

Monday Notes

May 16, 2022

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

The Mass on June 5 will be recorded and available on our Website on Saturday afternoon. That Mass will be uploaded to our Website: www.stcronan.org

If anyone is available to lector for the recorded Mass on Thursday, June 2 at 9:30 a.m., please contact Diane diane@stcronan.org

Masks are suggested for all Masses.

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.

Black Lives Matter Vigil: The St. Cronan Social Justice Committee is hosting a Vigil as a way of atoning for past racism, and to mourn the loss of the Buffalo residents this past weekend. 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 this 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

Archbishop's Visit: Archbishop Rozanski will join us at 10:00 Mass on Sunday, May 28. Since the Archbishop did not have time to listen and pray with us after Mass, we will not be having a reception.

Are You Called to be a Sister? The Sisters of St. Joseph Vocation Team invites women interested in religious life to join them at a weekend event June 10-12, 2022. For more information contact vocation@csjlife.org or see the flyer attached.

Immigrant/Refugee aid: The following items are in need for new immigrants and refugees moving to our area. Kim Madden has placed crates in Church and in the office for your donations. She will take them to the Islamic Center after Mass on May 22.

Linens (sheets/bedding of all sizes - Twin, Full and Queen)

Towels - Bath, kitchen - new or lightly used

Blankets (all sizes) - lightly used is fine

Dry goods - rice, beans, lentils, flour, sugar, and cooking oil (veg., canola, olive);
and packaged snacks for kids (preferably without added gelatin)

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. We will keep you apprised as the community effort develops and we find ways you can help.

All Things New:

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

Dede Coughlin – dec4@sbcglobal.net

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/>.

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 as soon as possible. Space is limited.

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/>

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.

Erastus Brown Historical Marker Unveiling Ceremony There is a group in our area who have been working on memorializing lynchings that occurred in Missouri. The next remembrance will take place in Union, Missouri, on Saturday, July 9 at 11:00 a.m. and will honor Mr. Erastus Brown. Please see the attached flyer for further information.

Red Cross Volunteers: The Red Cross is in need of volunteers in the St. Louis Area. Please see the flyer in the Chapel for more information.

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, and great-grandson; 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; Varrietta Anthony; Teresa Sullivan's friend, Caroline Bucci; Kathy Stock's niece, Jill.

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:

We are in the Season of Easter, a time to remember the great mysteries of our church, the mysteries of our sacraments, the presence of God in our midst. We continue that joy for 50 days. Today we hear what it's all about, the New Commandment, "Love one another as I have loved you." That's what all of Easter is about – that joy that comes when there is that love of one another. I heard a statement this week, "People forget the successful person by they never forget the sacrificial person." The one who does for me, or you, or your loved ones. One who is unimportant in the world but makes a sacrifice.

An example is one of the legends of St. Louis, Msgr John Shockley, who worked in the inner city parishes where other priests didn't want to go. He loved the people of the inner city and sacrificed for them. During the riots in the 60's he put himself in front of them and told them "take me first," and they dispersed. Because they know him to be a man of peace, a man who sacrificed so that they might have peace. That redounded and they walked away from rioting. Sacrifice isn't giving something up. Sacrifice is more like we're passing it on, like Fr. Shockley passed on peace. My first assignment, I visited a woman with terminal cancer. That's where I learned about death. Her husband quit his job to love his wife to the end. That love was passed on to their 4 children. That continues. One brother worked to build the Black Madonna Shrine for decades, using millions of rocks. He passed on the beauty that have inspired many visitors through his sacrifice. My father owned a repair shop and was a volunteer fireman. When the alarm ran up he would run down the street to the fire house. That sacrifice of time and maybe his life was passed on to me. He showed me that the sacrifice is worth it. May you love one another as Jesus has loved us. (From Fr. Jack's homily)

Also attached are TWO pastoral reflections for this week, from Sr. Chabanel and from Sr. Lynne.

Blessings!

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