

## **Monday Notes November 14, 2022**

### **Mass Schedule**

5:00 p.m. Saturday

8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Sunday

8:00 a.m. Wednesday

**Thanksgiving Mass will be at 9:00 a.m.** If you would like to contribute to the food pantry that morning (or on Sundays), a list of needed items is attached.

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

The Mass for Sunday, December 4, will be recorded and posted on our website on Saturday, December 3 : <https://www.stcronan.org/> If anyone is available to read for the recorded Mass on December 1 at 8:30 (please note time change) please contact Diane [diane@stcronan.org](mailto:diane@stcronan.org)

**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.

**Anointing of the Sick** will take place at all Masses on November 19-20, the Feast of Christ the Healer.

**Decorating for Advent** will take place on Saturday, November 26 at 10:00 a.m. Please come and help us raise the Advent Wreath in the center of Church. We need people to handle the ladder! Thanks!

Masks are suggested for all Masses.

### **All Things New:**

**Meeting Summary:** Notes taken by our scribes from the All Things New listening sessions were sent out via Cronan Talk last week attached. If you did not receive them and would like them, please contact the office and we can email them to you. Stay tuned for further developments!

**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](mailto: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** Thanks to all in Children's Faith Formation who assembled Blessing Bags this year for us to give the homeless we meet at street corners. The bags are ready to be picked up in the Church vestibule, for you to place in your car and have available when you encounter the homeless.

**Advent Reflection Book** is being assembled this week. If you have not yet turned in your reflection, please do so ASAP. You can find the readings at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org).

**Poinsettia Sale** Poinsettia Sales have begun and will run through Nov. 27. No orders can be taken after that date. Pick up is in the coffee and donuts room on Sunday, Dec. 4 after the masses until noon.

Available sizes, prices and colors:

Red: 6" (\$22), 8" (\$30) and 10" (\$40)

Pink: 6" (\$22), 8" (\$30)

White: 6" (\$22), 8" (\$30)

Purchase on line by following this link:

[https://bit.ly/St\\_Cronan](https://bit.ly/St_Cronan) or you can use the order sheet in Church. If you have any trouble, please call the office and Mary can help you place your orders.

**White Nationalism Webinar:** The Catholic Racial Justice Collaborative, Pax Christi USA and the Institute for Peace and Justice invite you to a Webinar on Exploring White Nationalism Saturday, November 19, 2022 – 10:00am until 12-noon. For more information, please see the attached flyer.

**Hello from your Hospitality Committee.** We now have pronoun stickers for your name tags, thanks to Erin O'Connell. Please pick the pronouns you prefer and put them on your name tag. We'd also love to see more people use their name tags at mass so we can all get to know each other by name. If you don't have one on the board in the back of church, contact Mary Ward at [mary@stcronan.org](mailto:mary@stcronan.org) and she'll have one made for you. Questions, contact Christine Lakey at 314-239-2204 or [christine.lakey@yahoo.com](mailto:christine.lakey@yahoo.com).

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](https://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](mailto: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.

**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/>

**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.

**Being Who You Are, Perfectly Well:** An LBGQTQIA+ 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:**

*“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](http://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](http://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 grandson, Silas; Bonnie and Warren Wimmer's daughter, Anne; Peggy Banks, friend of Mary Ward; Mary Truetkin.

Prayers for the family of Carolyn Coyne, whose nephew was killed in a motorcycle accident last week. May he rest in peace.

**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](http://www.stcronan.org) for information. You are always welcome!

**Homily:** We had our All Things New listening sessions a week and a half ago, and we were told that St. Cronan will stand alone, at least for now. Think about what it would be like if they said St. Cronan would close. A lot of people in the Archdiocese are feeling it because of the number of changes taking place. Think about this. What are people feeling?

Numbness – what happened? “I was born here, my children were baptized, how could this happen?”

Sadness, deflation, grief, depression, hopelessness, helplessness – “What can we do?”

Anger – “They can't do this! After all I've done for this parish! The organizations I've been a part of, I put my children through the school. After everything that I've contributed, they're going to close it down. I'm walking out!”

“And why does St. Cronan get to stay?” A lot of people are saying that.

Those feelings of loss, that's what the scriptures are about today – about the end – the final end. Thessalonians is the first Scripture written after the death of Jesus. At the time of Thessalonians, people thought Jesus' second coming was right around the corner. They planned to just sit back and wait for it. Paul said, “We can't just be slackers and just wait for Jesus to come again. We need to continue to build community. We don't know when it's coming, but we can't stop exerting ourselves for Jesus.” That's the encouragement of Thessalonians. What's going to happen to you when there is a loss, when you lose something important to you: your job, your spouse, a friend, your house. What do we do with that loss?

In the Gospel it says, "perseverance will secure your lives." That's the good news. By perseverance you secure your lives. How do you persevere? You commune. As Paul says, you have to continue to build community. It's in that community that perseverance arises.

In November we're remembering our deceased, the ones who have passed over, especially the ones on the altar. I'm sure you look at your ancestors and you are inspired by how they persevered on some occasions. Perseverance through community and family. May we at St. Cronan continue to build community because we all face losses and we persevere. And we will be united with those who have persevered in our Eucharist and with Christ.  
(From Fr. Jack's homily)

Also attached is Cathy Hartrich's Pastoral Reflection.

Blessings

Diane

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