

Monday Notes May 09, 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.

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

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 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.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, 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

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.

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:

Throughout all of history there have been crises in our Church. The first reading talks about the first crisis – whether to welcome Gentiles into The Way. At the first Ecumenical Council – the Council of Jerusalem, it was declared that all are welcome. The second reading occurs when the Christians were pretty much hopeless, when there were prosecutions everywhere. God wanted the Word to get to the people in that crisis. Today we can't avoid the elephant in the room. We need to talk about Roe vs. Wade. Judge Alito's brief gave me a strange feeling.

People were often embarrassed by their stance on pro-life issues because they were harassed, but Judge Alito's brief caused a different embarrassment. This is a complex issue – not just good vs. evil, because there are victims on both sides. How do we approach that? Like it or not, the perception is that the Catholic Church is anti-woman, anti-poor, and anti-immigrant because we hitched our wagons to a certain group of politicians. It has become a zero-sum game. There is a problem with the way the Catholic Church is perceived in democracy now because 3 justices were nominated by 2 presidents who did not win the election. They won the electoral vote, but not the popular vote. Also, we are caught in the hypocrisy of the system, since Mitch McConnell refused to nominate a justice in 9 months, but was able to get one nominated in four weeks. We bought into the whole package – not just abortion. This perception is not true in most cases, but we have not stood up for women who are pregnant, to make it inviting to bring a baby to term. We are not picketing for paid leave or for a decent social net that would allow mothers to care for the children they bear. We've got to cut that cord and stand up for life all the way. Many are pro-birth but most aren't pro-life. We need to come out for all of life – to make that choice so welcoming that women carry their children to term. What's the good news? The gospel says "my sheep hear my voice." Some journalists who are pro-life heard the Shepherd's voice and are helping us come to grips with our feelings about abortion. Can we all have an ear to hear the shepherd's voice in this so that we might be a people who are true to life all the way? (From Fr. Jack's homily)

Also attached is Teresa Sullivan's Pastoral Reflection.

Blessings!

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