

Monday Notes May 02, 2022

Mass Schedule

5:00 p.m. Saturday

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

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.

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

Spring Plant Sale: If you ordered plants, they will be available for pick up this weekend, May 7-8 at Church. Please have your payment with you. If you have any questions, please email me directly at jrhoffman1@me.com or text/call me at 314-496-5160.

MCU

We are invited to "Dancing in the Streets" on May 19th, the 2022 MCU fundraising gala, featuring dinner, dancing, organizing, fundraising, and community building. In this episode, hear what MCU means to our organizers as we work to create a better life for all residents of the St. Louis region. Fr. Jack will purchase our tickets. If you are interested in making up a "St. Cronan" Table, please contact Diane, diane@stcronan.org. See the attached flyer for more information and for other Social Justice activities that MCU is launching and how you can be involved.

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 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

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/>.

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.

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. The committee is having a work-day on Saturday, May 7, 9-Noon in the Garden around the Church and 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/>

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; 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. 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:

Jesus tells the disciples to "cast your nets on the starboard side." You have to get the right side. If you drop your net on the port side, you're not going to catch fish. Where do we cast our nets and what brings us to cast the nets? Missionaries have cast their nets in China, in the Slavic Countries and in Africa by learning the languages and culture and translating the Mass and Bible so that people might have access to the Word. They cast their nets on the starboard side.

We have voices telling us where to cast our nets, how do we know what is the right side? Peter says to obey God and not human beings. We need to cast our nets on God's side, but how do we tell? We need to cast our net on what looks like a place of growth for yourself, a place to learn more about love and hope. If we listen to Jesus, we will have a big catch. (From Fr. Jack's homily)

Simon Peter said "I'm going fishing!" The other disciples said, "We're going with you. Peter is impetuous, impulsive and has no patience. He thought his life with Jesus was over, so he goes back to the familiar, to who he was before he met Jesus, rather than stepping into the resurrected life and moving forward. Jesus come to the rescue when he appears at dawn on the shore. When he instructs the apostles to throw the net and it is full, Peter recognizes Jesus. When Peter had denied Jesus three times, he failed the test of what it means to be a disciple, and he couldn't forgive himself. Jesus forgives him and restores him by referring to him as Simon, son of John (who he used to be), and asking him three times "do you love me?" Peter responds three times, reversing the three denials, and his call to be Shepherd of Jesus' church is restored. Peter has a fallibility. He is someone we can relate to. We also have the best intentions, but can be filled with doubt. A feeling of inadequacy can hold us back. What disappointment in your life has you going back to fishing instead of living the resurrected life? The good news is that Jesus loves us anyway. He asks us "do you love me?" and tells us to go forwards. Jesus will lead us and carry us. The Kingdom of God is here – there is not going back to fishing. (From Cathy Hartrich's homily)

Also attached is Fr. Jack's Pastoral Reflection.

Blessings!

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