

Monday Notes
November 1, 2021

Mass Schedule

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

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 Please bring your pictures of departed loved ones to place on our Table of Saints in the Chapel. The pictures will remain until the end of November.

Racial Justice Sunday will be celebrated this weekend. More information will be on Cronan Talk later in the week.

Annual Collection for Sisters and Order Priests and Brothers takes place this weekend. This is the one time of the year when we can express our gratitude for the numerous sisters, brothers, and priests of orders who have contributed to our education and health over the last years. As Sr. Lynne said, many are in need of elderly care these days and this is the only retirement money many of the orders receive to care for them. The envelopes are in the pews. Also, please read Sr. Chabanel's Pastoral Reflection for next week, which is attached. Please be generous.

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.

Mass Themes coming up:

November 21 – Feast of Christ the Healer – Anointing of the Sick
November 25 – Thanksgiving
November 28 – First Sunday of Advent

Advent Reflection Calendar: The Advent Reflection Calendar is ready for you to sign up for Advent Reflections to be included in our Advent Reflection Book. If you click on the following link, you will be taken to a Google Doc to sign up for a Sunday. Click on the date's message to view the readings, then sign your name and contact info (email preferred) in the date box, so we know who is taking each date.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ItEwy_EiOVTkl3UQqkIkYRlw0O6LCmQ5/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=107008761373759755888&rtpof=true&sd=true

If you have trouble getting to the Calendar, please contact me with your preferred date and I will add it. A document version is attached. If you want the readings, go to www.usccb.org and put the date in the search bar. You will need to email me the date you want, however, so we don't have duplicate reflections. diane@stcronan.org

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 Catholic History: Celebrating our Ancestors is a presentation taking place via Zoom on November 7, 2021, by Winnie Sullivan. 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.

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 Bueltman, Leslie Conway, Marcy Soda, Mike's grandson, Jack, Madonna Kuciejczyk-Kernan, Leslie Conway, Jim Gorman. Phil Milner.

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/81074780423?pwd=TEdlc0RlRXFsaEk0ejAvb3d4SFNRZz09>

Meeting ID: 810 7478 0423 Passcode: cronan

This is a new link, good for the next 10 meetings. I will also send the invitation on Saturday.

The Commandment given in the first reading and in the Gospel is the Jewish prayer, the Shema. This prayer is so important that it is placed in the Mezuzah on their doorposts to remind them that God is present in their homes. The Shema is also placed in their phylacteries during prayer to remind them that God is in their minds and hearts, so that they stay in touch with God. The same dynamic is at play when we lift up those who have gone before us in the Communion of Saints. To keep in union with the people who have gone before us, we keep personal reminders to keep us close to them. Fr. Jack uses a Cardinal symbol to remind him of his father, a rosary made of roses to remind him of his mother, whose name was Rose, and an African artifact to remind him of his brother, who visited him in Zambia. In Zambia, the word for cemetery means "village." It is the village of ancestors. We also have the Altar and the bread and wine to be in touch with Christ, deep in our consciousness. As humans, we need to have reminders to stay in touch with our Ancestors in the Communion of Saints. (From Fr. Jack's homily)

Sr. Chabanel's reflection (for November 6-7) is attached.

God Bless!
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