

**Monday Notes**  
**April 25, 2022**

**Mass Schedule**

5:00 p.m. Saturday

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

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](http://www.stcronan.org)

If anyone is available to lector for the recorded Mass on Thursday, April 28 at 9:30 a.m., please contact Diane [diane@stcronan.org](mailto:diane@stcronan.org)

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

Masks are suggested for all Masses.

**First Reconciliation** Gus Myers-Musso is making his First Reconciliation this Sunday at 9:30 at St. Cronan. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as he continues his Faith Journey.

**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 May 1 for you to sign to support our First Communicants with your prayers.

Choir members are needed for the First Communion Mass this Sunday at 1:30 p.m. If you are available to sing for our First Communicants, please contact David Dickey: [dsdickey@earthlink.net](mailto:dsdickey@earthlink.net) or Diane: [diane@stcronan.org](mailto:diane@stcronan.org)

**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](mailto:mary@stcronan.org) to schedule your date and time.

**Grand Slam Baseball Raffle.** Similar to the Football Raffle, **for \$25 you have 9 chances to win for each of the 17 weeks.** That's a cost of only \$1.47 per week. **You don't need to know anything about Major League Baseball.** Nor do you need to watch the games or keep track of anything. **Each Grand Slam Baseball Card has a unique 3 letter/number code. The code identifies your ticket and allows you to identify the three teams you have for each of the 17 weeks.** If that sounds confusing, no worries, when you win you will be notified and checks are automatically sent to the address you printed on the card. Cards will be available to purchase after the Masses. As a reminder, we're doing the Grand Slam Baseball Raffle in conjunction with St. John's Church in Imperial. They administer the entire program and St. Cronan is paid for every card we sell. For further information, please contact Helen Heilich: [hheilich31@yahoo.com](mailto:hheilich31@yahoo.com)

**Spring Plant Sale:** The St. Cronan Parish Fundraising Committee is having a Spring Plant sale. The plants are from Fahr Greenhouse, which is local and family-owned. I have attached a flyer/order form (below) to order the following:

- 10" hanging baskets

- 17" patio planters (sun-loving)
- 4" vege plants: tomatoes, cherry tomatoes and bell peppers

There is a relatively short time for ordering. **All orders must be received by April 25th.** Delivery of the plants will be the weekend of Mother's Day. An Order form is attached. \*  
If you have any questions, please email me directly at [jrhoffman1@me.com](mailto:jrhoffman1@me.com) or text/call me at 314-496-5160.

**Gospel Call to be Neighbor:** St. Pius V Parish has invited members of St. Cronan and other parishes to join them to determine how to best engage to serve refugees and immigrants to our neighborhoods. Several from St. Cronan attended an initial listening session last Sunday. We received information concerning the plight of refugees and immigrants as they settle in St. Louis, and what their needs are. As this opportunity develops, we will be sharing information concerning future meetings. If you have any interest and time to help, please contact Diane [diane@stcronan.org](mailto:diane@stcronan.org). We will keep you apprised as the community effort develops and ways you can help.

**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](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EDUCATIONSURVEY2022). For any questions, email [allthingsnew@archstl.org](mailto: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](mailto:davidgaillardetz@gmail.com)

Melanie Ernst – [ernst.melanie@wustl.edu](mailto:ernst.melanie@wustl.edu)

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Andrew Viragh – [andrew.viragh@gmail.com](mailto:andrew.viragh@gmail.com)

The Point of Contact Person (Coordinator) appointed by Fr. Jack:

Sister Chabanel Mathison, O.S.U. - [chabanelm@gmail.com](mailto: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/>.

**CPR Training:** The St. Cronan Health Cabinet will be offering a CPR training and certification renewal training to all Cronanites. The possible dates will be May 3 or May 7. If you are interested in attending the training, please click on the link to the Doodle Poll below and check what date(s) you are available. Please respond to the poll no later than April 28, as the dates are fast approaching. Once we determine a date, we will send out further info and reservation instructions. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Mary Middendorf.

<https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/bmZ78Apd>

**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 Moramarco, Kim Madden, and Mary Middendorf are in the planning stages. Express your interest in attending by emailing [mary.middendorf@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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/>

**Central Reform Congregation Community Seder:** 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](http://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](http://www.ReflectRetreat.com), e-mail [reflect.stlouis@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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](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

**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; Shelly Kurtz; Dorothy Lucey's brother, Leo Strathman.

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](mailto: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](mailto:ofccomp17@gmail.com)

### **Homily Reflection:**

It is the Octave of Easter. We continue the joy of the Resurrection for 50 days, but especially the 8 days following Easter. We hear that famous Gospel about Thomas, who picked up the nickname "Doubting Thomas", not deserved. Actually, Thomas is the one who wanted to go with Jesus into Jerusalem when the other disciples thought it was too dangerous. He was the loyal apostle. God was using him, because God needed to point out the wounds of Jesus. Not even the resurrection takes away wounds. Jesus is wounded and resurrected. He carries his scars into the resurrection. We all get wounded in life because so much of life is "not fair." We get scarred. If we aggravate those wounds, our life is pretty bitter, but if we allow the scars to heal, then we will not forget the transition from the harm to a more balanced situation, one of peace. The important part of that Gospel is when the apostles are in that upper room terrified, thinking they might be next, their hearts wounded from Jesus' death, and Jesus comes into their midst and he breathed on them. Breath is a deep Biblical image, starting from Genesis when God breathed and humanity was born; in Ezekiel, when the Israeli people were decimated, Ezekiel has this image of a field full of dried bones, that God breathes on and the bones come together to form an army. With the Apostles, he breathed onto them the Holy Spirit and the terror began to subside into Pentecost. So as we take a look at our own lives, and recognize there's been wounds. May we not aggravate the wounds but allow the scar, for God to breathe into us. St. Jane de Chantal, who had a good life and married a wealthy husband who died suddenly in a hunting accident, plunging her into a 7-year depression. Then God breathed life into her through St. Francis de Sales. She heard him speak and felt the breath of the Spirit so that she didn't need to aggravate that depression, but moved from that to life. That is what the

Resurrection is about, wounded and resurrected, for all of us. We all get the wounds, may we continue to accept the breath to rise to life. (From Fr. Jack's homily)

Also attached is Diane's Pastoral Reflection.

Blessings!

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