

Monday Notes (on Tuesday)
April 19, 2022

Fr. Jack, Mary, and Diane

Mass Schedule

5:00 p.m. Saturday

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

There is no 8:00 a.m. Mass this Wednesday

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

The Mass on May 1 will be recorded and available on our Website on Saturday afternoon. That Mass will be uploaded to our Website: www.stcronan.org

Masks are suggested for all Masses.

Participation for Holy Week: A big thank-you to all who participated in the Triduum and Easter services, and came to decorate. We celebrate the Passion, Death and Resurrection as Community, and as Community we prepare.

Collection for Priest's Retirement: The collection took place on Easter Sunday and benefits our own Fr. Gerry and all the retired priests who have served throughout the years. Envelopes are in the Chapel, and you can still give this Sunday. Please be generous.

First Communion will take place Sunday, May 1 at 1:30 p.m. in Church. It is for the children and their families, and will be live-streamed for the Community to join us. We will have cards available April 24 for you to sign to support our First Communicants with your prayers.

Live Meetings: We are opening up for live meetings. If your committee or organization would like to meet live in the Coffee and Donut room or conference room at the Parish Center, please contact Mary, mary@stcronan.org to schedule your date and time.

All Things New: As part of the All Things New strategic pastoral planning initiative, you are encouraged to share your input about Catholic Education in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. The survey is open to all current/former/prospective parents, alumni, faculty, staff, administrators, donors, volunteers, and community members of both Catholic Schools and Parish-based Religious Education programs. The survey is available to be completed from April 5 through May 2 and can be accessed here: www.surveymonkey.com/r/EDUCATIONSURVEY2022. For any questions, email allthingsnew@archstl.org. These surveys are very important to our Parish, so please complete it as soon as you can. Online is best, and if you require assistance you can make an appointment to complete it in the parish office.

If you would like further information, you can visit the Archdiocese's website <https://allthingsnew.archstl.org/>, or email any of the people on our leadership team listed here:

The Five Key Parish Leaders appointed by the Parish Council:

David Gaillardetz – davidgaillardetz@gmail.com

Melanie Ernst – ernst.melanie@wustl.edu

Justin Lorenz – jmlorenz@gmail.com
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Andrew Viragh – andrew.viragh@gmail.com
The Point of Contact Person (Coordinator) appointed by Fr. Jack:
Sister Chabanel Mathison, O.S.U. - chabanelm@gmail.com

You can voice your concerns to any of the team listed above, or email your comments to the All Things New Commission on their website <https://allthingsnew.archstl.org/>.

Hidden Mercy: A Discussion and Book Signing with Michael O’Loughlin, St. Francis Xavier College Church, April 21, 7:00 p.m. Michael will speak about the way the Catholic Church compassionately ministered to the LGBTQ Community most impacted by the AIDS epidemic. For more information, please see the attached flyer.

Day-Long Women’s Retreat: Mark your Calendars! **Women's Day Long Retreat** planned for **Saturday, June 25, 2022**. Tentative time from **8:30am to 4:30pm**. **In person and outdoors** - Centrally located near Hampton and Hwy 44. Theme and **details to follow**. Donna Moromarco, Kim Madden, and Mary Middendorf are in the planning stages. Express your interest in attending by emailing mary.middendorf@gmail.com as soon as possible. Space is limited.

The Gardening Committee, who take care of the Church grounds, are in need of pots for thinning plants. You can leave them on the side of the rectory.

Donations for Ukraine: The Ukrainian Children’s Aid and Relief Effort, Inc. or UCARE, Inc., is a charity serving the needy and orphaned children of Ukraine. If anyone wants to financially help the Ukrainian situation, please consider this charity. The website is www.ucareinc.org. Bob Hoffman has worked with this group for years. For further information, please contact the office. You can give to Catholic Relief Services as well: <https://support.crs.org/donate/>

Earth Day takes place this weekend, April 23-24, and can offer several suggestions to continue our Lenten theme of “living simply”.

Metropolitan Congregations United has invited congregations to participate in Earth Day by representing St. Cronan at their booth, and several additional places to be involved this Spring. Please see the attached flyer to volunteer.

MCU has shared this invitation with us: CRC is hosting a Community Seder on Tuesday, April 26 to share our Passover traditions with partners across our region. We would love for you to be our guest, and you are welcome to invite others from MCU staff or congregations to join you. A flyer is attached with more information. Here is the link for registration: <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=t5ti5ocbb&oeidk=a07ej3l66kn17ebcd74>

Retrouvaille-St. Louis weekend, August 19 – 21, 2022 - Healing Your Marriage--
Retrouvaille (French for “Rediscovery”) is a 3-phase program designed to give you the tools to restore your marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. For more information or to register, call **314.453.0110** or visit website: www.HelpOurMarriage.org Fully Confidential and affordable. Space is limited with Covid-19 precautions. Register early. Questions: Tom & Kerry Marsh 314.753.2022

Mid-life Singles: Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at King's House Retreat Center, Belleville, IL (20 min from downtown St. Louis), on June 3-5, 2022. Cost is \$215 including meals and a single room. Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, e-mail reflect.stlouis@gmail.com, or call (314) 283-0044 for details.

Compassionate St. Louis: St. Cronan has become a member of this movement to help make our city a more compassionate place. You will be seeing their logo on our bulletins and signs. For further information, please visit their website: <https://www.compassionate-stl.org/about-us>

Catholic Racial Justice Collaborative: Be the change you wish to see. As Catholics, it is our spiritual duty to combat the sin of personal and institutional racism. Could you use additional resources to understand and identify what it means to be anti-racist in your life? Follow the @Catholic Racial Justice Collaborative on Facebook at Catholic Racial Justice Collaborative or visit our website at www.catholicracialjusticestl.org.

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, May, 20. 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: Laurel Hayes; Laurel Hayes' parents Jerry and Nancy; Robert Nathe's Mother, Eileen; Colleen Wallace's godson, Lachlan; Michelle Frank; Jennifer Lyle and Krista Rakers; Jessica; Nick Ambrose; Al Sprehe; Phil Milner; Mike's grandson, Jack; Jim Gorman; Andrew Viraugh's Father; Sharon Orlet's sister, Betty; Nancy Buck's daughter, Jeanne; Kathy Bayless; Tom Kuciejczyk-Kernan's brother, Steve; Barry Buchek's wife, Mary; Trish Curtis' mother and brother; Gavin Barrett-Hayes; Barb Sopp's cousin, Patty Struckhoff; Marie and Roland Martir's granddaughter, Madi; David Gaillardetz' father, Richard; Fr. Gerry's classmate, Fr. Pat O'Laughlin; Nick and Shirley Ambrose's daughter, Brigid Costello; Marcy Soda.

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 IS BACK; Please join us for Fellowship and community in the COFFEE AND DONUT ROOM after the 10:00 Mass on Sundays. Many thanks to Maggie Hart-Mahon and Dorothy Strathman-Lucy for organizing. If you are interested in taking one weekend a month to host, please contact Maggie: ofccomp17@gmail.com

Homily Reflection:

In the culmination of Lent, we have the celebration of the power of the Triduum. This Holy Thursday we had John's Gospel, which does not include the institution of the Eucharist, but rather celebrated the Mandatum – the call to serve. On Good Friday, we celebrated Christ's passion and death, which is the ultimate call to serve. On the Easter Vigil, we lit the new fire and welcomed the light of Christ into our dark Church. We heard our story, blessed the waters

and renewed our Baptismal Promises, again being called to serve. There is a story that Jesus and Satan were battling over who was best at the computer. God decided to hold a contest in which God would be the judge. Jesus and Satan had two hours to prove who was the best. They wizarded Word, excelled at Excel, and pounded Powerpoint. Ten minutes before the time was up, the electricity went out. Satan used every expletive in the book. Jesus calmly produced a PDF of every file. Satan complained to God that it wasn't fair, and God said, "Satan, you of all people should know that Jesus Saves!" Carl Rahner said of the Resurrection that we will become all we ever could have been. This takes faith and hope. Death isn't the end – I will be all I ever hope to be because of the Resurrection. Those that have died are alive, they are with us. We are in the darkness. Love keeps us to the end and through the end. Christ is Risen. (From Fr. Jack's homily)

Also attached is a Pastoral Reflection from Richard Rohr.

Blessings!

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