of God in our time and culture? God is always needing to be born. More information and registration at www.mercycenterstl.org

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, October 21. Please join 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; Trish Curtis’ mother and brother; David Gaillardetz’ father, Richard; Nick and Shirley Ambrose’s daughter, Brigid Costello; Shelly Kurtz; Varrietta Anthony; 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; Tim and Elise Hirzel’s great nephew, Cameron Russell; Barry Buchek; Carolyn Coyne’s daughter, Molly Maryan; Kathy Hunn’s niece, Lisa; Sr. Cathy’s friend, Inga Casillo; Marie and Roland’s granddaughter, Madi.; Judy Gallagher; Sharon Orlet; Mary Proot’s friend, Jessica Kozien, and Mary’s grandson, Silas; Mr. Charles Wallace.

Parish Ministries: If you would like to add your talents to any of our ministries, and meet a great bunch of people, please visit our website www.stcronan.org for information. You are always welcome!

September 2022 Collection	
General Collection	\$19,021
Knighten Fund \$3590	\$3,590
Catholic University	\$175
Food Pantry	\$920
Capital Maintenance	\$10
Building Repair	\$145

<p align="center">Parish Center Offices Mon-Fri 9am-3pm www.stcronan.org Phone: (314) 298-9384</p> <p>Pastor: Fr. Jack Schuler jschuler@stcronan.org</p> <p>Pastoral Associate: Diane Gozdziwski diane@stcronan.org</p> <p>Pastoral Administrator: Mary Ward mary@stcronan.org</p> <p>Music Director: David Dickey</p> <p>Food Pantry Director: Kathy Hunn (314) 533-0651 kathyfoodpantry@gmail.com</p>
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St. Vincent de Paul	\$170
Weddings/Funerals	\$1,000

Homily: The persistent woman in today's Gospel is the Christ figure. She is determined to resist injustice, to face it, name it and denounce it. This persistence is included in Pope Francis' synod: *For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission*. In the United States, the bishops have composed a National Synthesis of reports from listening sessions in 178 dioceses with 700,000 persistent parishioners participating. What was remarkable is that, in the 178 parishes from around the country, the hopes and concerns were very similar. In the St. Louis Archdiocese, these listening sessions were not a priority, but listening sessions were held around the main topics of the Synod, with the LGBTQIA+ listening session held here at St. Cronan, where 100 people attended and shared their hopes and concerns.

I want to share with you the main issues that are included in the National Synthesis.

1. Chief among the enduring wounds that afflict the People of God in the United States is the still-unfolding effects of:
 - a. The sexual abuse crisis.
 - i. It stripped the hierarchy of credibility
 - ii. There is still a lace of rust
 - iii. A loss of moral integrity
 - iv. Blatant abuse of power by the perpetrators and the bishops
 - v. A trickle-down effect of fear that affects priests around children – including myself around my own nieces and other children
 - b. The COVID Pandemic
 - i. Fractured communities
 - ii. People became disengaged, isolated and lonely
 - iii. For my part, saying Mass without a community and the inability to visit the sick at Barnes and other hospitals due to the visitor limits
 - c. Polarization – the Church is deeply divided
 - i. Divisive political ideologies have polluted the Church
 - ii. Bishops are divided for or against the Pope
 1. Who can receive communion – using the Eucharist!!
 2. Latin Mass
 3. Next week's bishop meeting – they will hear from priests who are dissatisfied with the leadership (Bishop Stowe believes the Bishops will be slammed!)
 - d. Marginalization
 - i. Immigrants, undocumented, the unborn, those in poverty, the homeless, those incarcerated, those with addictions
 - ii. Women whose voice are frequently marginalized when it comes to decision – making – underappreciated and underpaid
 - iii. LGBTQIA+ Community
 - iv. Divorced, divorced and remarried, civilly married, but not in Church
 - v. These populations feel unwelcomed
2. Enhancing Communion and Participation
 - a. The cry was for a more Welcoming Church
 - b. Deep hunger for healing and a desire for a sense of belonging

- c. The institution seems to prioritize doctrine over people
 - d. Desire for the Church to be the haven for the wounded and broken – not an institution for the perfect
 - e. Desire for stronger leadership, discernment and decision-making role for women, including preaching and ordination (as a matter of justice) Until recently, the Pope was not allowed to bring the topic up.
 - f. Concerns around racism – need for racial reconciliation.
 - g. All dioceses shared a deep ache in the wake of the departure of young people
 - i. Speak out on issues that matter to them: justice, race and climate change
 - ii. They should not be seen as the “Future Church” but should have a voice now
 - iii. Our Parish Council and Leadership Team contains many members under 30.
3. Ongoing Formation for Mission
- a. As the concept of traditional family continues to change, it is important to acknowledge the presence of many types of families.
 - b. The Formation of seminarians to better understand human and pastoral needs, cultural sensitivity with an emphasis on social justice and balancing the adherence to dogmatic teaching of faith with care for the emotional needs of parishioners.
 - c. Better homilies
 - d. Catholic Social Teaching is rarely mentioned – help parishioners understand the connection between Catholic Social Teaching and outreach beyond the border of the parish
 - e. Communication – transparency which helps accountability
 - f. Co-responsibility – Father should not have the only and last word
4. Me – the Good News
- a. I am humbled by the LGTQIA+ Community – in spite of the way they have been treated, I hear and read them say: “I won’t give up the Eucharist.”

(From Fr. Jack’s homily)

If you would like to read the Bishops’ National Document in its entirety, please visit:
usccb.org/synod

Also attached is Madonna’s Pastoral Reflection.

Blessings!
 Diane