

Monday Notes
October 25, 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 <https://www.facebook.com/StCronan/> at 10:00 am. These Masses will be available on our Facebook page.

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 or (314) 941-4933.

All Saints Memorial This weekend we are celebrating All Saints Day by honoring those who have gone before us. Please bring your pictures of departed loved ones to place on our Table of Saints in the Chapel. Also, don't forget to sign the names of loved ones who have departed this year on the "Communion of Saints" cards and place them in the basket. These loved ones will be honored at all of the Masses this weekend. A sample of the card is attached. The cards will be available in the vestibule of church for you to fill out and place in the basket. If you would like your loved ones' names placed on cards, but will not attend church, feel free to send me those names and I will fill out cards for them: diane@stcronan.org. Please send the names to me by Friday, October 29. Those who have had a funeral or memorial Mass at St. Cronan this year will be honored in a special way at the 10:00 Mass.

USHERS: A big Thank-you to all of you who are stepping up for 10:00 Mass last Sunday. Please consider keeping it up! We still need several ushers 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 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.

Gradual Re-opening: We are looking at providing a section of pews for people who are vaccinated and don't mind sitting closer to one another. Be looking for the pews without ribbons in the next few weeks. We will have socially distanced pews available as well for those who prefer them.

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. However, there will be no Mass this Wednesday, October 20, because Fr. Jack is out of town.

Mass Themes coming up:

October 30-31 – All Saints Memorial of those who passed this year (see information below)

November 6-7 – Catholic Racial Justice Sunday (information to come)

November 21 – Feast of Christ the Healer – Anointing of the Sick

World Mission Sunday: Last Weekend, we celebrated World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious, and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous. If you have not yet contributed, but plan to do so, please place your envelope in the collection or donate online, designating Missions in your contribution.

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.

Month of Grace + Prayer: An Advent Retreat in Everyday Life Get ready for Christmas by praying on your own 20 minutes each day and meeting one-on-one with a spiritual companion one hour each week for four consecutive weeks. Starts November 21. All meetings will be virtual (Zoom or phone if you prefer). Weekly meeting times set around your schedule. This is an individually directed retreat tailored to your own deep desires. Committed couples also have the option to participate as a couple. This is an ecumenical ministry, with all adults are welcome regardless of denomination or affiliation. For more information, visit www.momentsofgraceandprayer.org and to register contact Clarence Heller at clarenceheller@gmail.com.

St. Cronan Advent Reflection Book Please be considering what date you would like to claim for our own Advent Reflection Book. The sign up sheet will be out next week, and your reflections will be due the 3rd week of November.

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, November 19 . 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

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.

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.

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. 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.

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, Diane's granddaughter Isabelle Boyer, Fr. Gerry's nephew, Steven Buelman, Leslie Conway, Marcy Soda, Mike's grandson.

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.

"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus is asking us personally to answer this question. Pope Francis has ordered a Synod of synods, in which the people of the Church will have a voice. "Synod" means to walk on the same road, to accompany the people. The aim of the Synod to change the way things are legislated so it's not so much top down. During the Synod, Pope Francis is asking the Bishops to follow a specific process when gathering information from the people of the Church:

1. Encounter: Jesus encounters Bartimaeus on the road. Jesus is always encountering people on the road. He is never in an office. Pope Francis is telling the Bishops to get out of the office and encounter the people.
2. Listen: often, people listen but have their own ideas going on. One example was when a Bishop came to St. Louis to listen to African American Catholics. African American Catholics told of their horrific experiences they have endured in the Church. Unfortunately, nothing came of the Bishop's listening experience.
3. Discern: Things can't be done the same way after encountering and listening.

The Pope has asked every Diocese to turn in a report about the listening sessions. Of the 178 Dioceses in the US, only 62 appointed a facilitator or coordinator. St. Louis is not following the Pope's plan from the Synod, but has morphed his instructions into the "Strategic Plan," which will incorporate 400 listening sessions. Fr. Jack emailed the coordinator and offered several groups from St. Cronan: the LGBTQ+ community, people from all over the diocese and why they come to St. Cronan, people who have left the Church. The coordinator did not reply, except generally when he told pastors he can't meet with specific groups.

The St. Cronan Parish Council has sent a letter to the Archbishop, inviting him to come pray with us and to have a listening session with members of the LGBTQ+ members of our community. What do you want me to do for you? Fr. Jacks wants Jesus to help the Archdioceses and Bishops to listen to the people of St. Cronan.

“What do you want me to do for you?” Consider your answer to this question, personally and communally. (From Fr. Jack’s homily)

Fr. Jack’s reflection (for October 30-31) is attached.

God Bless!

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