

Monday Notes
November 29, 2021



Mass Schedule

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

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>

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

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.

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.

Daily Masses: Mass is available on Wednesdays at 8:00 am.

Congratulations to Analise McKenna, who received the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 10:00 Mass last Sunday. Her wonderful report is attached, in case you missed it at Church.

Baked Bread for Masses: The medical advisory panel has approved re-instituting the baked bread for our Sunday Masses. I have attached the recipe to give you a preview of what it entails. One batch of unleavened bread loaves provide enough bread for a month of Masses. If you were previously a part of this ministry, or enjoy baking and would like to be part of the ministry, please contact Bill Barrett, barrettb@webster.edu or Diane, (314) 941-4933, diane@stcronan.org We had enough people that we only baked bread once per year, so it is not a big time commitment if we get enough volunteers.

Advent Theme: This year we are focusing on Our Lady, Undoer of Knots as our Advent theme. Information will be available in Church and is attached. As a community, we recognize the many knots in our society that need to be undone: the knots of Climate Change, Clericalism, Prejudice, and within the Family. We implore our Blessed Mother Mary, undoer of knots, to raise our awareness and actions around these issues.

Advent Reflection Booklet: Thanks to all who have signed up to write an Advent Reflection. We still need reflections written for Christmas Day, Please return your reflections to Diane, diane@stcronan.com or dianegoz1951@gmail.com as soon as possible. Since more of us are in

church, I will have some printed copies available, but if you can read them online, that will save paper. I am publishing the booklet weekly on CronanTalk and on our website under "Updates and Reflections," so please get your reflections in the week before yours is needed. Questions? Contact Diane: (314) 941-4933.

Poinsettia Sale: St. Cronan is again selling poinsettias as a fund raiser. These flowers are so much bigger and prettier than what you find in the box stores.

We are selling:

6" Pot (16" -17" tall 5-7 blooms) in Red or White = \$22

8" Pot (20" -22" tall 12-15 blooms) in Red or White = \$30

10" GIANT Pot (28" -30"+ tall 16-20 blooms) in Red Only = \$40

Each poinsettia includes a gold pot cover.

Orders may be placed until noon on Tuesday 11/30. All orders should be placed online if possible. To order online, click here: <https://stcronan.square.site/> Customers may call the Office, (314) 289-9384, to place an order if they can't do it online, but must either provide a credit card so we could place the order online for them or pay via check. Customer Pickup at St. Cronan on Saturday 12/4 from 10 AM - 1 PM. People could pick up after Sunday Mass if necessary.

St. Cronan St. Vincent de Paul Adopt-A-Family As in past years, we hope to offer our neighbors in need some Christmas gifts for the holidays. If you would like to participate in adopting a family for Christmas this year, please sign up in the church vestibule, or call Kathleen Johnson, (314) 822-7517 or email johnsonkath2@gmail.com and let her know the size of family you prefer. She may be able to assign you a family or adult on the spot. If you are concerned about COVID, you can purchase gift cards and make arrangements to get them to the family, or you can shop for presents as before. Please respond if you would like to participate.

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.

Food Pantry Volunteer Opportunities: Driver for Food Pick up at St. Gerard Majella, Kirkwood on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 11:00 am. Food is delivered to St. Cronan and unloaded by volunteers and driver. We have another driver so each driver picks up 6 Sundays a year. You can use your own vehicle but would need a larger SUV or can use the St. Cronan truck. Time involved is approx. 1 hour.

Volunteers to help unload vehicle of food from St. Gerard Majella Church on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 11:30 am. We are in need of 2-3 volunteers. Time involved is about 10-15 minutes depending on the number of volunteers we have.

Volunteers needed to help with our Homebound Food Delivery on the 3rd Sunday of each month after the 10 am Mass. Each volunteer delivers to 2 households. We are looking for 2 regular volunteers plus 2 standby volunteers. Time involved is about 15-25 minutes depending on where the clients live. We really appreciate your consideration of these needs!

Kathy Hunn, Director~St. Cronan Church Food Pantry~314-704-9934 or kathyfoodpantry@gmail.com.

Winter Coats for the Border: Gently used coats and jackets are needed to share with some of many immigrants arriving at La Frontera shelter in Laredo, Texas. Many of the immigrants will quickly be heading North, and without the necessary winter wear. Please consider bringing any jackets or coats (especially teen/adult sizes) to weekend liturgies (back of Church), or deliver them to the Parish office during weekday hours. Look for the containers marked for "Laredo-La Frontera Coat Drive".

The 3-1/2 stories of Christmas: The 3 1/2 Stories of Christmas, Saturday, December 11, 7pm in Church at Immaculate Conception Parish in Dardenne. Children and adults will be delighted as all the parts of the Christmas story are tied together for the first time. From the light of Creation to the manger in Bethlehem, from the origin of Saint Nicholas to the secret of the Christmas angel himself. The event is presented by Frank Runyeon. Visit <https://www.runyeonproductions.com/> for more information, or see the attached flyer.

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, December 16. 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

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 Bueltman, Leslie Conway, Mike's grandson, Jack, Madonna Kuciejczyk-Kernan, Leslie Conway, Jim Gorman, Sharon Orlet's sister, Betty, Andrew Viragh's father, Nancy Buck's daughter, Jeanne, Al Sprehe.

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

I will also send the invitation on Saturday.

Advent has three thematic figures: John the Baptist, the Angels, and Mary. This year we are focusing on Mary, Undoer of Knots, who is a favorite of Pope Francis. In the 17th Century, a couple named Wolfgang and Sophie were married. At that time a white ribbon was placed around the hands of the couple to signify the bond of Matrimony during the service. A few years later, Wolfgang and Sophie experienced some friction in their marriage, and each time the couple argued, Sophie would tie a knot in their wedding ribbon. Wolfgang and Sophie asked for prayers and help from a priest. While praying for the couple in front of a picture of Mary, the priest held up the knotted ribbon, and soon the couple's relationship started healing. Later on, the couple's grandson, who was a priest, had an altar commissioned in honor of his Grandparents and their long relationship. The artist, who was

commissioned to complete a painting of Mary for the Altar, was taken with the story of the knotted ribbon and painted Mary undoing the knots from their wedding ribbon. As a Cardinal, Pope Francis learned of the story and brought Our Lady, Undoer of Knots, to Argentina and then to the world.

We all have personal knots and this Advent we can prepare the Way of the Lord by becoming more aware of our own knots. We can also become more aware of the Social knots in our lives. This first week of Advent, we are focusing on the knot of climate change. In his encyclical, "Laudato Si", Pope Francis emphasized the beauty of our planet and our responsibility to take care of it. Climate change is a complex knot. Island nations are sinking due to the pollution caused by developed nations. There are small actions we can do to help climate change in small ways, such as watching our use of water and avoiding the use of straws. With all of our small actions, redemption can be at hand. (From Fr. Jack's homily)

Advent Blessings!

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