

Monday Notes
September 19, 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 September will be live-streamed at 10:00 on Sundays and posted on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/StCronan/>

The Mass for Sunday, October 2, will be recorded and posted on our website on Saturday, October 1: <https://www.stcronan.org/> If anyone is available to read for the recorded Mass on September 29 at 8:30, please contact Diane diane@stcronan.org

Masks are suggested for all Masses.

Collection for Deacons will take place Oct 2. The envelope should be in your packet. Please place it in the regular collection.

Seeds of Justice Network: Interested in social justice activities in our area? Visit www.seedsofjusticenetwork.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:

Our St. Cronan listening sessions are scheduled for November 1st and 3rd in the evening. Mark your calendars! Parishioners must register to attend one of them. The following link will allow you to register and will also provide a way to study the proposed models for our area. We hope to have an assembly in October to prepare us for the sessions, so it is very important that you read the material and register for the listening sessions.
<https://allthingsnew.archstl.org/Ways-to-Engage/Listening-Sessions>

For further information, please see the information attached.

Parish Assembly will take place on Sunday, October 23 in the Coffee and Donuts room. Food will be provided. Please plan to attend as we prepare for the listening sessions.

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>

Mark your calendars – Bishop John Stowe, of Lexington, KY, will speak at St. Louis University on October 13. This is sponsored by Seeds of Justice, SLU, Pax Christi, and the Peace and Justice Office. Further information will be shared soon.

St. Francis Xavier College Church is holding a three-part exploration of the racial history of College church, integral to the story of the founding and development of the city of St. Louis, the Archdiocese, the Society of Jesus and St. Louis University. Session one: Slavery, Faith, and the Pursuit of Freedom was last Sunday, Sept. 18, 12:00-1:30 p.m. at the College Church Lower Level. A light lunch is provided at 12:45. Upcoming sessions will occur on Oct. 16 and Nov. 20. Please see the flyer attached.

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

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

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 October.

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.

St. Louis Friends of Bethlehem Trivia Night Fundraiser to benefit Palestinian farmers and families will take place September 30. All the details and registration info are in flyer attached. You can come as an individual and join an existing team or bring your own team. We hope you can join us!

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>

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, October 21. Please join us!

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

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; Kathy Hunn's niece, Lisa

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 prophet Amos in our first reading is probably the blistering prophet of the Old Testament as he castigates those who are in power and are greedy as they take away from the people at the margins of society. The part that caught my eye was the part about fixing the scales. When I was in Zambia, my pastor asked if I wanted to see an African butcher shop, so we traveled into the bush a long way and came to a place where the meat was laid out on big leaves, and he said, "we're bringing our own scale."

The parable today in Luke is one of my favorites. Parables are short stories that have a punch, so that the Jews are going along with the story and then "boom" you can't say that. Certainly this one, where we have the steward who is cheating and then the master commends him. He's not commending the cheating, rather, he's commending the cleverness. Cleverness is a vacuum in our Church. It's something we need in order to open up people to the Good News, open up to the graciousness of God. And it needs cleverness because we live such sophisticated lives, rationalizing whatever we can. It takes cleverness to get behind that. My brother had a neurological disease, but was very clever. His wife needed to take away the car so she took his keys, but he had keys everywhere; she moved the car, but he walked to where it was and drove; she put a lock on the steering wheel, and he called AAA. He was clever. Cleverness is what God is looking for. My pastor in Zambia knew that the people were starving and couldn't pray well on empty stomachs, so he started a chicken farm to provide protein cheaply to the people so they could pray with joy. On the other side, I get a sense that Gov. DiSantos and Gov. Abbot think they're clever when they sent the refugees up north. That was political, not clever. That was human trafficking, so there is a difference here. A few years ago, a gentleman from St. Cronan was marrying a muslim, and I'd never been involved in a Muslim wedding before. The bride could not get married in a Catholic Church, so I contacted the Archdiocese to seek a clever way around this. There is a law that says the Sacrament of Marriage can take place in another setting. So they celebrated the sacrament in a Muslim mosque. The Catholic side also wanted a celebration, but since a Catholic Church was out, I suggested they use the non-denominational chapel at UMSL, where the bride worked. So both cultures were honored because in Marriage the couple performs the Sacrament and I am a witness. Maybe today we pray for cleverness because it's lacking in our Church. We like to be

clear but not clever. Maybe we can ask God to put us on that path. In the Eucharist, we change the bread and wine, but we also change each other. You and I are supposed to change. May we pray for a change in cleverness during this Eucharist. (From Fr. Jack's homily)

Also attached is a Pastoral Reflection from Richard Rohr.

Blessings!

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