

Monday Notes **October 31, 2022**

Mass Schedule

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

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

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

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

All Saints All Saints cards are in the Chapel for those who have lost additional loved ones this year. Please write their name on the card and place it in the basket. These will remain on the Altar for the month of November.

Our **Table of Saints** will be in the Chapel to honor any ancestors. Please bring their pictures and place them on the table, where they will remain throughout the month of November.

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.

Parish Assembly Thanks to all who organized and all who participated in the Parish Assembly last weekend. It was indeed Spirit-filled and a blessing to know who we are and what we value. So much positive energy was in that room! Our next step will be carrying that energy into the listening sessions. Notes from the Assembly are attached.

All Things New:

Our St. Cronan listening sessions are scheduled for November 1st and 3rd, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Thanks to our own Maggie and Bob, dinner will be available so please come 15 minutes early (5:45) to get your food before we begin. Parishioners must register to attend a listening session, and there are more seats available on Thursday than on Tuesday. The following link will allow you to register and will also provide a parish workbook with information on our parish sessions. <https://allthingsnew.archstl.org/Ways-to-Engage/Listening-Sessions> For further information, please see the information attached.

Help requested: Thank you to all who have signed up to help Sharon with her Monday and Tuesday rides to work. We have the calendar set up for November and many open dates. To volunteer, go to CareCalendar.org. The log on number is 305924. The password is 5042. Just click on one of the red dates, and fill out your info. Sharon's regular schedule involves being picked up at 9:00, and driven home close to 11:30. If you have any questions, please text or e-mail Eileen: earthmother49@hotmail.com Another way you can help us to donate funds to Sharon's Uber account. You can transfer funds into her account directly, or bring me the cash or check, and I will transfer for you. Thank you to those who have

already donated. And I thank all of you for your compassion and loving kindness. What a gift it is to be part of this beloved community. Eileen, for Cronan Companions

Possible Rides: Our friend Gavin Barrett-Hayes shared with me that he would like to attend our 10:00 mass more often. He lives in the Webster University dorms. If you can give him a ride some Sunday, please text him (don't call!) at (802) 497-8563.

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.

Advent Calendar: The Liturgy Committee is trying to get a head start on the Advent Reflection Book. Advent is only one month away! We would like to publish the entire book at once this year, rather than by week, so we need to have all of the reflections completed by Sunday, November 13, to have the book completed before the First Week of Advent, which is Sunday, November 27.

There are three ways to sign up this year. The Calendar with the date stickers is available in the Chapel, a copy of the calendar is attached to this email, or you can select via this link: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1aTmv3PN9lJdqOd3upU2b7t7cPaGneEBg/edit?usp=sharing&oid=103057187619177728911&rtpof=true&sd=true>

Please sign up ASAP. You can find the readings at www.usccb.org if you can't use the link. If the link works for you, you can view the readings by clicking on them on the date you select, then sign your name and email. You should be able to sign on a date by using the link: If you take a sticker in church, please sign your name and email. If you look at the attached calendar, please e-mail me (diane1951@gamil.com) with the date you chose so I can keep dates from being duplicated.

Please submit your reflection by **Sunday, November 13**. If we don't have people to write reflections, we will have to reconsider having the Advent reflection booklet this year. All it takes is to read the lectionary readings for the date you select, pray over them, then write your prayerful reflection on the words that have meaning for you.

If you have questions, please contact Diane and I'll be happy to help!

Equally Sacred Voting Issues: As you ready yourself to vote next week, please prayerfully consider these issues and become a "Pope Francis Voter". See the Equally Sacred Flyer attached.

Poinsettia Sale coming soon! Be on the watch for our annual poinsettia sale, which will feature assorted sizes and colors – white, red, and pink. Information will be shared via Cronantalk and in Church.

Rosaries requested: The Marianist Retreat & Conference Center in Eureka is looking for non-plastic rosaries for their "Rosary Wall" that they've created to provide rosaries for folks who are on retreat to use and, if desired, to take home as a gift from their time on retreat. If you have any rosaries that you are not using and would like to donate to a good cause, they would be very

grateful. I will have a designated box in the back of Church for the month of November and will take them to the Retreat Center the first of December. If you have any questions, you can reach me at kmhunn@aol.com. Thanks for your consideration. Kathy Hunn

Assisi House Opportunities: As many of you know, we are currently working to open an Assisi House on Spring Ave. in North St. Louis. We are aiming to open the house in January or February, 2023. Spring House needs a lot of work, and, as the attachment below shows, we intend to have volunteer workers there every Wednesday and Saturday for the foreseeable future. If you are interested in cleaning, painting, scraping, carpentry, drywall work, etc., send an email to our volunteer director, Megan, at megan@assisihouse.org and let her know how you can help. She will steer you towards days when those skills will be most needed. It is very exciting to see this house transforming into a warm, safe living space again. Please consider helping us. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 314-223-8051. Otherwise, email Megan. Love, Joe --

City Greens Market (<https://www.stlcitygreens.org/>) reached out to ask for help with volunteer shifts around the upcoming holidays. Shifts are two hours on Wednesday-Sunday and include help with stocking, inventory, data entry, cleaning, gardening, and staffing community events. They are especially looking for help on Wednesdays! If you are interested, you can sign up here: volunteersignup.org/Q97J7. City Greens is located on Manchester near Tower Grove Ave. Mariah Byrne and Cathy Hartrich have been volunteering with City Greens regularly and love it there. The market has o all sorts of native produce and has super high quality local ingredients. Bonus--if you volunteer at least four hours a month, you qualify for a membership and get to buy food at cost! If you have any questions, please contact Mariah at mariah.e.byrne@gmail.com.

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 The final session will occur on 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.

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows – Visitors Center: Gifts From Friends We've Yet to Meet: A Day of Prayer Presenter: Virginia Herbers Saturday November 19, 9:30 am – 3 pm (Lunch included) Join us for this day or reflection focusing on a few Gospel characters whose names we will never know—whether it's the boy with the loaves and fishes, the woman with the hemorrhage, or the 'good thief', there are several individuals who interact personally with Jesus and have a significant impact on his ministry - even though we cannot name them. We will explore a few of these characters, reflecting on what gifts they have to offer us for our own lives of faith and discipleship—here and now. Cost: \$35 (Lunch included) For more information, call 618-394-6281. Register online at <https://snows.org/ministries/spiritual-programs/>

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, November 18. 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; 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 Else Hirzel's great nephew, Cameron Russell; Barry Buchek; Carolyn Coyne's daughter, Molly Maryan; Kathy Hunn's niece, Lisa; Sr. Cathy's friends, Inga Casillo, Don Costello, Mike Bowen, Judy Gallagher; Sharon Orlet; Mary Proot's friend, Jessica Kozien, and Mary's grandson, Silas; Bonnie and Warren Wimmer's daughter, Anne;

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!

Homily: Normally I look to Zaccheus for this Gospel but what struck me this year was the crowd. They crumbled, or they took offense. They took offense that Jesus would want to hang out with a tax collector, a sinner who cheated his own people, so they took offense. When we take offense, it reveals something about our own moral situation, that may be depraved. In many cases, those that take offense are arrogant, judgmental, religious. That is revealed when they take offense. The example that jumped out at me was Georgia, that all the Christians in Georgia who are so pro-life and have taken offense against those who are pro-choice, back Herschel Walker. They took offense and it revealed who they are. They're not interested in life, they're interested in power. Life is secondary to them. On the front page of today's paper is the Catholic Church again, and "All Things New." There is a group of at least 400 Catholics in West County, and they banded together to fight it. They joined with a group called, St. Joseph's Foundation, out of Ohio, which is a conservative Catholic group that supports the death penalty. So if they've taken offense at "All Things New" what does that reveal about their view of church and what they think of themselves? Fortunately, we have the Book of Wisdom, which tells us God overlooks people's sins. He didn't even take offense when his Son was killed on the Cross. God didn't even take offense. The Book of Wisdom teaches us that God loves all things and God spares all things. So what does that teach us? It teaches us that it behooves us, when we take offense, and we all do at various times, to step back a minute. What does that reveal about our own moral stances? Step back, instead of being self-righteous, or arrogant, or judgmental, or religious. The challenge comes from Zaccheus, who went out on a limb. Because he went out on a limb, Jesus embraced him, and asked to eat with him. I'm very grateful to those who went out on a limb, especially to the LGBTQIA Community who went out on a limb in the Catholic Church. They want the Eucharist in spite of the way they have been treated by the institutional Church, by the Catechism of the Catholic Church, by various pastors and ministers and people. That reveals something. Fortunately, the Church took a look at that through the Synod. People from all over the world offered comments and the LGBTQ issues

were right at the top. One of the reports that just came out from the Vatican speaks to that: “Among those who ask for a more meaningful dialogue and a more welcoming space, we also find those who feel a tension between belonging to the Church and their own loving relationships, such as remarried divorcees, single parents, people living in polygamous marriages, the LGBTQIA people, etc. Reports in the Synod show how this demand for welcome challenges many local churches. People ask that the Church be a refuge for the broken and wounded, not an institution for the perfect.” So the Vatican took a look at how they had taken offense. It behooves us to step back. First, when you’ve taken offense, examine your conscience. Number two, is like Zaccheus, get out on a limb. What’s the next limb God wants you out on, because Jesus will come and get us. Finally, remember those who have been out on a limb for us. Bring those names to the Altar of Jesus Christ. That’s what the Eucharist is about. Maybe you can think of loved ones who have passed over who had gone out on a limb for you. (From Fr. Jack’s homily)

Also attached is Sr. Lynne’s Pastoral Reflection.

Blessings

Diane

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