

**Monday Notes (on Tuesday)
November 21, 2022**

Mass Schedule

5:00 p.m. Saturday

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

8:00 a.m. Wednesday

Thanksgiving Day Mass will be at 9am and will be live streamed on Facebook. This year there will a special collection of items for the Food Pantry. Please see list below for requested items:

- Soups (Healthy Choice, Campbell's low salt)
- Rice Mixes (Zatarain's, Knorr's, etc)
- Canned Beef Stew (32 oz cans or smaller)
- Canned Chicken & Dumplings (same as for Stew)
- Spam
- Toilet paper
- Dish detergent
- Body lotion (medium size bottles)

Thank You!

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

Please note: The office will be closed on Friday in celebration of Thanksgiving.

All Saints It has been wonderful honoring our ancestors in the Communion of Saints this past month. Please take your pictures home this coming Sunday. Pictures that are left will be on the table in the Chapel for you to pick up for the next couple of weeks.

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. If you did not receive them and would like them, please contact the office and we can email them to you. People are having difficulty accessing the Survey. The instructions from Catholic Leadership Institute are attached. Here is the link to the survey: [<onlinesupport@catholicleaders.org>](mailto:onlinesupport@catholicleaders.org) After you click on this, you need to scroll ALL THE WAY TO THE END and click on the button marked: "Take the post-session draft model survey."

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 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 in the process of printing and will be available on Sunday. The online version will be available by Friday.

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 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.

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 and she'll have one made for you. Questions, contact Christine Lakey at 314-239-2204 or christine.lakey@yahoo.com.

JustFaith program opportunity: How can we protect our oceans and waterways? *Sacred Water: Oceans & Ecosystems* is a small group virtual program designed by JustFaith Ministries that explores the impact of the climate crisis on God's creation and God's people. Topics include watershed discipleship, natural disasters and the climate crisis, ocean health, clean water access, pollution, plastics, and environmental racism. All of this is done through the lens of Catholic Social Teaching. This 9-week program is being facilitated by Sister Carolyn McWatters and Sister Lillian Jordan, Sisters of Mercy in Belmont, NC on Tuesday evenings beginning January 10 and running through March 14. Cost is on a sliding scale and scholarships are available. If you'd like more info, feel free to call Sister Carolyn at 314-258-3636 or email her at cmcwatters@sistersofmercy.org. To register visit tinyurl.com/2p98vr7w or for more information visit tinyurl.com/47vwrsn4

MEALS PROGRAM AT STS. PETER & PAUL Service Opportunity

The Meals Program at Sts. Peter & Paul serves the homeless & needy from the 2nd through the 21st of each month. We currently have 2 days a month needing coverage. This service includes preparing and serving the meal to those in need. For more information please contact Rachel Schoenberger at 314-231-9923 or office@stpeterandpaulstl.org.

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 --

St. Anthony Indoor Flea Market 3133 Meramec at Michigan, Saturday, December 3, 2022, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm Disability Accessible - Concessions on site

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.

The Word Among Us: This daily meditation book is available free of charge in the Chapel. Feel free to take one for Advent

Mercy Center Retreat: *"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, December 17. 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.

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: As you can see, a couple of our readings are talking about "King" and "Kingdom." Unfortunately, when Constantine made the empire Christian, we took a detour and went into a monarchical system, which we are still a part of. It was not the example of Jesus nor was the spirit in the Acts of the Apostles. Fortunately at St. Cronan's we celebrate the feast of Christ the Healer, which is the deepest meaning of the cross and that sign above the cross. For the Palestinians in occupied territory on the West Bank, healing begins with resistance. One Palestinian said, "If we don't resist the Israelis, we keep on bleeding, cause they keep on taking." I hadn't thought about resistance being a part of reconciliation and healing, but it kind of makes sense. This morning when we are doing the anointing, I ask you to think a little bit about that. A few years ago, I had an opportunity to visit Lourdes. When you are there you touch the cave, and light a candle, and if you want to, you go into the baths. I decided to go to the bath, not because I was sick, but because of the genetic disease in my family of Huntington's. Huntington's diseases the whole family, so I didn't go in there for my person, I went in for my whole extended family. So I ask you to think as you are anointed today of a broader context, not just between me and God, but in terms of resistance. This weekend I attended a retreat, which was supposed to be in Palm Springs, but the Bishop of Miami cancelled it, and told them not to come. I think that we need to resist that, so the Church can heal. These people just wanted to pray, and the Bishop wouldn't let them. That needs to stop, so we have a church that welcomes people who want to pray, in spite of the odds against them in the institutional Church. Socially, and the bishops get it right on this one, is immigration. The bishops have tried to resist the policies around the world, and Pope Francis has called for nations to be opening up instead of bordering up. There is a Spanish island off the coast of Morocco that refugees would try to reach. The Spanish fenced in the island and shoot people who try to reach it. We need to resist that. If we want healing in humanity, then resistance to stop this idea of hoarding of land and jobs. So today we come forward to be anointed and hopefully to broaden the context a little bit beyond just me and God. It's more than that in our church, we are community, and so our community needs healing just like my family needs to be healed with Huntington's. In the first reading, Isaiah had battled the prophets of Baal, and beat them, but Jezebel put a contract out on him, and he said, "That's it, I'm done," and went to lie down under a broom tree and gave up.

Then he was greeted with a message that said, "Get up, eat, because the journey is long." So we say "Get up and eat of the Eucharist, because the journey is long, and we are in need of healing." (From Fr. Jack's homily).

Also attached is Loren Barnes Gaillardetz' Pastoral Reflection.

Blessings

Diane

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