

Monday Notes

April 4, 2022 (include recipes on April 11)

Mass Schedule

5:00 p.m. Saturday

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

8:00 a.m. 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 Triduum services will be live-streamed as well.

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.

Holy Week Services: Holy Thursday and Good Friday will begin at 7:00 p.m. The Easter Vigil will start at 7:30 p.m.

Decorate for Holy Week: We will decorate for Easter at 10:00 a.m. on Holy Saturday, April 9. Please join us if you can.

Participation for Holy Week: Several readers are needed for the Passion on Palm Sunday, and the Triduum. We still have lots of room for people to participate. I'm attaching the sign up sheet so you know who is needed. Please email me, Diane, at diane@stcronan.org to volunteer, or sign up on the Google Doc at this link: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/17acxXpMaUqSFbOy4IVRyqjwK0YU6kSK7/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=103057187619177728911&rtpof=true&sd=true> or sign up in Church.

Rice Bowls: Don't forget to return your Rice Bowls during Holy Week.

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 27 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.

Lenten Journey: "Embracing God's Abundance." The reflection sheet for this past weekend is attached and can be found on Cronan Talk as well. If you would like to share some of your reflections or actions with the Community, please write them on the index cards and place them in the basket. I will see that they are attached to the wall. If you have reflections and are not attending Church, email them to me at diane@stcronan.org and I will share them with the community.

Stations of the Cross in Atonement for Abuse and for the Healing of All will be offered online on Friday April 8 at 3:00 p.m. They will be available on our Website. See the powerful picture of the first station attached

All Things New: Thanks to all who completed the All Things New Disciple Maker Survey. As part of the All Things New strategic pastoral planning initiative, now 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

Teresa Sullivan – tsullivan731@gmail.com

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/>.

Racial Equity and All Things New: Many Racial Equity committees are concerned about the limiting nature of the Disciple Makers Index form, especially as we consider the effect that All Things New may have on predominately-Black and brown Catholics and their parishes in our diocese. For decades, these parishes have been suffering from disproportionate neglect and closure, and parishioners' needs, interests, and spiritual engagement often ignored. There is a form on the All Things New website where you can express more open-ended comments and concerns. **The deadline is April 8.** Please use it to express your thoughts, concerns, hopes, etc. Please also share it with others so we can ensure a multiplicity of voices are heard and that systemic issues which continue to shape our Church and diocese and the spiritual gifts of its members don't remain neglected. The form is buried deep on the website and not well advertised, so it's crucial to spread the word. The more voices the better! Here is the link: <https://allthingsnew.archstl.org/Ways-to-Engage/Synod-on-Synodality/Feedback>

Welcome Neighbor, STL will participate in the 2022 Thurtene Carnival at Washington University, Friday, April 8 through Sunday, April 10. To volunteer and/or to buy a dinner, please see the link: <https://us15.campaign-archive.com/?e=0623462457&u=c75e549c4f49156ad1a655079&id=ee92308af8>

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/>

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.

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

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>

Help Me With Vital Statistics We are updating our data bases in the Parish Office and we need your help. We have noticed that many parishioners do not have a "joined date" entered in their profiles. If you remember the date you joined St. Cronan as an active parishioner, please shoot Mary a short email mary@stcronan.org or give her a call 314-289-9384. Even if it's just the year. That way we can update our data base. We don't know if we will need this important info for "All Things New" or not, but certainly, these vital statistics are needed for other purposes. Thank you so much for your assistance.

Do You Use Your Church Giving Envelopes? Thank you so much for your generous contributions to St. Cronan. We are conducting an audit of our giving envelope system. If you are no longer using your giving envelopes in the collection basket, or you are giving only on-line, please let Mary know. We can remove you from the paper envelope mailings and cut down on the paper use. Thank you.

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.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, April 15. 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, Maggie; David Gaillardetz' father, Richard; Nick and Shirley Ambrose's daughter, Brigid Costello.

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 THIS SUNDAY! No more virtual coffee or virtual donuts – we will have the real thing! 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:

The sub-theme of today's Gospel is compassion. The Scribes and Pharisees use their authority to condemn, criticize, and attack, inflicting unending punishment. Our society exhibits these. We are inundated with movies in which the good guys "get" the bad guys by hurting and killing them, showing no mercy. There are many examples in which the Church used its authority in the same ways. The Pharisees used the woman as a pawn to trap Jesus. Other authorities use people as pawns as well, such as Texas using parents of trans children as scapegoats just to get election results, or those who use abortion as a litmus test for good vs. evil politicians. Jesus had compassion that changed the crowd and the woman. Look at how far Jesus goes to lift up compassion. The tax collectors and sinners listen to Jesus and their hearts change. If we listen, our hearts change as well. (From Fr. Jack's homily)

Today's Gospel tells the story of the woman caught in adultery. What strikes me is that only the woman is brought before Jesus, and that we, 2,000 years later, still only call this story "The Woman caught in adultery." Where is her adulterous male partner? This omission speaks of the patriarchal sexism of Jesus' time. The woman is blamed and by law, punished to death, for defiling the husband's honor. A biblical scholar wonders if she was not set up, collateral damage in a scheme to trap Jesus. Jesus did not fall into the trap set by her accusers. He let who is without sin cast the first stone. It seems significant that Jesus, who is without sin, did not cast a stone. He does not punish or blame. He invites her to be her best self. This patriarchal sexism continues to the present day. Women and girls are half of the world's population, yield

two-thirds of the world's work hours, receive a tenth of the world's income and own less than one-hundredth of the world's property. Around the world, women have a high death rate, often because of death due to childbirth, lower access to health care, lower employment opportunities and income levels. Women are marginalized and exploited by society and often suffer oppression and exploitation by men. We could add many more atrocities to women. We could be easily paralyzed by this suffering, or we could be like our parishioner, Sr. Tony Temporiti, and act compassionately to support women in whatever ways that are within our reach, and through that solidarity make a positive difference. After taking an 8-month trip in Africa, Tony returned home and began to think about how the cost of her lunch would support a woman in Africa for a month. She went to a workshop and met people who started Microfinancing organizations and, with some of her colleagues, began Microfinancing Partners of Africa, which for 15 years has provided loans, both monetary and living, to help women in Africa start businesses which have improved their way of life and that of their villages. More information and ways to help can be found here: <https://microfinancingafrica.org/>

Also attached is Johnny Zokovitch's Pastoral Reflection.

Blessings!

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