

Monday Notes
November 29, 2021



Mass Schedule

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

Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, Mass is at 8:00 a.m. Wednesday.

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/>

The Mass on January 1-2 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 30, 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. This Wednesday celebrates the Feast of the Immaculate Conception – a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be at 8:00 a.m.

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. 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.

St. Cronan St. Vincent de Paul Sponsor-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 sponsoring 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.

SVdP Giving Tree: St. Cronan St. Vincent de Paul Society has their tree in the Church Chapel with envelopes attached for monetary donations to support their work throughout the year. This is one of SVdP's major fund raisers. If you would like to give online, you can through our website and the "donate" button. Just indicate that your donation is for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Thank you for your generosity.

Administrator's Wish List: Would you like to contribute to the administrator's annual **WISH LIST**? See the poster in back of church for a list of items and instruction on how to participate. The list is also attached. You can donate for a specified item, or just to the "Wish List" in general and we will apply your donation where needed most. Place your donation in the envelope provided and notate which item you would like to support. Or simply state "WISH LIST". You can place your envelope in the collection basket on Sunday, mail it in or drop it by the office any weekday between 9am and 3pm. You can also donate to the Wish List through our online contribution button on the church website. Click the "[we share](#)" link then scroll down to SPECIAL and notate "WISH LIST" in the comment section.

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".

when he is with children. To help loosen up priests, bring children to them. Help them to loosen up and be joyful ministers. (From Fr. Jack's homily)

Today's Gospel starts with a litany of powerful people, from Caesar in Rome to Annas and Caiaphas in Jerusalem. Yet, the Word of God came to John, a prophet in the wilderness, not to the powerful. John came from a priestly family, but spurned the privilege of the priesthood to become an itinerant preacher in the wilderness. Earlier in Luke, John's Father, the priest of the institution, is silenced, and his mother Elizabeth, someone on the fringes, is given a voice, which reverses the power dynamic. John is a prophetic figure of faith who cuts through the hypocrisy of power. The Church today protects the hierarchy. A month ago, Bishop Gomez, the president of the USCCB, criticized social justice groups such as BLM, calling them "pseudo-religions," and disparaging the concept of "wokeness." However, for Catholics, waking up is a metaphor very familiar to us. In contrast to Bishop Gomez, Pope Francis called social justice people "social poets," who create hope where there is exclusion. The world is seen more clearly from the periphery. Mary, undo the knot of clericalism in a system that stresses the center. Help us to listen for the Word of God on the periphery, because it is on the margins where God presides. (From Johnny Zokovitch's homily)

Advent Blessings!

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