

Monday Notes
November 8, 2021

Mass Schedule

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

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

The Mass on December 4-5 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, December 2, 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.

Annual Collection for Sisters and Order Priests and Brothers took place last weekend, but you can still give by placing the envelope in the collection basket. This is the one time of the year when 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. 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 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 reflection date. 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

JustFaith presentation: Tom Ulrich will be speaking on A Spirituality for Social Justice Ministry in a Faith Community via zoom on Thursday, November 18, 7:00 EDT (6:00 our time). Please see the attached flyer for details and to register, or click here: <https://justfaith.org/november-18-webinar-with-tom-ulrich/>

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.

Marianist Retreat Center is holding an Advent Retreat. "Voices in the Wilderness: A Call to Re-Engage" Friday, December 10 through Sunday, December 12 at the Marianist Retreat Center. Please see the attached flyer for more 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, 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.

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, Mary Proot's friend, Jessica, Phil Milner, and Kathy Bayless, 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, Fr. Gerry's nephew, Steven Buelتمان, Leslie Conway, Mike's grandson, Jack, Madonna Kuciejczyk-Kernan, Leslie Conway, Jim Gorman, Sharon Orlet's sister, Betty,

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.

Fr. Jack's homily is entitled "The Cosmic Clerical Egg is broken and fried: Confessions of a Closet Cleric." The Scribes in the Gospel wore long flowing robes that kept them from working, so they were men of leisure. They liked to be called "rabbi" and sit in places of honor in the Synagogue and at banquets. They liked to hear their many coins clatter into the metal collection horns in the Temple, and cheat the widow of her hard-earned money. Fr. Jack talked about the privilege of being a priest. Although he had no privilege as a seminarian or deacon, he found privilege in the rectories of the parishes he served, and laypeople were often the enablers. At St. Cronan, we expect our pastor to be a servant and he finds we respect but challenge him. We move together as the People of God. (from Fr. Jack's homily)

Instead of having to read my attempt at summarizing Kathy's homily, you have the privilege of reading it yourself. It is attached. Her question to us is: "What have we been conditioned to accept as part of our belonging to the greater Catholic Community?" Her answer is well worth reading!

God Bless!
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