

Monday Notes (on Tuesday)
September 13, 2022

Mass Schedule

5:00 p.m. Saturday

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

8:00 a.m. Wednesday

(There will be NO 8:00 Wednesday Mass on 14 – Fr. Jack is out of town)

The Masses for September 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.

Thanks to all who offered to help me these two weeks. We're still standing!

Willie's Fund: Our custodian, Willie Knighten, passed away suddenly a few weeks ago. If you would like to contribute to a trust fund for his daughter, Nina, who lost her mother last November and will be a senior in high school, please send checks to St. Cronan with "Willie" in the memo. You can also contribute on this site: <https://stcronan.square.site>

Seeds of Justice Network: Interested in social justice activities in our area? Visit www.seedsjustice.org or use the QR code below to sign up for the Seeds of Justice Network newsletter! The weekly email features a justice-focused article of the week, a listing of local events, and a few national events & trainings.



All Things New:

St. Cronan is scheduled for a listening session with the Archdiocese in November. We hope to have an assembly in October to prepare. Further information will be shared as soon as it is available.

St. Cronan Anti-Bias/Anti-Racism Survey: The Survey is now closed. Thanks to all who participated. Information concerning next steps will be available soon. If you have any thoughts or questions, please contact Andrew Viragh, andrew.viragh@gmail.com or Justin Lorenz, jmlorenz@gmail.com

Pax Christi: Make plans to participate in the Bread Not Stones Days of Actions, Sept. 19-26. Find the Bread Not Stones organizing toolkit at <https://paxchristiusa.org/bread-not-sones-2022> Look for the prayer cards in the Chapel.

Tower Grove Pridefest St. Cronan is having a booth to welcome our LBGTQIA+ brothers and sisters Saturday, September 24 and Sunday 25. Volunteers are needed to staff the table both days from 11:00 – 6:00. To sign up for a time slot, please see the poster in the Chapel, or visit the Google sheet:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1UeqDek0CVQWbHJcCia05iWYhoQmQ6KlsaxtqK3Ya4l/edit?usp=sharing>

History of St. Cronan's: I have posted the pictures of the posters on CronanTalk. To access the pictures on CronanTalk, you need to click on the blue link, then click "open Zip extractor". Once that is open, you can view the posters, or download them to your computer. Here is the link: [St. Cronan's History Vol 1.zip](#) Any questions, please see Bill Blow or Al Sprehe.

St. Louis Black History Bus Tour: Fr. Gerry has been leading these tours on select Saturday mornings for members of the Archdiocese. If there is an interest at St. Cronan's, we will schedule one in the near future. The tour would leave St. Cronan's parking lot on a Saturday at 9:30 a.m. and return to St. Cronan at 1:00 p.m., with an opportunity to eat lunch and discuss with Fr. Gerry at the Parish Center after. Please see the flyer in the chapel for details. To show your interest in a tour, please contact Paul.loida@bayer.com ; Berniesalmons@aol.com ; tulsabillw@gmail.com

St. Pius V Anti-racism & Equity Working Group is sponsoring The Slavery, History, Memory, and Reconciliation Project with Fr. Jeff Harrison, SJ, a workshop presented on Sunday, Sept. 18, 3:00-4:30 p.m. at St. Pius V Singler Hall. For further information, please see the flyer attached.

Archdiocesan Wedding Jubilee Mass will be celebrated Sunday, October 9, at 2:30 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica. Archbishop Rozanski will preside. This Mass is for married couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 years of marriage in 2022. Registrations are still available at archstl.org/jubilee or call (314) 792-7171

Small Group Classes: JustFaith Ministries is offering several small-group opportunities starting this fall. If you are interested in any of these, please click the link for further information and registration.
<https://justfaith.org/fall-2022-national-small-groups/>

Welcome Neighbor Dinner will be held at St. Margaret of Scotland, 3854 Flad Ave. on Friday, September 23, at 6:30 pm. Cost: \$35 per person. For the menu and details, please see the attached flyer. To register, please click [here](#). Some of us from St. Cronan are attending, so please consider joining us.

Environmental Justice Parish Open House will take place Saturday, September 17 at 9:00 am at Our Lady of the Holy Cross Catholic Church, 8115 Church Road, 63147. For more information please see the flyer in the Chapel.

SLUH Mothers Club 95th Annual Fall Social October 2nd Whether you are an alumni or current or future SLUH parent, or are just looking for a fun afternoon, all are welcome! Please join us in the Si Commons on Sunday, October 2 from 11 AM until 2:30 PM for games, food, shopping and a fashion show. Reservations are \$12 for the event with an optional lunch for an

additional \$12. Buy a single ticket or request group seating. See old friends and make new ones! This long-standing event (formerly Card Party) is not to be missed! Please register at <https://tinyurl.com/SLUHFallSocial> by **September 26!**

The Reclamation Center of the Archdiocese of St. Louis is holding an open house Wednesday October 26 and Monday November 7, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For further information, please see the flyer in the chapel.

The Word Among Us: This daily meditation book is available free of charge in the Chapel. Feel free to take one for September.

MCU events: The next **big event** for us is **Our Values, Our Voices, Our Votes**, a candidate forum with those running to be the next senator from the 24th Missouri Senate District. (Note: Sen. Jill Schupp is termed out. The map has been redrawn and is more competitive now. Every senator from the St. Louis Region matters on multiple MCU priority issues.) September 22, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Please see the attached flyer for more information and to register.

Katy Trail Marian Pilgrimage: Craving spiritual growth? Asking God to lead you down the right path? or perhaps you're... Yearning for fellowship? Longing for more prayer time? **If you answered yes to any or all of these questions (or if we just grabbed your attention), try being led to Him through Her! Please consider joining us for a Katy Trail Marian Pilgrimage informational meeting:** Thursday, September 15th at 6:45 PM at **St. John the Baptist-Gildehaus Catholic Church Rectory 5567 Gildehaus Road, Villa Ridge, MO 63089** Phone: 636-583-2488 ...we hope to see you there! And remember, if you're asking God to guide your footsteps, be willing to move your feet! **For more information, please visit our website at** KatyTrailPilgrimage.com **or send us an email at** MarianPilgrimage77@gmail.com

Apostolic Letter: Pope Francis has written an Apostolic Letter entitled [Desiderio Desideravi](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/20220629-lettera-ap-desiderio-desideravi.html), on the liturgical formation of the People of God. To read the letter, visit this website: https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/20220629-lettera-ap-desiderio-desideravi.html

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.

COFFEE AND Donuts: Please join us for Fellowship and community in the COFFEE AND DONUT ROOM after the 10:00 Mass on Sundays.

Black Lives Matter Vigil, takes place the third Friday of the Month at the corner of Manchester and Kingshighway, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. The next vigil will take place on Friday, September 16. Please join us!

City Greens Market would like to partner with the St. Cronan Community in providing fresh, quality food to our neighbors. We had a great time visiting last Sunday. Hopefully, some of our community will consider becoming members. Please come check us out! www.stlcitygreens.org

Being Who You Are, Perfectly Well: An LBGTQIA+ Catholics, Families and Friends Retreat will take place November 18-20 at the Mercy Retreat Center. For further details visit this link: <https://marianistsjc.net/lgbtq-retreat>

Transformational Journey: A Pilgrimage to the Edmund Pettus Bridge, the National Voting Rights Museum in Selma, the National Memorial for Peace & Justice and the Legacy Museum in Montgomery, Alabama is being planned for Thursday, October 20 – Sunday, October 23. Save the dates – more details will follow as they are finalized. A community member who now lives in Florida, Jenny Marquardt, recently wrote that she has visited these sites, and the journey is truly transformational.

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>

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

Dear ones: please check through the prayer list, and if there is anyone who has recovered and can be removed, please let Diane know. Of course, we will keep anyone in need of prayers, but the list is getting rather extensive and we wanted to update. If I have taken someone off that should still be on, please don't hesitate to tell me. Thanks!

Prayers Please: Kathy Bayless; Barry Buchek's wife, Mary; Trish Curtis' mother and brother; David Gaillardetz' father, Richard; Nick and Shirley Ambrose's daughter, Brigid Costello; Shelly Kurtz; Varrietta Anthony; Teresa Sullivan's friend, Caroline Bucci; Kathy Stock's niece, Jill; Fr. Jack's brother, Mike; Natalie Johnson and the Johnson family; Diane Calcaterra; Sr. Lynne's friend, Jan Berberich, SSND; Barb Sopp's friend, Joe Sinibaldi; Bob Barnicle; Paul Schmitt. Nick and Shirley Ambrose's cousin, Tammy Bayes; Tim and Else Hirzel's great nephew, Cameron Russell; Barry Buchek; Clare and Alex Wallenda-Zoppe' and family, Carolyn Coyne's daughter, Molly Maryan

Gina and Phil Heagney's brother, John Heagney, passed away last week while visiting Arizona. Please keep his family in your prayers.

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.

Homily: The first reading doesn't talk about the fatted calf – it talks about God trying to straighten Moses out after the golden calf had been made. And God says that “your people” whom you brought out of the land of Egypt have messed it all up, and it's payback time.” And Moses implored God and said, “They're your people. You picked the team.” And it says, “the Most High relented.” God blinked and he decided not to deal out the punishment that he had threatened on these people. God's love was bigger than the Hebrew children's faltering. What does Paul say to Timothy? “I'm grateful that I got this wonderful ministry because I was once a blasphemer, a persecutor, and I was arrogant. And God made me who I am. I was the greatest of sinners and God poured love on top of me. So to the ruler of the ages, incorruptible, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever.” Amen. God picked another loser. So we get to these triple parables today and I really like the way the first one begins. It says, “What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the 99 in the desert and go out after the lost one until he finds it?” You think we're all dufuses? So I want to leave the 99 in the desert and go after the one? And then what? Am I going to invite all my friends over for a barbecue and have lamb chops? It's almost a sillier disparity with the woman

with 10 coins and she has to light the lamps and sweep the house and she finds one coin, and she calls in the neighbors and spends all ten of them to have a party. God's this crazy lover! Just pours it out. So we get to the really familiar parable about the lost son. And really, I would say the most balanced person who kind of has his head on straight is the older boy who's so upset. But the father in the story is saying to him, "Come to the party." These stories have this overwhelming, unmistakable, unexplainable, testimony that God's love is just God's love and it just keeps on coming. Now I'll tell you the way I see this and experience it, but please understand that if anything I'm saying makes any sense, it's an invitation to look at your life and say, "And how do I experience God's love?" There is nothing comparative about it – you can't say "God loves her more than me, or God loves me more than him." How do we experience God's love, and how grateful are we, like Paul? On a personal level, I take piano lessons, and my teacher never charges me for a lesson or piano tuning. I never get a bill from my dentist. I've been in counseling for years and see him every two weeks. When I was dying of cancer and living with my Sister, my counselor would come from Westport to South City and never charges me. All I can do is be grateful. On a parish level, who would have ever thought that when I retired 5 years ago that the transition would go so smoothly. In our country how often do we think about the fact that those people in the plane over Shanksville would save our country? How much love can I bask in? And I hope all of you are saying "how much love do I bask in?". And if we experience God's love in that incarnational way, then we can experience God's love in the sacrament of the Altar. But the two really have to go hand in glove, otherwise we are just half-people and our spirit and our humanity are out of balance. And so I just say "Thank you God for loving me so much, I certainly never deserve it." Amen.

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Also attached is Sr. Chabanel's Pastoral Reflection.

Blessings!

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