

**Monday Notes (on Tuesday)  
December 28, 2021**

**New Year's Mass Schedule**

**Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God (Saturday, January 1)**

9:00 a.m. Mass

**Epiphany (Sunday, January 2)**

8:00 Mass

10:00 Mass

**Mass Schedule (after Jan. 2)**

5:00 p.m. Saturday

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

Daily Mass: 8:00 a.m. Wednesdays

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>

The Masses for the rest of January will be live-streamed at 10:00 on Sundays and posted on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/StCronan/> Our apologies for the live-stream last Sunday – we have a new sound system and need one more wire to connect it directly to the phone, and of course it is back-ordered. We will have it fixed as soon as we can.

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](mailto:diane@stcronan.org) or (314) 941-4933. I had a reader, but she has appointments and cannot be there, so it would be very helpful if someone could help.

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.

Organizations may begin to meet downstairs in the coffee and donut room, safely distanced and masked. Please call the office to schedule: (314) 289-9384.

**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](mailto:barrettb@webster.edu) or Diane, (314) 941-4933, [diane@stcronan.org](mailto: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.

**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.

**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](mailto:kathyfoodpantry@gmail.com).

**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, January 20. Please feel free to bring your own signs. If you have questions, please contact Trish Curtis: [trishquita1952@gmail.com](mailto:trishquita1952@gmail.com), or Kim Madden: [kim.madden514@gmail.com](mailto: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

**Marianist Retreat Center Women's Retreat:** Ordinary Faithfulness: a retreat for women. This Women's Retreat will be held at the beautiful Marianist Retreat and Conference Center beginning with dinner on Friday evening, January 7, 2022 and ending before Noon on Sunday, January 9, 2022.

Please see the attached flyer for information, or visit their website:

<https://marianistretreat.com/events/ordinary-faithfulness/>

**St. Martha's Drop-in Center:** Opening January 3, Monday-Friday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., no appointment necessary. All services free of charge. Advocates will be available during the drop-in ours to provide services and support to anyone impacted by domestic violence. Please see the attached information for details.

**End of Year Contributions:** Dear parishioners, Thank you for your generous support for our parish this year. As we approach the end of 2021, if you are planning year end contributions to your favorite charities, please keep St. Cronan on your list. If you have an individual retirement account (IRA) and you need to make a required minimum distribution (RMD), you are allowed to transfer money directly



Scripture is not trying to teach history, but offers a different view with symbolism given for us to get the message. The Infancy narrative of Luke begins in the Temple with Zacharia and ends in the Temple with Jesus. The infancy narratives were the last of the Gospels to be written – they offer symbolic narratives, not necessarily what actually happened. One looks at it from how it is put together and why. People traveled in large caravans and it would make sense that Jesus would be with relatives. Also, with important people, something important happens at the age of 12. Luke has Jesus appear in the seat of Wisdom, the holiest of places, the Temple, questioning and making comments before the intelligentsia. Since the time of the Enlightenment, humans look at progress through human reason. Technology would help us avoid human tragedy, but that is not happening. We need to approach our age with the questions of a child. We need to be aware of Jesus' love, not who's right or wrong. We need to ask simple questions to get to the heart of what people need and simply love. Jesus invites us to the great kinship of the Last Supper in the Eucharist. (From Fr. Jack's Sunday Homily)

Also attached is Sr. Lynne's wonderful Pastoral Reflection about Christ's Birth.

Blessings of the Season!

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